

****UPDATE-HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION** Notice of Increased Police Presence – New Castle Area**

New Castle – Delaware State Police are continuing their investigation into a homicide that occurred early this morning at a New Castle area gas station.

On Thursday October 28, 2021 at approximately 7:58 a.m., troopers responded to the parking lot of Super Fuels, located at 3006 New Castle Avenue for a report of a male lying next to the building. Upon their arrival, the male appeared to have been shot and was pronounced deceased by the New Castle County Paramedics.

The 32-year-old male from Wilmington was transported to the Delaware Division of Forensic Science where an autopsy will be performed to determine the exact cause and manner of death. His name is being withheld pending the notification of next of kin.

There is currently no suspect information available.

This remains an active and ongoing investigation being conducted by the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit. Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Detective Mark Csapo by calling 302-741-2729. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>.

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****UPDATE #3-Arrest Made** Police Activity on Airport Road – New Castle**

New Castle – The Delaware State Police have arrested Christopher S. Burnett, 34 of Statesboro, Georgia.

Burnett was charged with Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Receiving Stolen Property Over \$1500 (the GMC Terrain), Criminal Mischief Over \$5000 (ramming the patrol vehicle), Resisting Arrest with Force, and Reckless Endangering 2nd.

He was arraigned bedside at Christiana Medical Center by a Judge from JP11 and is in the custody of the Delaware Department of Correction on \$58,000.00 cash bond. No mugshot is currently available for Burnett.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective H. Carroll with Delaware State Police Troop 2 Criminal Investigative Unit by calling 302-365-8467. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

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Notice of Increased Police Presence- New Castle Area

New Castle – Delaware State Police are currently conducting a suspected homicide investigation involving a male victim. As a result, an increased police presence will be seen in the area of New Castle Avenue and West Avenue. At this time this investigation is in the very early stages and additional information will be released once it becomes available.

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****UPDATE #2 - TRAFFIC ADVISORY** Police Activity on Airport Road – New Castle**

New Castle – The Delaware State Police Criminal Investigations Unit is continuing to investigate the incident that occurred yesterday on Airport Road.

At approximately 1:26 p.m. Wednesday October 27, 2021, the New Castle County Emergency Operations Center (RECOM) was contacted by OnStar® in reference to a stolen motor vehicle they were tracking entering Delaware on Interstate 95 from Maryland. Information obtained from OnStar® was that it was a white 2018 GMC Terrain and RECOM was able to confirm that the small SUV was stolen out of Vidalia, Georgia.

Around 1:40 p.m. troopers stationed out of Troop 6 located the GMC driving northbound on I95 in the area of SR896 and began following at a safe distance due to the operator possibly carrying a weapon. At the same time, OnStar® was beginning the process of remotely slowing the vehicle down. As the vehicle began to slow and come to a stop in the area of SR 7, troopers observed the driver, and sole occupant, holding a gun. The driver was able to continue to drive northbound on I95 at approximately 5 mph and turned onto the Airport Road

interchange where a trooper positioned a patrol vehicle across the northbound lanes of travel, south of SR141, in an attempt to block the SUV from continuing any further and maintain the safety of the general public.

The SUV collided with the unoccupied police cruiser at approximately 5 mph and came to a stop. Troopers then began communicating with the driver who could be seen holding a handgun. At approximately 2:00 p.m. a gunshot was heard coming from the GMC Terrain. Troopers continued to communicate with the operator and heard another gunshot inside the vehicle. Within ten minutes of the second gunshot, the driver crawled out the passenger's side window, unarmed, and was taken into custody. A search of the vehicle revealed a 9mm pistol and two spent shell casings.

The 34-year-old Statesboro, Georgia man was transported by New Castle County EMS to Christiana Medical Center where he is listed in stable condition with a single gunshot wound to his chest. At this time, he has not been charged with a crime so his name will not be released.

Airport Road was closed for approximately four hours while detectives conducted their investigation and cleared the scene.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective H. Carroll with Delaware State Police Troop 2 Criminal Investigative Unit by calling 302-365-8467. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

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****UPDATE #1-TRAFFIC ADVISORY** Police Activity on Airport Road – New Castle**

New Castle – The Delaware State Police continue to operate on Airport Road south of SR141.

Airport Road off ramp from I95 northbound remains closed while detectives conduct their investigation into this active and fluid incident that began around 1:26 p.m. this afternoon, Wednesday October 27, 2021.

There is no threat to public safety and one male subject has been transported by EMS to an area hospital for undetermined injuries.

A more detailed release will be sent upon the conclusion of the investigation.

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****TRAFFIC ADVISORY** Police Activity on Airport Road – New Castle**

New Castle – Airport Road just off Interstate 95 and south of SR 141 is currently closed due to police activity in the area.

Commuters should find alternate routes of travel until the incident is cleared.

This is an active and on-going investigation and more details will be released at a later time.

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***UPDATE-FATAL* State Troopers Investigating Serious Crash – New Castle Area**

New Castle – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal pedestrian crash that occurred early this morning on Interstate 95.

Around 4:08 a.m. Wednesday October 27, 2021, a 2004 Honda Civic, operated by a 20-year-old male from Wilmington, was traveling northbound on Interstate 95 within the left center lane and was approaching the interchange with SR 141. Just south of the DelDOT yard, also known as the “Sandbox,” a 37-year-old male pedestrian from the New Castle area, was within the left shoulder area and began running out into the northbound lanes of travel in an easterly direction. The pedestrian then slowed to a walk and then stood within the left center lane of travel before being struck by the Honda Civic. The Civic came to a controlled stop on the left shoulder of Interstate 95 northbound in the area of the Sandbox.

The 37-year-old pedestrian was pronounced dead at the scene. His name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin. The pedestrian was wearing dark clothing and was not carrying any type of lighted device.

The 20-year-old driver and a 19-year-old male passenger were

both properly restrained and were transported by EMS to Christiana Medical Center where they were treated and released with minor injuries.

I95 northbound at the SR 141 interchange was closed for approximately four hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into the crash. Anyone with information regarding the incident should contact Master Corporal J. Breen 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.crimestoppersweb.com>.

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***Traffic Advisory* State Troopers Investigating Serious Crash – New Castle Area**

New Castle – Delaware State Police are on the scene of a serious motor vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 4:08 a.m. this morning, October 27, 2021, on Interstate 95 northbound, south of the DelDOT yard, also known as “Sandbox.”

As a result of the crash, I95 northbound is closed at the SR1/Mall Rd exchange with 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.

For updated road closure information and traffic conditions log on to:

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

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

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Troopers Seek Public's Assistance in Identifying Burglary Suspects

Newark, Delaware – Delaware State Police are requesting assistance with identifying burglary suspects.

On Monday October 25, 2021, troopers responded to the DelDOT facility located at 39 E. Regal Boulevard after it was discovered that someone had broken into a warehouse and removed gas powered equipment.

Through the investigation it was determined the incident occurred at approximately 1:19 a.m. that morning when two suspects entered through a fence and then broke into a warehouse and removed chainsaws, leaf blowers, and hedge trimmers before fleeing the area undetected.

The suspects are described as two males, one wearing a blue hooded jacket and the other wearing a grey hooded jacket with dark masks over their faces.

Anyone with information regarding the identities of the pictured suspects or the incident is asked to contact Trooper C. Taylor at Troop 6 by calling 302-633-5000. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet

at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

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Keep Safety a Priority this Halloween Season

The Delaware State Police would like to remind parents, children, and motorists to remain vigilant and keep safety a top priority during this Halloween Season.

Motorist Safety:

- Motorists are being asked to not only drive with extreme caution, but also to drive extra slow in neighborhoods and residential areas.
- Children will be walking house to house and depending on the availability of sidewalks, may be near or actually

on the roadway.

- With all the trick or treating excitement, children may inadvertently dart across the street into the path of moving vehicles.

Trick or Treating Safety:

- Children should never go trick or treating alone, they should always have a parent or a group of friends with them at all times.
- Stay off the main roadways.
- Costumes should always fit properly.
- Consider face paint instead of masks as they can obstruct a child's vision.
- Trick or Treaters should always carry a flashlight.
- For added visibility consider using "glow sticks" and/or reflective tape attached to the costumes or bags.
- Before crossing the street, always look in both directions twice to make sure there is no vehicular traffic.

Parents are encouraged to review the Delaware Sex Offender Registry

Parents can find accurate information regarding the presence of sex offenders in their neighborhoods by visiting the Delaware Sex Offender Registry online at:

<https://sexoffender.dsp.delaware.gov/>

Parents are encouraged to review the list of registered sex offenders living near their neighborhood. The Neighborhood Search and Mapping feature found on the website pinpoints exactly where an offender lives, therefore, educating the public on which house to avoid while trick-or-treating.

The Delaware State Police Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration (SOAR) Unit will be working in conjunction with Probation and Parole ensuring that registered sex offenders

are not participating in the Halloween activities and are in compliance with requirements.

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