

Delaware State Police Investigate Chicken House Roof Collapse- Ellendale

Ellendale, DE- Delaware State Police investigate the roof collapse of a chicken house that resulted in a 12-year-old female being injured.

On January 4, 2022, at approximately 3:10 p.m., Delaware State Police were dispatched to the 17000 block of Maple Branch Rd., Ellendale, for a reported structure collapse. The investigation determined at approximately 3:00 p.m., a 17-year-old male, a 12-year-old female, a 14-year-old female, an 11-year-old female, a 20-year-old female, and an adult male were working in the chicken houses located on the property. When all individuals entered one of the chicken houses, the 17-year-old male observed the food and water lines sagging. He began telling everyone inside to get out when the roof collapsed. All of the individuals inside escaped without injury except the two youngest females. The 17-year-old male and the other male began digging through the debris when they located the 12-year-old female pinned under the collapsed roof. They were able to safely remove her from the collapsed chicken house, and EMS transported her to a nearby hospital in stable condition. The 11-year-old female was not trapped in the fallen debris but was also transported by EMS to a nearby hospital, where she was discharged after being medically cleared.

This case remains under investigation by Delaware State Police Troop 4 Criminal Investigations Unit, but preliminary findings indicate the roof collapse resulted from snow on the roof.

Delaware State Police would like to thank the Ellendale Volunteer Fire Department and Sussex County Technical Rescue

Team for their assistance rescuing the victims in the chicken house roof collapse yesterday. Additionally, our thoughts remain with the victims and their family and hope for a speedy recovery.

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Delaware State Police Conducting Criminal Investigation- Newark

Newark- Delaware State Police are currently conducting a criminal investigation on Mackay Lane, Newark. As a result, there is an increased police presence in the area. This investigation is in the early stages but there is no threat to the safety of the community. Additional information will be

released once it becomes available.

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Road Closure due to Criminal Investigation- Milford

Milford, DE- Delaware State Police is currently conducting a criminal investigation on Shawnee Road. As a result, an increase in police presence will be seen in the area. Shawnee Road in the area of Abbotts Pond Road is currently closed until further notice.

At this time this is an active and ongoing investigation. Additional information will be released once available.

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Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Crash – New Castle

New Castle– Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision that occurred Sunday afternoon on North DuPont Highway (Route 13) at the intersection with East Franklin Avenue.

On Sunday, January 2, 2021, at approximately 3:03 p.m., a 2010 Chevrolet Malibu was traveling northbound on Route 13 approaching the intersection with East Franklin Avenue. The Malibu entered the right shoulder with the intent to make a right turn onto eastbound East Franklin Avenue. At this time,

a 2004 Toyota Corolla was within the left turn lane of southbound Route 13 and proceeded to make a left turn across all northbound lanes of travel, attempting to turn onto eastbound East Franklin Avenue. The Corolla entered directly into the path of Malibu, and subsequently the front of the Malibu struck the passenger side of Corolla. The force of the impact forced both vehicles in a northeasterly direction where they eventually came to final rest.

The 28-year-old female operator of the Malibu was transported by ambulance to Christiana Hospital where she was treated and released.

The 47-year-old operator of the Corolla was not wearing a seatbelt and was transported by ambulance to the Christiana Hospital where he was admitted for serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

The 40-year-old male rear left rear seat passenger of the Corolla was not wearing a seatbelt and was airlifted by Delaware State Police Aviation to Christiana Hospital for serious, life-threatening injuries. The victim succumbed to his injuries several hours later and was pronounced deceased at the hospital. Identification of the victim is pending notification to next of kin.

There were two additional passengers in the Corolla who were transported to Christiana hospital for non-life-threatening injuries.

The investigation remains on-going. Anyone with information regarding this collision should contact Master Corporal Breen with the Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8486. 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>.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or

have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1-800-842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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Troopers Investigate Fatal Single Vehicle Crash- Felton

Felton- Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal single-vehicle collision that occurred early Monday morning.

On January 3, 2022, at approximately 6:48 a.m., a 55-year-old Felton man was operating a 2003 Jeep Cherokee eastbound on Firetower Road, just east of Berrytown Road. For unknown reasons, the operator exited the north edge of the roadway and

entered a ditch. The Jeep traveled a short distance before the front center of the vehicle collided with a large tree.

The operator was not properly restrained and was pronounced dead at the scene. Identification is pending notification to next of kin.

The roadway was closed for approximately 3 hours for the investigation to be completed.

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 William Booth by calling 302-697-4454.

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Update- Victim Identified **Delaware State Police** **Investigating Fatal Crash –** **Milton**

Milton– Delaware State Police have identified the individual who died in a motor vehicle crash on January 1, 2022, on Lewes-Georgetown Highway (Route 9) west of Hudson Road, as **Ryan Carbajal**, 17, of Georgetown, DE.

The investigation remains on-going. Anyone with information regarding this collision should contact Cpl/2 Ryan Albert with the Delaware State Police Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-703-3266. 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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Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Crash – Milton

Milton– Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision that occurred Saturday morning on Lewes-Georgetown Highway (Route 9) west of Hudson Road.

On Saturday, January 1, 2021, at approximately 7:55 a.m., a 2012 Chevrolet Sonic operated a 17-year-old male of Georgetown, DE was traveling westbound on Lewes-Georgetown Highway (Route 9), just west of the intersection at Hudson Road. At this time, a 2018 Kia Optima sedan operated by a 30-year-old male of Lewes, DE was traveling eastbound in the same vicinity.

For unknown reasons, the Chevrolet crossed over the continuous left-turn lane and into the eastbound lane, directly into the path of the Kia, resulting in a head-on collision in the middle of the eastbound lane. After impact, the Chevrolet came to rest in the continuous left-turn lane, facing west. The Kia rotated violently clockwise and slid off the roadway, coming to rest on the roadside.

The 17-year-old operator of the Chevrolet who was properly restrained, was pronounced deceased at Beebe Medical Center. Identification of the victim is pending notification to next of kin.

The 30-year-old operator of the Kia who was also properly restrained was transported to Beebe Medical Center with serious injuries.

The roadway was closed for approximately 3 hours while the investigation was completed and the roadway was cleared.

The investigation remains on-going. Anyone with information regarding this collision should contact Cpl/2 Ryan Albert with the Delaware State Police Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-703-3266. 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- Victim Identified* Delaware State Police Investigate Fatal Pedestrian Crash – Wilmington**

Wilmington– Delaware State Police have identified the individual who died in a fatal pedestrian crash on December 29, 2021, at the intersection of Limestone Road (Route 7) and Milltown Road, as **Rylee Spahn**, 13, of Smyrna, DE.

This collision remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has information on the vehicle involved, is asked to contact Corporal/2 Calio at 302-365-8483. 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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**Delaware State Police
Investigating Robbery of**

Grocery Store- Bear

Bear— Delaware State Police are investigating the robbery of a Bear area grocery store that occurred yesterday afternoon.

At approximately 1:00 p.m., Friday, December 31, 2021, troopers responded to the La Morena, located at 757 Pulaski Highway, Bear, for a knife point robbery. The investigation determined a male suspect entered the grocery store and confronted an employee behind the sales counter. The suspect displayed a large kitchen knife and removed an undisclosed amount of money from the cash register. The suspect then entered a small drawer below the register and removed cashier checks. The suspect fled on foot eastbound towards Pulaski Highway. The employee gave chase which caused the suspect to drop his phone. The employee picked it up, but gave it back after the suspect engaged the victim again brandishing the knife. The suspect then ran to a black sedan parked in the rear of the business and fled the scene. The employee was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a Hispanic male approximately 5'6"-5'7" tall, 130-150 lbs. There are no surveillance images available at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective Kirchenbauer of Troop 2 Robbery Unit by calling 302-365-8525. 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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Delaware State Police Announces the Retirement of Civilian Employee after 52 Years of Service

Dover – The Delaware State Police announces the retirement of **Sandra L. Frazier** who has proudly served the citizens of Delaware with distinction and faithful service for 52 years.

Ms. Frazier began her career on June 1, 1969 when she was hired as a Clerk Typist II. She continued to serve as a stenographer, secretary, accountant, fiscal analyst, and

worked in various assignments to include the Traffic Section, Personnel Section and Fiscal Control Section. Since 2007, Ms. Frazier has been the Senior Fiscal Administrative Officer for the Fiscal Control Section.

In 2010, Ms. Frazier was awarded the Civilian Employee of the Year after she took on the challenge of learning and implementing a new State accounting system. As the State of Delaware was transitioning to this new system, Ms. Frazier was responsible for ensuring the training and subsequent implementation for DSP fiscal personnel. This system proved to be a large challenge due to the unique nature of the Delaware State Police financial systems versus other State entities. The changes and related challenges of the new program impacted nearly every section within DSP. With Ms. Frazier as the lead, her fiscal team worked through these challenges in order to meet the requirements of the new program.

Ms. Frazier was a graduate of the very first Civilian Leadership Development Program (L.D.P.) in May of 2014. This training is a critical component for effective engagement, career enhancement, team building, and succession planning. Initially offered to law enforcement supervisors, a civilian leadership component was added to the training program curriculum in the spring of 2014.

"The women and men of the DSP family congratulate Ms. Sandra Frazier on her 52 years of distinguished service to our agency and our state. She has served the DSP in a variety of roles during her tenure, culminating in her leadership within the DSP fiscal section. She has improved our business processes but most importantly has been a respected friend and colleague to generations of DSP members. For her innumerable contributions to the DSP, its members and the citizens of our state, we extend our gratitude to her and our best wishes in her well-earned retirement." **Colonel Melissa A. Zebley – Superintendent of the Delaware State Police**

Sandra L. Frazier, who proudly served Delaware and its citizens, retired today, Friday, December 31, 2021, after more than five decades of dedicated service.

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