

# **\*Update – Victim Identified\***

## **Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Motorcycle Crash**

Delaware State Police have identified the victim who died during a fatal motorcycle collision that occurred on May 10, 2022, in the Dover area as **Gabriel Suto**, 32, of Camden-Wyoming, DE.

### [Delaware State Police Investigate Fatal Motorcycle Crash](#)

The Delaware State Police Troop 3 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this collision. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this collision to please contact Sergeant J. Wheatley by calling 302-698-8451. Information may also be provided by sending a Private Facebook Message to the [Delaware State Police](#), by contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-TIP-3333, or via the internet at [www.delawarecrimestoppers.com](http://www.delawarecrimestoppers.com).

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## **Troopers Seek Assistance in Locating Victims of Theft of Cemetery Vases**

Delaware State Police are seeking assistance in identifying potential victims associated with an ongoing theft investigation occurring in the Milton area.

On the morning of May 2, 2022, troopers responded to Henlopen Memorial Park cemetery, located at 28787 Lockerman Road in Milton, regarding a theft complaint. The ensuing investigation revealed that over 100 bronze flower vases have been stolen from cemetery plots since 2021. Troopers are asking that anyone who had a vase purchased and placed for a deceased relative or friend in Henlopen Memorial Park to contact Trooper First Class R. Prettyman of Troop 7 at 302-703-3322.

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# Delaware State Police Investigating Shooting Incident

Delaware State Police are currently investigating a shooting incident that occurred on Wednesday morning in the Felton area.

On May 11, 2022, at approximately 10:30 a.m., troopers responded to the 1800 block of Ironmine Road in Felton

regarding a report of shots fired. During the investigation it was determined that at approximately 5:20 a.m. a residence in the area was struck six times by rounds from a 9-millimeter handgun. The home was occupied by a 25-year-old male, 69-year-old female, and 79-year-old female at the time of the shooting. No parties were injured in this incident.

There is no suspect information or surveillance images available at this time.

The Delaware State Police Troop 3 Criminal Investigation Unit is currently investigating this incident. Anyone who witnessed this incident or has any information regarding this case is asked to contact Detective P. Campbell by calling 302-698-8504. Information may also be provided by sending a Private Facebook Message to the [Delaware State Police](#), by contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-TIP-3333, or via the internet at [www.delawarecrimestoppers.com](http://www.delawarecrimestoppers.com).

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## **\*Update – Victim Identified\***

# **Delaware State Police Investigate Fatal Two-Car Collision**

Delaware State Police have identified the victim who died during a fatal motor vehicle collision that occurred on May 4, 2022, in the Bridgeville area as **Ronald Bushemi**, 88, of Millsboro, DE.

### [Delaware State Police Investigate Fatal Two-Car Collision](#)

The Delaware State Police Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this collision. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this collision to please contact Senior Corporal R. Albert by calling 302-703-3266. Information may also be provided by sending a Private Facebook Message to the [Delaware State Police](#), by contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-TIP-3333, or via the internet at [www.delawarecrimestoppers.com](http://www.delawarecrimestoppers.com).

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# **Troopers Arrest Subject for Drug and Gun Charges Following Fugitive Investigation**

Delaware State Police have arrested 24-year-old **Colton Pennell** of Frederica, DE for drug and weapon charges following a fugitive investigation that began on Tuesday night.

On May 10, 2022, at approximately 11:00 p.m., troopers

responded to the Quality Inn located at 1259 Corn Crib Road in Harrington in attempt to locate Colton Pennell who was wanted for an active capias. Troopers located Pennell sitting inside of a black Ford Fusion in the hotel parking lot, and he was taken into custody without incident. A subsequent search of the vehicle led to the discovery of approximately 6.34 grams of methamphetamine, approximately 6.36 grams of marijuana, a Ruger handgun, and drug paraphernalia. Furthermore, a computer inquiry revealed that the handgun was reported as stolen by the Pittsfield Police Department in Massachusetts in May 2022.

Pennell was transported to Troop 3 and charged with the following crimes:

- Possession With Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm While Possessing a Controlled Substance (Felony)
- Receiving a Stolen Firearm (Felony)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance in a Tier 1 Quantity (Felony)
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Possession of Marijuana

Pennell was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court # 7 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$29,150 cash bond.

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# Troopers Arrest Home Depot Employee for Internal Theft

Delaware State Police have arrested 18-year-old **Amir Hayward** of Wilmington, DE for felony theft after an investigation on Tuesday afternoon.

On May 10, 2022, at approximately 4:48 p.m., troopers responded to the Home Depot located at 3600 Miller Road in Wilmington for a report of an internal theft. The ensuing investigation revealed that Amir Hayward, an employee of the business, stole over \$2,300 in cash from the Home Depot sales registers throughout April and May 2022. Hayward was subsequently taken into custody at the store without incident. At this time, none of the stolen cash has been recovered.

Hayward was transported to Troop 1, where he was charged with Theft Over \$1,500 (Felony). He was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court # 2 and released on his own recognizance.

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# **Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Motorcycle Crash**

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision that occurred in the Dover area on Tuesday afternoon.

On May 10, 2022, at approximately 3:14 p.m., a 2004 Yamaha R6L motorcycle was traveling westbound on Sorghum Mill Road approaching the intersection at Carolina Avenue. During this time, the motorcycle veered towards its left for unknown reasons, crossing into the opposing lane of travel and exiting the southern edge of the roadway. The motorcycle continued its path of travel until it struck a series of pine trees off of the roadway and came to rest at this location.

The operator of the Yamaha, a 32-year-old man from Camden-

Wyoming, DE, was wearing a helmet at the time of the collision. He was transported to an area hospital, but succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased. Identification of the victim is pending notification to the next-of-kin.

No other vehicles were involved in this incident, and no other injuries were reported. Sorghum Mill Road remained closed for approximately two hours while the investigation was being conducted.

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## **Troopers Arrest Subject for Drug and Weapon Charges Following Traffic Stop**

The Delaware State Police have arrested 18-year-old **Kyree Coxon** of Rehoboth Beach, DE, for weapon and drug charges following a traffic stop that occurred on Monday morning.

On May 9, 2022, at approximately 11:30 a.m., a trooper on patrol in the Milton area observed a black Cadillac sedan traveling northbound on Coastal Highway south of Broadkill Road at a high rate of speed. The trooper conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and made contact with the operator and sole occupant, identified as Kyree Coxon. Upon contacting Coxon, the trooper smelled a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle's interior. Coxon was subsequently taken into custody at the scene without incident. A search of the Cadillac led to the discovery of approximately 64.47 grams of marijuana, a FHN 9-millimeter handgun, and over \$1,100 in suspected drug proceeds.

Coxon was transported to Troop 7 and charged with the following offenses:

- Possession of a Firearm While Possessing a Controlled Substance (Felony)

- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon (Felony)
- Possession of Marijuana Other Than Personal Use Quantity
- Numerous traffic offenses

Coxon was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court # 2 and released on an \$8,500 unsecured bond.

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## **Troops Arrest Two Subjects for Drug Charges Following Traffic Stop**

Delaware State Police have arrested 44-year-old **Tracy Hawkins** of Seaford, DE, and 49-year-old **Gerald Watkins** of Seaford, DE, for drug charges following a traffic stop that occurred on Tuesday morning.

On May 10, 2022, at approximately 1:32 a.m., a trooper on patrol in the Seaford area observed a gray Dodge Journey traveling eastbound on Pine Drive, approaching the intersection at Bethel Concord Road. The trooper observed the driver of the Journey commit a turn signal violation, and a traffic stop was initiated on Bethel Concord Road. Contact was made with the operator of the vehicle, identified as Gerald Watkins, as well as the passenger, identified as Tracy Hawkins. Watkins was not cooperative with troopers, and Hawkins was observed making furtive movements inside the vehicle. Both subjects were taken into custody at the scene without incident. A subsequent search of the vehicle resulted in discovering approximately three MDMA pills, approximately 0.049 grams of suspected heroin, a large knife, and drug paraphernalia. Hawkins is a convicted felon prohibited from possessing deadly weapons.

Both Hawkins and Watkins were transported from the scene to Troop 5. Hawkins was searched at Troop 5, and approximately 0.329 grams of additional suspected heroin was found concealed on her person. Each subject was charged with the following crimes:

Tracy Hawkins:

- Possession With Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Felony)
- Possession of a Deadly Weapon by a Person Prohibited (Felony)
- Tampering With Physical Evidence (Felony)
- Conspiracy Second Degree (Felony)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – 2 counts

Hawkins was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court # 3 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on a \$17,600 cash bond.

Gerald Watkins:

- Possession With Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Felony)
- Tampering With Physical Evidence (Felony)
- Conspiracy Second Degree (Felony)
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – 2 counts
- Traffic offenses

Watkins was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court # 3 and released on a \$14,501 unsecured bond.

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**Delaware State Police**

# Investigating Incident

# Shooting

Delaware State Police are investigating a shooting incident that occurred in the Capitol Park neighborhood of Dover on Monday evening.

On May 9, 2022 at approximately 7:22 p.m., troopers responded to the 100 block of South Governors Boulevard in Dover for a report of shots fired. Upon their arrival, troopers located multiple spent round casings in the area. The ensuing investigation revealed that one residence had been struck by one round while it was occupied by a 33-year-old female, a 10-year-old juvenile, and a 6-year-old juvenile. In addition, two unoccupied vehicles that were parked in the area were struck by gunfire. No one was injured during this incident.

At this time there is no suspect information or surveillance images available.

The Delaware State Police Troop 3 Criminal Investigation is currently investigating this incident. Anyone who witnessed this incident or has any information regarding this case is asked to contact Detective J. Sydnor by calling 302-698-8540. Information may also be provided by sending a Private Facebook Message to the [Delaware State Police](#), by contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-TIP-3333, or via the internet at [www.delawarecrimestoppers.com](http://www.delawarecrimestoppers.com).

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