

Troopers Investigating Attempted Robbery of Gumboro Area Liquor Store

Gumboro – Troopers are investigating an attempted robbery of an area liquor store that occurred Thursday evening.

The incident took place around 9:05 p.m., Thursday October 21, 2021, at the Gumboro Liquor Store, located at 38398 Millsboro Highway, as a male subject confronted a female employee as she was standing behind the counter. The suspect was armed with an unknown type handgun and demanded money. The clerk refused to comply with his demands and the suspect fled out of the store and possibly entered an unknown type of vehicle before driving westbound on Whitesville Rd. The store employee was not injured in the incident.

The suspect was described as a male, 20-30 years of age, wearing all black clothing, glasses, and had a mask covering his face (no further physical or clothing description). He was armed with an unknown type handgun.

No surveillance photos available.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident, they are asked to contact Detective J. O'Neil at 302-752-3793. Information may also be provided by calling [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

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****UPDATE** Detectives Investigating a Homicide in Ocean View**

Ocean View – The Delaware State Police are continuing to investigate a homicide that occurred early Thursday morning in the Bethany Crest Development.

Around 4:21 a.m. Thursday October 21, 2021, troopers responded to the 35000 block of Bethany Crest for a report of a shooting. Upon arrival it was determined that 55-year-old **Cheryl Beckett-Brown**, of Ocean View, was found deceased inside

the home from an apparent gunshot wound.

Witness accounts at the scene were able to give a description of the suspect, who was identified as **Jason R. Meredith** along with his vehicle description, and a radio broadcast was given to all Delaware police agencies as well as the surrounding Maryland police agencies. Within ten minutes, a Deputy with the Wicomico County Sheriffs Office located the pick up truck driving erratically westbound on US50 in the area of Tilghman Road. The Deputy continued to follow the truck to the suspect's residence in Hebron where he was taken into custody without incident by Wicomico County Sheriffs Office and Maryland State Police.

The investigation revealed both Cheryl Beckett-Brown and a 53-year-old female roommate were inside the residence when Jason came to the house and began shooting into the residence. An assortment of shell casing were located at the scene and it has yet to be determine what kind of gun was used to kill Cheryl.

Jason R. Meredith, 38 of Hebron, MD (age updated from initial press release), was transported back to Wicomico County Sheriffs Office where he was arrested on an Out of State Fugitive warrant. He is being held in the Wicomico County Detention Center until he can be extradited back to Delaware where he will be charged with Murder 2nd, two counts of Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, and Reckless Endangering 1st.

An autopsy of Cheryl Beckett-Brown will be performed to determine the exact cause and manner of death.

This case 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 B. McDerby by calling 302-741-2821. 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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Detectives Investigating a Homicide in Ocean View

Ocean View – The Delaware State Police are currently investigating a homicide that occurred early this morning in the Bethany Crest Development.

The incident occurred around 4:21 a.m. Thursday October 21, 2021 in the 30000 block of Bethany Crest, when troopers responded to the report of a shooting. Upon arrival it was determined that a 55-year-old female was shot and a male suspect had fled in a vehicle.

Shortly thereafter, a description of the suspect and the vehicle was broadcast to all Delaware police agencies as well as the surrounding Maryland police agencies. Within ten minutes, a Deputy with the Wicomico County Sheriffs Office located the vehicle driving erratically westbound on US50 in the area of Tilghman Road. The Deputy continued to follow the truck to a residence in Hebron where the suspect was taken into custody without incident by Wicomico County Sheriffs Office and Maryland State Police.

The 40-year-old male suspect from Hebron, MD is currently in custody at the Wicomico County Sheriffs Office where he is awaiting charges.

The 55-year-old female was pronounced deceased at the scene. She will be transported to the Delaware Division of Forensic Science where an autopsy will be performed to determine the exact cause and manner of death. Her name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

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Delaware State Police

Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Collision- New Castle

New Castle- Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision that occurred Sunday afternoon, on North DuPont Highway (Route 13).

On Sunday, October 17, 2021, at approximately 1:48 p.m., a 2019 Mitsubishi Mirage was stopped southbound Route 13 in the left turn lane at the crossover to the on ramp of northbound I-295. At this time, a 2008 Nissan Altima was traveling northbound Route 13 in the left lane approaching the overpass of I-295. The Mitsubishi attempted to cross Route 13 and pulled directly into the path of the Altima. The Altima veered right in attempt to avoid the collision, but ultimately struck the passenger side of the Mitsubishi.

The 69-year-old female operator of the Mitsubishi was transported to Christiana Hospital for non-life threatening injuries. The 57-year-old female front seat passenger of the Mitsubishi was transported to Christiana Hospital with critical injuries. On October 18, 2021, she succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased. Identification of the victim is pending notification to the next of kin.

The 33-year-old female operator of the Altima was transported to Christiana Hospital for non-life threatening injuries.

Northbound Route 13 was closed for approximately 2 hours while the crash was investigated, and the roadway cleared.

The investigation remains on-going. Anyone with information regarding this collision should contact Detective Forester with the Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8485. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at

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Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Collision- Newark

Newark- Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision that occurred last Friday, on Stanton

Christiana Road (Route 7).

On Friday, October 15, 2021, at approximately 3:43 p.m., a 1977 MG MGB was traveling northbound Stanton Christiana Road (Route 7) from the intersection of Old Stanton Christiana Rd in the right lane. The vehicle began slowing and came to a stop due to traffic ahead. At the same time, a 2020 GMC Sierra pickup truck traveling northbound in the right lane directly behind the MGB, failed to stop for traffic ahead and struck the rear of the MGB. After impact the MGB was pushed across the northbound lanes and came to rest in the right lane of southbound Route 7. The GMC continued in a northwesterly direction across the northbound lanes and into the center median where it struck the crash attenuator located within the median. This second collision redirected the GMC into the northbound lanes where it overturned on its roof and came to rest.

The 51-year-old operator of the MGB, identified as John Porter of Wilmington, was transported to Christiana hospital for life-threatening injuries. At the hospital he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased.

The 28-year-old operator of the GMC freed himself from the overturned vehicle and fled from the scene on foot. He was later apprehended by troopers approximately half a mile from the collision scene. Once he was taken into custody, it prompted Troopers to initiate a DUI investigation. The results of the DUI investigation are pending.

Stanton Christiana Road (Route 7) was closed for approximately 3 hours while the crash was investigated, and the roadway cleared.

The investigation remains on-going. Anyone with information regarding this collision should contact Sergeant Alexander with the Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8437. 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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**National Prescription Drug
Take-Back Initiative- October**

23, 2021

Delaware – On **Saturday, October 23, 2021** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has scheduled their National Take-Back Initiative (NTBI). This is a great opportunity for those who missed the previous events, or who have subsequently accumulated unwanted, unused, and expired prescription drugs, to safely dispose of those medications. This is an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

DEA will also accept vaping devices and cartridges at any of its drop off locations during Take Back Day. It is important to note that DEA cannot accept devices containing lithium ion batteries. If batteries cannot be removed prior to drop-off, DEA encourages individuals to consult with stores that recycle lithium ion batteries.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the October 23rd Take Back Day event, and to find year-round collection sites near you go to <https://takebackday.dea.gov/>

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***Update-Victim Identified* Troopers Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash – New Castle**

New Castle – Delaware State Police have identified the pedestrian who died in the crash on South DuPont Highway near Llangollen Boulevard on October 16, 2021, as **Yonairr S. Williams**, 14 of New Castle.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into the crash. Anyone with information regarding the incident should contact MCpl. 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
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UPDATE **Troopers** **Investigating** **Fatal** **Motorcycle Crash – Middletown**

Middletown – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a fatal motorcycle collision that occurred early Sunday evening north of Middletown.

The crash occurred around 8:00 p.m. Sunday October 17, 2021 as a 2007 Suzuki GSX motorcycle being operated by a 20-year-old Middletown man was traveling southbound in the left thru lane of Summit Bridge Road (SR 896) just south of Victoria Drive. A 2015 Chevy Malibu, operated by a 27-year-old female from Middletown, was initially stopped in the left turn lane of SR 896 northbound to enter the Valero gas station (4434 Summit Bridge Road). At this location, a traffic signal controls vehicular traffic in and out of the Shopping Center. As the motorcycle approached the intersection, the traffic signal displayed a solid circular green light. At the same time, the Chevy Malibu initiated a left turn and drove into the path of the motorcycle.

The operator of the motorcycle then dropped the motorcycle prior to crashing into the passenger's side of the Chevy Malibu. As a result, the motorcyclist slid under the vehicle and became trapped before the car could come to a complete stop.

The 20-year-old male motorcyclist was wearing a helmet and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The 27-year-old female operator of the Chevy Malibu was properly restrained and uninjured in the crash.

Alcohol involvement on behalf of the operator of the Chevy

Malibu is unknown. Speed on behalf of the motorcyclist may have been a contributing factor as well.

Summit Bridge Road (SR896) between Bethel Church Road and Boyds Corner Road was closed for approximately 3.5 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 2 Crash Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Sergeant D. Alexander by calling 302-365-8484. 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>.

[Original Release-*Traffic Advisory* State Police Investigating Serious Crash – Middletown](#)

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***Traffic Advisory* State Police Investigating Serious Crash – Middletown**

Middletown – Delaware State Police are on the scene of a serious motor vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 8:00 p.m., this evening, October 17, 2021, on Summit Bridge Road north of Boyds Corner Road.

As a result of the crash, Summit Bridge Road southbound is closed between Victoria Drive and Boyds Corner Road 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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Newark Man Arrested at Crash Scene with Gun

Newark, Delaware – The Delaware State Police have arrested a Newark man with illegally possessing a gun after he was involved in a crash.

The incident began around 8:00 p.m., Saturday October 16, 2021, when **Jessie Jamison**, 25 of Newark, Delaware, was involved in a single vehicle collision when the 2015 Infinity Q50 he was operating on Christiana Road (SR273) veered off the road and struck a utility pole in the area of Brownleaf Road. When troopers arrived on scene, they were informed that Jamison may be in possession of a firearm that was concealed on him.

When troopers made contact with Jamison, who was being treated in an ambulance, he indicated he was in possession of a firearm in the pocket of his jacket. Troopers recovered the 9mm handgun with a fully loaded clip along with another fully loaded clip in another pocket of Jamison's sweatshirt. A computer inquiry revealed he is prohibited from purchasing or possessing any firearm and ammunition due to a 2017 robbery conviction.

Jessie Jamison was transported back to Troop where he was charged with the following:

- Possession of a Firearm or Ammunition by a Person Prohibited – 2 counts

- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon
- Failure to Have Insurance in Possession
- Operation of an Unregistered Motor Vehicle
- Fictitious or Cancelled Registration
- Failure to Drive at Speed Appropriate for Conditions

Jamison was arraigned at JP11 and committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on \$15,004.00 cash bond.

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