

UPDATE- Victim Identified

Delaware State Police Investigate Fatal Motor Vehicle Collision

Delaware State Police have identified **Edward J. Mazewski, 74, of Millsboro, DE.**, as the victim who died from injuries sustained during a fatal motor vehicle collision that occurred on May 5, 2022.

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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 Master Corporal K. Argo by calling 302-703-3264. 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.

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***Traffic Advisory* Delaware State Police Investigating Serious Collision**

Delaware State Police are on the scene of a serious motor vehicle collision that occurred today, May 10, 2022 at approximately 3:23 p.m. at the intersection of Sorghum Mill Road and Carolina Avenue in Dover.

As a result of the crash, Sorghum Mill Road will be closed for emergency response vehicles at the scene. Motorists are advised to avoid the area and seek alternate routes of travel. The road closure is anticipated to be lengthy, with no estimated time for a re-opening.

The investigation is in the early stages with further details being released as they become available.

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Delaware State Police Investigate Fatal Motor Vehicle Collision

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision that occurred Thursday afternoon in the Lewes area.

On May 5, 2022, at approximately 1:46 p.m., a 2012 Chevrolet Captiva operated by a 74-year-old Millsboro man was traveling eastbound on Lewes-Georgetown Highway (US 9), approaching three vehicles that were slowing down for traffic ahead.

Directly in front of the Captiva was a 2014 Subaru Forester operated by a 66-year-old Lewes man. The Subaru slowed down for traffic on Lewes-Georgetown Highway. For unknown reasons, the Captiva did not slow down for traffic, and its front bumper struck the rear of the Forester. The impact of that collision then pushed the front of the Forester into the rear bumper of a 2011 GMC Sierra, driven by a 54-year-old Georgetown man that was traveling directly in front of the Forester. This collision then caused the front bumper of the Sierra to strike the rear bumper of a 2012 Ford F-150, driven by a 40-year-old Magnolia man that was traveling directly in front of the Sierra. All vehicles came to rest in the middle of the eastbound lane of travel and along the eastbound shoulder of Lewes-Georgetown Highway.

All occupants of the vehicles were properly restrained. The driver and passenger of the GMC Sierra sustained minor injuries but were not transported to the hospital. The driver of the Captiva was transported to an area hospital for life-threatening injuries. On May 7, 2022, the victim succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased. Identification of the victim is pending notification to the next-of-kin.

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Delaware State Police Investigate Fatal Two-Car Collision

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision that occurred in the Bridgeville area on Wednesday morning.

On May 4, 2022, at approximately 10:40 a.m., a 2002 BMW 325 operated by an 88-year-old man from Millsboro, DE, was traveling northbound on Atlanta Road, approaching the intersection at Federalsburg Road, where there is a posted

stop sign. A 2011 Ford Transit van operated by a 50-year-old female from Rhodesdale, MD, was traveling eastbound on Federalsburg Road, approaching the intersection at Atlanta Road. The BMW failed to stop at the posted stop sign and proceeded northbound directly into the path of the Ford, which caused the front of the Ford van to strike the left side of the BMW. The BMW then exited the north edge of Federalsburg Road and struck a fence before coming to rest. The Ford van rotated in a counterclockwise direction and exited the north edge of Federalsburg Road before coming to rest.

Both operators were properly restrained. The driver of the Ford was transported to an area hospital for minor injuries. The driver of the BMW was transported to an area hospital for serious injuries. Unfortunately, the operator of the BMW succumbed to his injuries on May 8, 2022. Identification of the victim is pending notification to the next-of-kin.

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.

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Delaware State Police Arrest Subject for Theft of Construction Materials

Delaware State Police have arrested 49-year-old **Ronnie Rust** of Seaford, DE, for theft and trespass following an investigation into construction materials stolen on Thursday afternoon.

On May 5, 2022, at approximately 3:10 p.m., troopers responded to the 7000 block of Gum Branch Road in Seaford regarding a theft. The ensuing investigation revealed that the property owner had numerous sheets of plywood stolen from a site for a residence under construction. On May 6, 2022, the Troop 4 Property Crimes Unit began searching for the suspect, and detectives contacted Ronnie Rust at the Relax Inn in Laurel. Rust was subsequently taken into custody without incident. The stolen lumber was later located and recovered from a residence

in Seaford.

Rust was transported to Troop 5, where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Theft Over \$1,500 (Felony)
- Criminal Trespass Third Degree

Rust was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court # 2 and released on his own recognizance.

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Troopers Arrest Subject for Assault Following Parking Lot Confrontation

Delaware State Police have arrested 52-year-old **Tracy Hurley** of Laurel, DE, after investigating an assault that occurred in Millsboro on Friday evening.

On May 6, 2022, at approximately 7:47 p.m., troopers responded to the Cadia Healthcare Renaissance nursing home, located at 26002 John J. Williams Highway in Millsboro, regarding an assault. The subsequent investigation revealed that Tracy Hurley had been involved in a confrontation with a 41-year-old female coworker in the parking lot. During the altercation, Hurley physically assaulted the victim, who was later treated at an area hospital for significant injuries.

Hurley turned herself into Troop 7 on her own accord and was charged with Assault Second Degree (Felony). Hurley was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court # 3 and was released on her own recognizance.

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***Update* Troopers Investigating Bomb Threat – Concord Mall**

The Delaware State Police are investigating a bomb threat that was called into a store at the Concord Mall located at 4737 Concord Pike, Wilmington this afternoon.

The incident occurred around 2:33 p.m. today, Sunday, May 8, 2022, when an employee from a store in the mall received a text message from an unknown subject posing as a former employee, who threatened to blow up the store. The panic from the initial threat caused subjects to knock objects to the ground, creating loud banging noises. These loud noises were mistakenly reported as gun shots. Troopers responded to the scene and evacuated the mall. A search was conducted and nothing out of the ordinary or suspicious was located. The

mall remained closed the remainder of the evening.

This is an active and on-going investigation. Anyone who has information in regards to this incident or who may have witnessed anything suspicious, is asked to contact Sergeant Pezzuto of the Troop 2 Criminal Investigative Unit at 302-365-8397. 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.

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Delaware State Police Conducting Criminal Investigation – Concord Mall

Delaware State Police are currently conducting a criminal investigation at the Concord Mall. As a result, there is an increased police presence in the area and mall entrances are currently closed. This investigation is in the early stages and is considered active and ongoing. Additional information will be released once it becomes available.

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Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Single Car Crash on I-495

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal single motor-vehicle collision that occurred on I-495 last night.

On May 6, 2022, at approximately 9:24 p.m., a 2007 Grand Marquis driven by a 65-year-old man of Newark, DE was traveling southbound on I-495 south of Philadelphia Pike. The Marquis left its lane of travel at a bend in the roadway and entered the median where the driver's side of the vehicle struck a guardrail. As a result of the collision the vehicle overturned and came to rest on its roof.

The 65-year-old operator of the Marquis was transported to Christiana Hospital and treated for non-life-threatening injuries. The 64-year-old female front seat passenger of Newark, DE was transported to Christiana Hospital where she was pronounced deceased. Identification of the victim is pending notification to the next of kin.

Southbound lanes of I-495 were closed for approximately 4 hours while the crash was investigated, and the roadway was cleared.

Both the operator and passenger were wearing their seatbelts. Impairment on the part of the operator is pending a toxicology analysis. The investigation into this collision is ongoing.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this collision. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this collision to please contact Sergeant John Jefferson by calling 302-365-8484. Information may also be provided by sending a Private Facebook Message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at www.delawarecrimestoppers.com

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***Traffic Advisory* Delaware State Police Investigating Serious Crash**

Delaware State Police are on the scene of a serious motor vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 9:24 p.m., tonight May 6, 2022, on southbound Interstate 495 in the area of Philadelphia Pike, Claymont, DE.

As a result of the crash, southbound I-495 is closed at the Pennsylvania line for emergency response vehicles on scene. Motorists are advised to avoid the area and seek alternate routes of travel. The road closure is anticipated to be lengthy, with no estimated time for a re-opening.

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