

# Delaware State Police Investigating Carjacking – Claymont

*Claymont* – The Delaware State Police are investigating a carjacking that took place in the parking lot of the Food Lion Saturday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 9:40 p.m., Saturday, October 2, 2021, in the parking lot of the Food Lion located at 3609 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont. An unknown suspect approached a 73-year-old male sitting inside of his 2020 gray Hyundai Sonata parked in front of the store. The suspect opened the driver side door to the vehicle and demanded the car keys. The victim refused and the suspect began to physically assault the victim. The victim fought back, but was overtaken after two additional suspects entered the front passenger door to the vehicle and pulled the victim out. All three suspects then fled northbound Philadelphia Pike in the stolen vehicle. The victim sustained minor injuries, but refused medical treatment at the scene.

The suspects were described as three thin black males all wearing dark clothing. There are no surveillance images available at this time.

On Sunday, October 3, 2021, the stolen Hyundai was located abandoned in Philadelphia. The vehicle was recovered and transported back to Delaware.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Sergeant Pixley of Troop 2 Criminal Investigative Unit by calling 302-365-8403. 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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# Delaware State Police Investigating Shooting Incident- Lincoln

*Lincoln, DE-* Delaware State Police are investigating a shooting incident that occurred early Monday morning in

Lincoln.

On October 4, 2021, at approximately 6:03 a.m., Delaware State Troopers were dispatched to the 10000 block of Cedar Creek Road for a residence shot multiple times. Through the investigation, troopers discovered five gunshot holes in the front exterior of the home. One projectile was located on the floor inside, and another had entered and lodged inside the living room television. Additionally, three shell casings were located in the roadway just north of the residence.

During the incident, there were four adults and two juveniles inside the home that were uninjured.

This case remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 4 Criminal Investigative Unit. Anyone that witnessed or has information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective Alan Bluto by calling 302-752-3864. 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- Victim Identified\* Delaware State Police Investigate Fatal Single Vehicle Collision- Harrington**

***Harrington, DE-*** Delaware State Police have identified the individual who died during a fatal motor vehicle collision on October 3, 2021, as **Angela M. Stafford, 34, of Dover.**

On Sunday, at approximately 12:40 p.m., Stafford was operating a 2008 Ford Ranger southbound on Whiteleysburg Road north of Brownsville Road, approaching a right curve. Stafford started to lose control of the Ranger as the right-side tires traveled off the west edge of the roadway. The truck traveled back onto the roadway, crossed over into the northbound lane, and overturned as it traveled off the east edge of the roadway before coming to rest.

Stafford was not wearing a seatbelt, sustained fatal injuries, and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State

Police Troop 3 Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with witness information regarding the collision is asked to contact Master Corporal Joseph Lane by calling 302-698-8457. 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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# Millsboro Man Arrested by Troopers for DUI and Felony Drug Charges After Crashing Car- Millsboro

*Millsboro, DE*— Delaware State Police arrested **Justin M. Black, 37, of Millsboro**, on multiple felony drug charges and DUI after crashing his vehicle in the parking lot of an Oak Orchard convenience store.

On October 3, 2021, at approximately 4:20 p.m., Delaware State Police responded to Liberty Gas Station located at 31507 Oak Orchard Road for a red Chevrolet Silverado that struck a pole in the parking lot. Upon arrival, troopers located the Silverado and driver, later identified as **Justin Black**, who displayed signs of being under the influence of drugs. EMS responded to the scene, and Black refused medical treatment. A DUI investigation ensued, and he was arrested for driving under the influence of drugs. A computer search conducted revealed Black had three previous DUI convictions.

A search of the Chevrolet Silverado was conducted, and the following items were located:

- Approximately 1.211 grams (171 bags) of heroin
- 25 Ecstasy pills
- Approximately 39.39 grams of methamphetamine
- 5 Alprazolam pills
- 11 Clonazepam pills
- \$6,375.00 in suspected drug proceeds
- Drug paraphernalia

Black was taken into custody and transported to Delaware State Police Troop 4 and charged with the following crimes:

- Possession of a Controlled Substance Tier 3 Quantity (Felony)
- Possession With Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Felony)
- Possession With Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance Tier 2 Quantity (Felony)
- Three Counts- Possession With Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Felony)
- 4th Offense Driving Under the Influence (Felony)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance Tier 2 Quantity (Felony)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance Tier 1 Quantity (Felony)
- Five Counts- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Black was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #3 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on a \$72,000.00 cash bond.

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# Delaware State Police Investigate Fatal Single Vehicle Collision- Harrington

*Harrington, DE-* Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal single-vehicle collision that occurred Sunday afternoon west of Harrington.

On October 3, 2021, at approximately 12:40 p.m., a 2008 Ford Ranger operated by a 34-year-old Dover woman was traveling southbound on Whiteleysburg Road north of Brownsville Road, approaching a right curve. The operator started to lose control of the Ranger as the right-side tires traveled off the west edge of the roadway. The truck traveled back onto the roadway, crossed over into the northbound lane, and overturned as it traveled off the east edge of the roadway before coming to rest.

The 34-year-old operator was not wearing a seatbelt, sustained fatal injuries, and was pronounced deceased at the scene. Identification is pending notification to next of kin.

The roadway was shut down for approximately three hours during the collision investigation.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 3 Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with witness information regarding the collision is asked to contact Master Corporal Joseph Lane by calling 302-698-8457. 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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**Delaware State Police**  
**Conducting Homicide**

# Investigation- Wilmington

*Wilmington, DE-* Delaware State Police are conducting a homicide investigation that occurred Saturday night in Wilmington.

On October 2, 2021, at approximately 10:09 p.m., troopers were dispatched to the 3800 block of Governor Printz Blvd for a reported shooting. Upon arrival, troopers located a 63-year-old Wilmington man in the roadway with multiple gunshot wounds. The victim was transported by ambulance to a nearby hospital, where he was pronounced deceased. Identification is pending notification to next of kin.

The initial investigation revealed the victim parked his vehicle in the median strip of Governor Printz Blvd and entered a nearby liquor store to make a purchase. As he returned to his car and sat in the driver seat, an unknown suspect approached the vehicle and fired multiple rounds at the victim before fleeing on foot.

There is currently no suspect information available.

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 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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# Delaware State Police Investigate Fatal Crash - Milford

**Milford, DE-** Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision that occurred Saturday morning in Milford.

On October 2, 2021, at approximately 11:32 a.m., a 2015 Chrysler 200 operated by a 53-year-old Milford man was traveling northbound on Coastal Highway, approaching the SR 1 Business off-ramp within the Milford town limits. For unknown

reasons, the operator failed to maintain control, and the vehicle swerved to the right and exited the east edge of the roadway. After leaving the road, it overran a barbed wire fence before the front center impacted a tree. After impact, the vehicle came to rest beside the tree and became fully engulfed in flames.

The 53-year-old operator suffered fatal injuries during the collision and was pronounced deceased at the scene. Identification is pending notification to next of kin.

The right lane of Coastal Highway was closed for approximately 3 hours while the scene was processed and cleared.

This collision remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information regarding the crash is asked to contact Sgt. Nicholas DeMalto by calling 302-644-5020.

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- Victim Identified\* Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Bicycle Accident-Seafood**

**Seafood, DE-** Delaware State Police have identified the individual who died in a fatal bicycle accident October 1, 2021, on Stein Highway as **Zachary L. Gosciejew, 31, of Seafood.**

This collision remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information regarding this crash should contact Sgt. Nicholas DeMalto by calling 302-703-3269. 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>.

[Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Bicycle Accident-Seafood](#)

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# Delaware State Police Investigating Attempted Murder- Clayton

*Clayton, DE-* Delaware State Police arrested **Richard C. Lawson III, 33, of New Castle**, on attempted murder and related charges Friday night.

On October 1, 2021, at approximately 9:48 p.m., troopers were dispatched to a residence in the 3900 block of Wheatleys Pond Road for a shooting incident. Upon arrival, troopers contacted the 33-year-old female victim, who had an apparent gunshot wound to the face. The investigation determined the victim was driving on Wheatleys Pond Road in her vehicle with an acquaintance, Richard C. Lawson III when a verbal argument ensued. The argument escalated to a physical altercation before Lawson produced a handgun and shot the victim. After being shot, the victim went for help at a nearby residence. Law Enforcement Officers responded to the area and located Lawson on foot in the 4700 block of Wheatleys Pond Road. He was taken into custody and transported to Delaware State Police Troop 3, where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Attempted First Degree Murder (Felony)
- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited (Felony)

Lawson was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #7 and committed to Howard R Young Correctional Institution on a \$100,000.00 cash bond.

The victim was transported to a nearby hospital and admitted in stable condition.

This case remains under investigation by Delaware State Police Criminal Investigative Unit. Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact Detective Shawn Ryan by calling 302-697-4454. 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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**Delaware State Police  
Investigating Fatal  
Pedestrian Collision- New**

# Castle

**New Castle, DE-** Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal pedestrian collision that occurred Friday night in New Castle.

On October 1, 2021, at approximately 9:48 p.m., a 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe operated by a 37-year-old New Castle woman turned left from Memorial Drive and was traveling southbound on US 13 in the middle lane. A 36-year-old New Castle man was attempting to cross the southbound lanes of US 13 and walked into the path of the Tahoe, resulting in the front left bumper striking him. The driver immediately pulled over to the right shoulder and called 911.

The 36-year-old pedestrian was not wearing reflective clothing, carrying a light, or crossing in a marked crosswalk. He was transported by ambulance to an area hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries. Identification is pending notification to next of kin.

The 37-year-old operator was not injured during the collision. Also in the Tahoe was a two-year-old child properly restrained in the rear seat. The child was not injured during the collision.

US Route 13 southbound at Memorial Drive was closed to vehicular traffic for approximately 3 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

This collision remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information regarding the crash should contact Senior Corporal Matthew Calio by calling 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.crimestoppersweb.com>.

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