UPDATE #2- Victim Identified Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Crash- Harrington

Harrington, DE- Delaware State Police have identified the individual who died in a fatal single-vehicle crash on South DuPont Highway on October 11, 2021, as **Coffy Mumford, 47, of Harrington.**

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 3 Crash Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Cpl/3 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.

UPDATE Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Crash- Harrington

Delaware State Police Issue Traffic Advisory for South DuPont Highway- Harrington

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Delaware State Police Arrest Two Middletown Men For Robbery- Bear

Bear- Delaware State Police have arrested 23-year-old **Najee Chambers** and 22-year-old **Damir Reed** both of Middletown, DE for robbery and related charges following an incident that occurred in the parking lot of Wawa in Bear.

The incident occurred on October 12, 2021, at approximately 3:00 p.m., when troopers were dispatched to Wawa located at 3601 Wrangle Hill Road, Bear, for a report of a robbery. Upon arrival, it was determined that a 20-year-old male victim met with two suspects, later identified as Najee Chambers and Damir Reed in the parking lot of the business to sell two pairs of sneakers. During the transaction one suspect displayed a firearm and demanded the sneakers. The victim

complied and gave the sneakers to the suspect. The second suspect also threatened to kill the victim and demanded all his money. The victim advised he did not have any cash, so the suspects fled the scene in a Dodge Dart.

Through investigative leads troopers identified Najee Chambers and Damir Reed as the suspects. Later that evening, Chambers and Reed were located operating the suspect vehicle. A traffic stop was initiated on East Cole Boulevard in Middletown, and both suspects were taken into custody without incident.

Chambers was transported to Troop 2 where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Robbery 1st Degree (Felony)
- Conspiracy 2nd Degree (Felony)

Chambers was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #11 and committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on $102,000 cash bond.

Reed was transported to Troop 2 where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Robbery 1st Degree (Felony)
- Conspiracy 2nd Degree (Felony)
- Terroristic Threatening

Reed was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #11 and committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on $103,000 cash bond.

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Troopers Warn Public About Leaving Cars Unattended While Idling

New Castle County- The Delaware State Police would like to warn the public about leaving their cars unattended while idling.

The Delaware State Police, Troop 2 Criminal Investigative Unit has recently been handling a rash of vehicle thefts occurring in the New Castle County area. A large majority of the thefts have occurred from gas stations in which a vehicle was left unattended, idling, and unlocked.

The most common practice is a victim leaving their car running in a parking lot while they go into a store for a quick purchase. Some car thieves look for cars idling in parking lots and once they see a car is left unattended, all they have to do is walk up and drive away.

Delaware law states**; (Title 21, § 4182) Unattended motor vehicle**. No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand unattended without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition, removing the key and effectively setting the brake thereon and, when standing upon any grade, turning the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway. For a first offense, a fine of $25.00 – $75.00 can be imposed.

The suspects in these most recent cases appear to be juvenile males. Anyone with information regarding these incidents is asked to contact the Troop 2 Criminal Investigative Property Crimes Unit at (302) 365-8430. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at http://delaware.crimestoppersweb.com

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Delaware State Police Issue Traffic Advisory for Seashore Highway- Georgetown

Georgetown, DE-Delaware State Police are issuing a traffic advisory for **Seashore Highway in the area of Cokesbury Road**. The roadway will be closed for an extended period of time due to a pole down. Motorist should seek alternate routes of travel to avoid extended delays.

For current road conditions visit http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel_advisory/index.shtml#advisories.

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Delaware State Police Investigate Fatal Single Vehicle Collision- Townsend

Townsend- Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal single-vehicle collision that occurred Monday night in Townsend.

On October 11, 2021, at approximately 8:46 p.m., a 2009 Nissan Versa operated by a 20-year-old Townsend woman traveled westbound on Blackbird Station Road after proceeding through the intersection with Dexter Corner Road. The Nissan failed to negotiate a curve to the right and traveled across the eastbound lane of travel before leaving the roadway. The Nissan continued to travel into a heavily wooded area, striking 2 small trees before finally striking a larger tree head-on.

The 20-year-old operator of the Nissan was not wearing a seatbelt and was completely ejected from the vehicle. She was flown to Christiana Hospital where she was treated and later released with minor, non-life-threatening injuries.

A 27-year-old Pennsylvania man occupied the front passenger seat and was not wearing a seatbelt. The victim was transported by ambulance to Christiana Hospital, while enroute the victim was pronounced deceased. Identification of the victim is pending notification to the next of kin.

There were also three passengers in the rear seat, none of which sustain any injuries in the collision.

Blackbird Station Road west of Dexter Corner Road was closed

for approximately 3 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information regarding the collision is asked to contact Master Corporal Breen of the 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.crimestoppersweb.com.

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UPDATE Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Crash- Harrington

Harrington, DE- Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal single-vehicle collision that occurred Monday afternoon north of Harrington.

On October 11, 2021, at approximately 1:28p.m., a 47-year-old Harrington woman was operating a 2009 Dodge Charger southbound on South DuPont Highway (US 13) south of Paradise Alley Road. The operator veered off the west edge of the roadway, attempted to regain control, and turned back into the right lane. As a result, the vehicle started to travel in a clockwise direction and travelled off the west edge of the roadway for a short distance before striking a Verizon utility pole with the left front fender. After striking the pole, the Charger rotates counterclockwise and overturns onto its roof before coming to rest in a private driveway.

The operator was not wearing a seatbelt and was pronounced deceased at the scene. Identification is pending notification to next of kin.

The roadway was closed for approximately 2.5 hours as the accident was investigated and roadway cleared.

This collision remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 3 Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with 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

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Delaware State Police Issue Traffic Advisory for South DuPont Highway- Harrington

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Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Accident- New Castle

New Castle- Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal pedestrian accident that occurred at a residence in New Castle Sunday night.

On October 10, 2021, at approximately 7:13 p.m., a 2006 Mitsubishi Raider operated by a 13-year-old male was traveling through the front yard of a private residence located in the 1000 block of Red Lion Road, New Castle. The operator stopped the vehicle at the edge of the driveway, and at this time his 6-year-old and 3-year-old brothers, grabbed the side of the passenger side doors and stood on the running boards. The operator yelled for the brothers to get off the vehicle so he could drive. The 13-year-old believing his brothers were off the vehicle, turned right and began to travel north on the west side of the property. The operator stopped the vehicle after he heard his 6-year-old brother crying and observed his 3-year-old brother lying on the ground.

The 3-year-old male pedestrian who was believed to have fallen and run over by the rear right passenger tire was transported to Christiana hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Identification is pending notification to next of kin.

The 6-year-old male pedestrian who also fell off the truck was transported to Christiana hospital and treated for his injuries.

The 13-year-old operator did not sustain any injuries.

Red Lion Road was closed for approximately 2 hours as the collision was investigated, and the roadway cleared.

This collision remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact Detective Forester with the 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 http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

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Update-Name Released Delaware State Police Conducting Homicide Investigation- Dover

Dover—The Delaware State Police are releasing the name of the individual that was shot and killed Sunday October 10, 2021, at a residence in the 1500 block of Nathaniel Mitchell Road as 22-year-old **Brenden Harmon** of Felton.

There is currently no suspect information available.

The two other males ages 25 and 19 remain in an area hospital and are in stable condition. The 25-year-old female victim is currently hospitalized in stable condition.

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 Sergeant Yeich by calling 302-741-2703. 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 Conducting Homicide Investigation- Dover

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Delaware State Police Issue Traffic Advisory for South DuPont Highway- Harrington

Harrington, DE- Delaware State Police are issuing a traffic advisory for South DuPont Highway (US 13) southbound between Paradise Alley Road and Hopkins Cemetery Road. The roadway is currently closed for an injury accident. The accident is currently in the early stages of the investigation. Additional information will be released once it becomes available. Motorists are urged to seek alternate routes of travel to avoid delays.

For current traffic advisories, please visit http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel_advisory/index.shtml#advisories.

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Delaware State Police Conducting Homicide Investigation- Dover

Dover– Delaware State Police are conducting a homicide investigation that occurred Sunday morning in Dover.

On October 10, 2021, at approximately 1:03 a.m., troopers were dispatched to the 1500 block of Nathaniel Mitchell Road, Dover, DE for a report of a shooting. Upon arrival, troopers located three males and two females who all suffered gunshot wounds. All victims were transported to Bayhealth Hospital

Kent Campus for treatment. At the hospital, a 22-year-old male victim was pronounced deceased. Identification is pending notification to next of kin. The two other males ages 25 and 19 are in stable condition. A 25-year-old female victim was transported from Bayhealth to Christiana Hospital in critical condition and the other 19-year-old female was treated and released.

The initial investigation revealed that there was a party at the residence on Nathaniel Mitchell Road where subjects were standing in front of the residence. A vehicle approached the residence with an unknown number of occupants. At that time, numerous rounds were fired at the partygoers standing in front of the residence resulting in 5 people being struck. The suspects then fled in an unknown direction.

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