Delaware State Police Issue Traffic Advisory- New Castle

New Castle, DE- Delaware State Police is issuing a traffic advisory for RT 40 and US 13, New Castle. Due to a structure fire in the area, RT 40 eastbound and westbound is closed between the US 13 split and Wilton Blvd. Additionally, US 13 southbound is closed between the RT 40 split and Llangollen Blvd. The roadway will be closed for an extended period of time.

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Troopers Arrest New York Man for Felony Assault

Newark, DE- Troopers arrested **Pernell Louissol, 31, of Brooklyn, NY,** for felony assault after stabbing a coworker during a physical altercation.

On February 26, 2022, at approximately 10:27 p.m., troopers responded to a stabbing that reportedly occurred in the area of northbound I-95 and exit ramp for DE 7. Upon arrival, troopers located a Ford passenger van with several people standing outside on the shoulder of the roadway. Troopers located an 18-year-old male with a laceration to his left arm, causing severe bleeding. Troopers provided care to stop the bleeding, and EMS transported the victim to a nearby hospital with a non-life-threatening injury.

The investigation determined the victim and Pernell Louissol were traveling with coworkers in the van when an argument ensued between the two men. The victim, who was driving, pulled over, and the two exited the van and began fighting on the shoulder of I-95. Coworkers broke up the altercation, and they all got back into the van. Prior to the victim driving off, the two men began arguing, which again turned into a physical altercation. During the fight, the victim discovered he was bleeding from his arm and passed out.

Pernell was taken into custody without incident and transported to Delaware State Police Troop 2, where he was charged with Assault Second Degree (Felony). He was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #11 and committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on a $5,000.00 cash bond.

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UPDATE Troopers Investigate Fatal Collision North of Harrington

Harrington, DE- Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal two-car collision that occurred Saturday night north of Harrington.

On February 26, 2022, at approximately 6:53 p.m., a 31-year-old Marydel, MD, man was driving a Honda Civic northbound on S. DuPont Hwy (US 13) in the left lane approaching the intersection of Hopkins Cemetery Rd. The Civic entered the left turn lane and median crossover and then, without stopping, began crossing southbound S. DuPont Hwy to Hopkins Cemetery Rd. At the same time, a 31-year-old Salisbury, MD woman was driving a GMC Terrain southbound on S. DuPont Hwy (US 13) in the right lane approaching the intersection of Hopkins Cemetery Rd. As the Honda crossed into the path of the GMC, the front bumper of the GMC struck the Honda's passenger side door within the right lane of S. DuPont Hwy. After the collision, the GMC pushed the Honda into a stop sign and then into the parking lot of Callaway Furniture located at 15152 S. DuPont Hwy.

The 31-year-old Marydel, MD man, was flown to an area hospital where he was admitted in serious condition. Seated in the

front passenger seat of the Honda was a 30-year-old Bridgeville man who sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene. Identification is pending notification to next of kin.

EMS transported the 31-year-old Salisbury, MD woman to an area hospital where she was admitted for non-life-threatening injuries. Also in the GMC was a 59-year-old female, a 31-year-old female, a 6-year-old female, a 5-year-old female, and a 3-year-old male. All passengers were transported to an area hospital, where they were treated for minor injuries and released.

The roadway was closed for approximately 4 hours for the crash investigation and cleanup. Delaware State Police Issue Traffic Advisory- Harrington

This collision remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 3 Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information regarding the crash is asked to contact Cpl/3 Joseph Lane by calling 302-698-8457 or emailing Joseph.Lane@delaware.gov. 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 http://delaware.crimestoppersweb.com/

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Delaware State Police Issue Traffic Advisory- Harrington

Harrington, DE- Delaware State Police is issuing a traffic advisory for southbound South DuPont Hwy (US 13) in the area of Hopkins Cemetery Road for a serious injury collision. As a result, the southbound lanes of South DuPont Hwy will be closed for an extended period of time. Motorists should seek alternate routes of travel to avoid traffic delays. An update will be issued once information becomes available.

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Delaware State Police Investigate Fatal Pedestrian Crash West of New Castle

New Castle, DE– Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal pedestrian collision that occurred Friday night west of New Castle.

On February 25, 2022, at approximately 7:29 p.m., a **65-year-old Bear man** was traveling northbound on Bear Christiana Road (DE SR 7) approaching Newtown Road. Just prior to Newtown Road, a truck the Bear man was following had a couch fall out of the back into the roadway, landing partially in the center median and partially in the left travel lane of southbound DE SR 7. The victim and another driver stopped in the left turn lane of DE SR 7 northbound, south of Newtown Road, to remove the couch from the roadway. As the Bear man entered the left travel lane of southbound DE SR 7 to help remove the couch from the road, a 2008 Dodge Dakota was traveling southbound on DE SR 7 in the left travel lane approaching the intersection with Newtown Road. As the Dodge traveled through the intersection, the pedestrian was still in the left travel lane. The driver of the Dodge saw the pedestrian at the last second and veered to the right, attempting to avoid the collision. Unfortunately, the driver was unsuccessful, and the left front of the Dodge struck the victim within the left travel lane of southbound DE SR 7. The other individual helping to move the couch was uninjured.

The 65-year-old Bear man was transported to a nearby hospital by EMS, where he was pronounced deceased. Identification is pending notification to next of kin.

The 42-year-old Middletown man driving the Dodge Dakota was not injured.

The collision's location is dark and only slightly illuminated by nearby lighting. Both directions of DE SR 7 were closed to vehicular traffic between Newtown Road and Freedom Road for approximately 3 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this collision. Anyone with information regarding this crash is asked to contact Cpl/3 John Breen by calling 302-365-8486 or emailing john.breen@delaware.gov. 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 http://delaware.crimestoppersweb.com/

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Delaware State Police S.O.A.R. Searching for Wanted Sex Offender

Dover – Delaware State Police Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration Unit (S.O.A.R) is currently looking for the following wanted sex offender after he either failed to register or re-register his current address. If anyone knows the location of this subject, they are asked to call 302-672-5306. Information may also be provided by contacting Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, or www.delawarecrimestoppers.com.

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Homeless Sex Offender Notification

Dover– The following subjects are **not wanted**. This is a Homeless Sex Offender Public Notification. If you have information that the listed subjects are occupying a residence, please call 302-672-5306. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.delawarecrimestoppers.com.

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Troopers Investigate Fatal Pedestrian Crash on DuPont Parkway

Smyrna, DE- Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal pedestrian crash that occurred on DuPont Parkway Friday afternoon.

On February 25, 2022, at approximately 12:42 p.m., a 33-year-old Dover woman was walking northbound in the right-turn lane of southbound DuPont Parkway (US Rt 13) north of the Joe Goldsboro Road/Paddock Road intersection. A 2012 Mazda MZ2 was traveling southbound on US Rt 13 in the right lane, north of the intersection. While traveling southbound, the Mazda entered the right turn lane and began to drift off the roadway resulting in the right side and right-side rear tire contacting a concrete curb before it entered the grass area in front of Stover's Construction LLC, located at 5621 DuPont Pkwy. The car continued to travel on the grass for several feet when the right front struck a mailbox. It then enters back onto the roadway when the front of the Mazda struck the pedestrian.

EMS transported the 33-year-old Dover woman to an area hospital, where she died from her injuries a short time later. Identification is pending notification to next of kin.

The 61-year-old Clayton man who was driving the Mazda MZ2 was not injured. Also in the vehicle was a 31-year-old Clayton man sitting in the front passenger seat, who was not injured.

Southbound lanes of US RT 13 north of the intersection were closed to through traffic for approximately 3.5 hours for the crash investigation.

Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit

continues to investigate this crash. Anyone who witnessed or have a dashcam or video of the collision is asked to please contact Cpl/3 John Forester by calling **302-365-8485.** 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 http://delaware.crimestoppersweb.com/

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Delaware State Police Investigate Fatal Single Vehicle Crash

Rehoboth Beach, DE- Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal single-vehicle collision that occurred early Friday morning in Rehoboth Beach.

On February 25, 2022, at approximately 7:31 a.m., a 2019 BMW 330 sedan driven by a 68-year-old Lewes woman was traveling southbound on Coastal Highway in the area of Rehoboth Avenue Extended (SR 1A). For unknown reasons, the BMW exited the southbound lanes and entered the northbound lanes before crossing the Bay Vista Road intersection and exiting the east edge of the roadway. The car then struck a curb and numerous DelDOT signs while traveling south off Coastal Highway. The BMW then struck a steel handrail, traveled down an embankment, and struck a small tree.

The 68-year-old Lewes woman was the only occupant in the

vehicle and was pronounced deceased at the scene. Identification is pending notification to next of kin.

The roadway was closed for approximately 2.5 hours while the investigation was completed, and the roadway cleared.

Anyone who witnessed the collision is asked to contact Cpl/3 Kenny Argo with the Delaware State Police Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling (302) 703-3264. 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 http://delaware.crimestoppersweb.com/

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Troopers Offer Prevention Tips Due To Recent Vehicle Break-ins

New Castle County– Over the course of the last week, the Delaware State Police have investigated a series of thefts from vehicles which were ***parked in shopping center parking lots***. This recent trend is not widespread however the sudden increase in incidents is specific to shopping centers along Route 40 in the Bear and Newark area.

These incidents involved forced entry, where something of value was visible inside of the vehicle. By simply locking your doors and keeping any and all property out of plain view you can significantly lessen the chance of being a victim.

With this information in mind we offering the following prevention and awareness tips:

- Keep the doors of your vehicles locked at all times and windows shut.
- Do not leave items of value in your vehicle. This includes purses, wallets, credit cards, electronics, checkbooks, money, SS card, loose change, documents and paperwork with your personal information listed.
- Store valuable tools inside your residence. If needed daily for work, create an easy system to load and unload, such as using storage containers to transport.
- Lock your glove box, which should only store your registration and insurance cards. Do not store your vehicle title in the glove box. Store it in a safe place in your residence.
- Do not leave items that have a perceived value, such as

a laptop case with no laptop.

- Clear the vehicle of all clutter and personal items. This can give the general impression that other property of value may be within the vehicle.
- Do not keep a spare vehicle key hidden in the same vehicle. Do not store or house keys or other keys in your vehicle.
- If possible, keep your vehicle parked under a lighted area that you can check on from your residence.
- If you have a surveillance security system, include your vehicles in the angle of your camera. If you locate a suspicious subject on your property, in the area of your vehicles, do not confront them, call 911 immediately.

And finally, be a good witness for your neighbors, co-workers and fellow citizens. Pay attention and be aware of what is going on in your neighborhood, and other places that you frequent throughout the course of your day.

If you See Something-Say Something, by reporting all suspicious activity to your local law enforcement agency, call 9-1-1.

Information may also be provided by messaging the Delaware State Police on Facebook messenger or calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at http://delaware.crimestoppers.com/.

In the event you become a victim of a vehicle break-in, it is imperative to monitor all credit card and bank account information as criminals tend to immediately use these personal items.

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