UPDATE-ROADWAY OPEN Asbury Road- Georgetown

Georgetown, DE- Delaware State Police have reopened Asbury Road between County Seat Highway (Rt. 9) and Raccoon Ditch Rd.

This was an isolated incident at a residence in the 23000 block of Asbury Road. There were no safety concerns for the surrounding community and no one was injured during the incident. The roadway was closed for approximately two hours. There will be no further updates.

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Traffic Advisory- Asbury Road Closed in Georgetown

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Georgetown, DE- Delaware State Police are issuing a traffic advisory for Asbury Road between County Seat Highway (Rt. 9) and Raccoon Ditch Rd. An increased police presence will be seen in the area due to an active and ongoing criminal investigation. There is no safety concern for the surrounding community. The roadway will be closed for an extended period of time and will reopen as soon as possible. Troopers encourage motorists to seek alternate routes of travel to avoid delays.

Additional information will be released once it becomes available.

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UPDATE- VICTIM IDENTIFIED Troopers Investigate Fatal Single-Vehicle Crash

Seaford, DE- Delaware State Police have identified the victim who died during a fatal single-vehicle crash early Sunday morning as **Dylan M. Rodriguez, 18, of Delmar, DE**.

On February 13, 2022, at approximately 7:15 a.m., a 2001 Toyota Tundra pickup truck operated Dylan M. Rodriguez, was traveling southbound on Seaford Road, just south of Easter Lane. For unknown reasons, Rodriguez failed to negotiate a slight right-hand curve in the roadway and traveled off the east edge of Seaford Road before continuing to travel south and striking a wooden fence. The Tundra then sideswiped a large tree and was sent air-born and started to overturn before striking the rear left side of an unoccupied and legally parked 2021 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck in the driveway of a residence in the 27000 block of Seaford Road. The Tundra continued to overturn before colliding with another large tree and coming to rest on its roof.

Dylan Rodriguez was not wearing a seatbelt and was ejected from the vehicle during the rollover. He was transported to an area hospital, where he was later pronounced deceased.

Seaford Road was closed for approximately 3.5 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

This collision remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit. **Anyone with information regarding this crash is asked to contact Senior Corporal Ryan Albert by calling 302-703-3266 or messaging the Delaware State Police on Facebook Messenger. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet**

at http://www.delaware.crimestoppers.com.

Troopers Investigate Fatal Single-Vehicle Crash

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UPDATE- VICTIM IDENTIFIED Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Crash

Bear, DE- Delaware State Police have identified the pedestrian killed Friday night in Bear area crash as **Michele D. Taylor, 49, of Townsend**.

On February 11, 2022, at approximately 6:59 p.m., a 2016 Land Rover SUV was traveling southbound on Summit Bridge Rd. (DE-896) in the right lane approaching Madelyn Dr. The driver, a 46-year-old man from Bear, initiated a lane change into the right turn lane for westbound Madelyn Dr. At this location, the right shoulder transitions to a bicycle lane and a right turn lane. The bicycle lane separates the right thru lane from the right turn lane. As the Land Rover entered the right turn lane, the left front of the SUV struck **Michele D. Taylor**, who was walking in the area of the bicycle lane. After Taylor was struck, she came to rest in the right travel lane. A vehicle approaching in the right lane was able to swerve into the left lane to avoid striking the injured pedestrian in the roadway. A 2018 Toyota Rav 4 operated by a 73-year-old Allentown, PA, man was traveling in the right thru lane directly behind the vehicle and could not avoid striking Taylor. Both cars pulled over and remained at the collision scene after the collision.

Michele D. Taylor was wearing dark clothing and not carrying a light. She succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased at the collision scene.

The 46-year-old Bear man operating the Land Rover SUV was not injured during the collision.

The 73-year-old Allentown, PA, man operating the Toyota Rav 4 was not injured during the collision. There were also two passengers in the Toyota who were not injured.

During the on-scene investigation, southbound DE-896 between Porter Rd and Denny Rd was closed to vehicular traffic for approximately 3 hours.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this collision. **Anyone with information regarding the crash is asked to contact Sgt. Dermot Alexander by calling 302-365-8437 or by sending a message to the Delaware State Police through Facebook messenger. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at http://www.delaware.crimestoppers.com.**

UPDATE- FATAL CRASH Delaware State Police Investigating Serious Injury Pedestrian Crash

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UPDATE- VICTIM IDENTIFIED Delaware State Police Investigate Homicide Outside a Bear Area Gym

Bear, DE- Delaware State Police have identified the homicide victim killed last Thursday night outside a Bear area gym as **Kwa'jree Turner, 22, of New Castle.**

On February 10, 2022, at approximately 9:41 p.m., Delaware State Police responded to the parking lot of LA Fitness, located at 900 Eden Circle, for reports of a shooting. The investigation determined Kwa'jree Turner, exited LA Fitness and was approaching his vehicle in the parking lot when an unknown suspect approached and began shooting at him. Multiple spent shell casings were recovered from the scene.

Turner sustained multiple gunshot wounds and was transported by EMS to a nearby hospital, where he was pronounced deceased.

There is no suspect information at this time.

This incident remains an active and ongoing investigation being conducted by the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to

contact **Det. Brian McDerby by calling 302-741-2821 or emailing Brian.McDerby@delaware.gov. Information may also be sent to the Delaware State Police through the Delaware State Police Facebook Messenger or by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet http://www.delaware.crimestoppers.com.**

Delaware State Police Investigate Homicide Outside a Bear Area Gym

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Troopers Investigate Fatal Single-Vehicle Crash

Seaford, DE- Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal single-vehicle crash that occurred early Sunday morning.

On February 13, 2022, at approximately 7:15 a.m., a 2001 Toyota Tundra pickup truck operated by an 18-year-old Delmar, DE man, was traveling southbound on Seaford Road, just south of Easter Lane. For unknown reasons, the driver failed to negotiate a slight right-hand curve in the roadway and traveled off the east edge of Seaford Road before continuing to travel south and striking a wooden fence. The Tundra then sideswiped a large tree and was sent air-born and started to overturn before striking the rear left side of an unoccupied and legally parked 2021 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck in the driveway of a residence in the 27000 block of Seaford Road. The Tundra continued to overturn before colliding with another large tree and coming to rest on its roof.

The driver was not wearing a seatbelt and was ejected from the vehicle during the rollover. He was transported to an area hospital, where he was later pronounced deceased. Identification is pending notification to next of kin.

Seaford Road was closed for approximately 3.5 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

This collision remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information regarding this crash is asked to contact

Senior Corporal Ryan Albert by calling 302-703-3266 or messaging the Delaware State Police on Facebook Messenger. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at http://www.delaware.crimestoppers.com.

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Arrest Made Following an Altercation with a Weapon

Smyrna, DE- Delaware State Police arrested **Damon Johniken, 26, of Newark**, on multiple criminal charges following a domestic incident involving a weapon early Saturday morning.

On February 12, 2022, at approximately 2:28 a.m., troopers were dispatched to a home on Ivy Glen Ct. for a physical domestic involving a weapon. Before police arrived, the suspect, later identified as Damon Johniken, fled the scene with a firearm in the vehicle. As troopers were responding to the residence, a trooper observed Johniken driving northbound on Rt 13 in the area where the incident occurred. A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle and taken into custody without incident. During a vehicle search, an unloaded Smith and Wesson MP22 Compact handgun and a magazine with 10 bullets were recovered. A computer inquiry revealed that Johniken does not have a concealed weapon permit.

The investigation determined Johniken entered a female acquaintances' residence and engaged in an altercation with the female. As Johniken entered the home, he pointed a firearm at the victim, and a physical altercation ensued. The victim sustained minor facial injuries during the fight before Johniken threatened the victim with the gun for a second time before fleeing the scene.

Johniken was transported to Delaware State Police Troop 9 and charged with the following crimes:

- Assault Third Degree
- Aggravated Menacing (Felony)
- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon (Felony)

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Expired Temporary Registration Plate
- Conspiracy Third Degree

Johniken was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #7 and was released on a $25,500.00 unsecured bond.

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Troopers Investigate Shooting Incident Outside Wilmington Area Liquor Store

Wilmington, DE- Delaware State Police are investigating a shooting incident that occurred outside a Wilmington area liquor store Friday night.

On February 11, 2022, at approximately 7:38 p.m., troopers were dispatched to Christiana Hospital for an individual who arrived at the Emergency Room with an apparent gunshot wound. The investigation determined the 24-year-old New Castle woman was traveling southbound on Newport Gap Pike when she parked on the right shoulder, directly in front of Ted's Liquors, located at 1202 Newport Gap Pike. While still sitting inside her vehicle, a dark-colored SUV traveling southbound on Newport Gap Pike slowly drove by. At the same time, the front passenger leaned out the SUV's window and fired multiple rounds in the direction of her vehicle before continuing to travel southbound on Newport Gap Pike. The victim fled the area and was transported by a private vehicle to the hospital. She sustained two non-life-threatening graze wounds to her arm and abdomen during the shooting.

An investigation at the scene was conducted, and multiple shell casings were located outside of Ted's Liquors.

The suspect vehicle is described as a dark-colored SUV. There is currently no suspect description or surveillance photographs available.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Major Crimes Unit continues to investigate this shooting incident. Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact Det. Brian Timmons by calling 302-365-8434 or messaging the Delaware State Police on Facebook Messenger. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at http://www.delaware.crimestoppers.com.

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UPDATE- FATAL CRASH Delaware State Police Investigating Serious Injury Pedestrian Crash

Bear, DE- Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal pedestrian crash that occurred Friday night in Bear.

On February 11, 2022, at approximately 6:59 p.m., a 2016 Land Rover SUV was traveling southbound on Summit Bridge Rd. (DE-896) in the right lane approaching Madelyn Dr. The driver, a 46-year-old man from Bear, initiated a lane change into the right turn lane for westbound Madelyn Dr. At this location, the right shoulder transitions to a bicycle lane and a right turn lane. The bicycle lane separates the right thru lane from the right turn lane. As the Land Rover entered the right turn lane, the left front of the SUV struck a 49-year-old female pedestrian, who was walking in the area of the bicycle lane. After the pedestrian was struck, she came to rest in the right travel lane. A vehicle approaching in the right lane was able to swerve into the left lane to avoid striking the injured pedestrian in the roadway. A 2018 Toyota Rav 4 operated by a 73-year-old Allentown, PA, man was traveling in the right thru lane directly behind the vehicle and could not avoid striking the victim. Both cars pulled over and remained at the collision scene after the collision.

The 49-year-old female pedestrian from Townsend, DE, was wearing dark clothing and not carrying a light. She succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased at the collision scene. Identification is pending notification to next of kin.

The 46-year-old Bear man operating the Land Rover SUV was not injured during the collision.

The 73-year-old Allentown, PA, man operating the Toyota Rav 4 was not injured during the collision. There were also two passengers in the Toyota who were not injured.

During the on-scene investigation, southbound DE-896 between Porter Rd and Denny Rd was closed to vehicular traffic for approximately 3 hours.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this collision. Anyone with information regarding the crash is asked to contact Sgt.

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Delaware State Police Investigating Serious Injury Pedestrian Crash

Bear, DE- Delaware State Police are currently on scene of a serious injury accident involving a pedestrian. As a result, southbound Summit Bridge Road in the area of Madelyn Drive will be closed for an extended period of time. Motorists are urged to seek an alternate route of travel to avoid delays.

This crash remains in the early stages of the investigation. Additional information will be released once it becomes available.

http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel_advisory/index.shtml#advisories.

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