

# Delaware State Police Seek Public's Assistance with Solving 19-Year-Old Cold Case- Farmington

*Farmington, DE-* The Delaware State Police Homicide Unit requests the public's assistance in solving a cold case suspicious death investigation from September 2002 in Kent County, DE. Shortly before midnight on September 9, 2002, the Farmington Fire Department responded to a wooded area off Gingerwood Drive, west of Farmington, for a vehicle fire. A deceased male victim was located in the burning vehicle, later identified as **Matthew Henson, 18, from Denton, MD.**

Through the investigation, detectives learned Henson worked at an automotive accessories business in Delmar, DE, and did auto work with friends in the Caroline County, MD area. He also bought, sold, traded automotive stereo and television equipment and installed these accessories in vehicles. Outside of his automotive work, Henson was also a member of a Denton/Greensboro, MD, area car club.

This year marks the 19th anniversary of Matthew Henson's suspicious death investigation. Troopers are asking anyone with information to help solve this case to please come forward by contacting the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit 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>.

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## **Delaware State Police Troop 4 to Host Community Café- Sussex County**

*Sussex County, DE-* Delaware State Police Troop 4 will be holding a Community Café on **Monday, September 20, 2021**. The event will be held at **9:00 a.m.** at **Evans Park at Millville**

located at 32517 Dukes Drive, Millville, DE. The Community Café will have Troop 4 Administration and the Community Outreach Officer in attendance to meet and interact with members of the public. This Community Café is often referred to as “Coffee with a Cop” in other police agencies and is being held in an effort to build a stronger relationship between the Delaware State Police and the communities that we so proudly serve.

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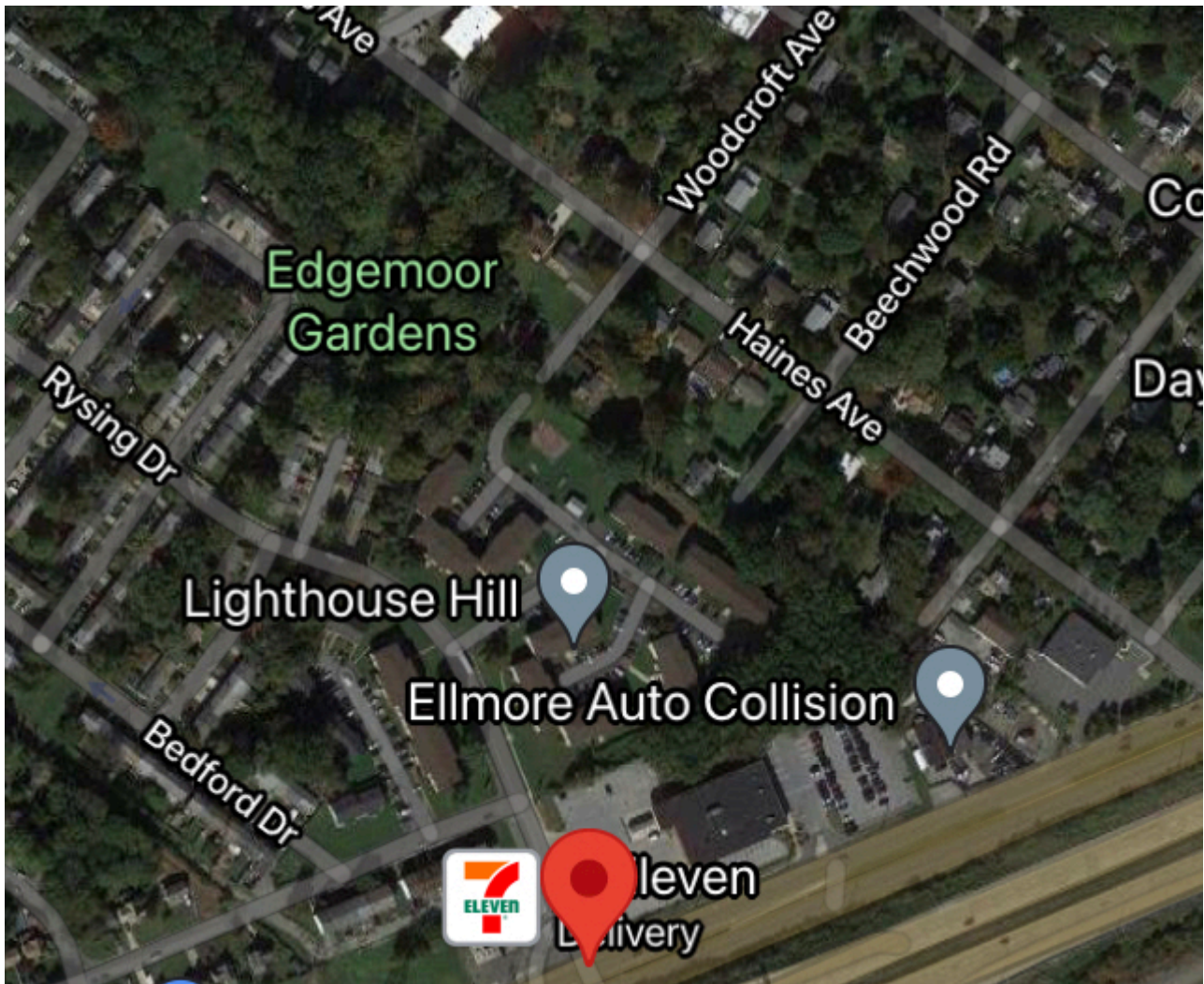
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**\*Traffic Advisory\* Governor**

# Printz Boulevard- Edgemoor



**Edgemoor, DE-** Delaware State Police is issuing a traffic advisory for Governor Printz Boulevard between Rysing Drive and Haines Avenue. The roadway is currently closed for an extended period of time for a serious injury accident. Motorists are urged to seek alternate routes of travel.

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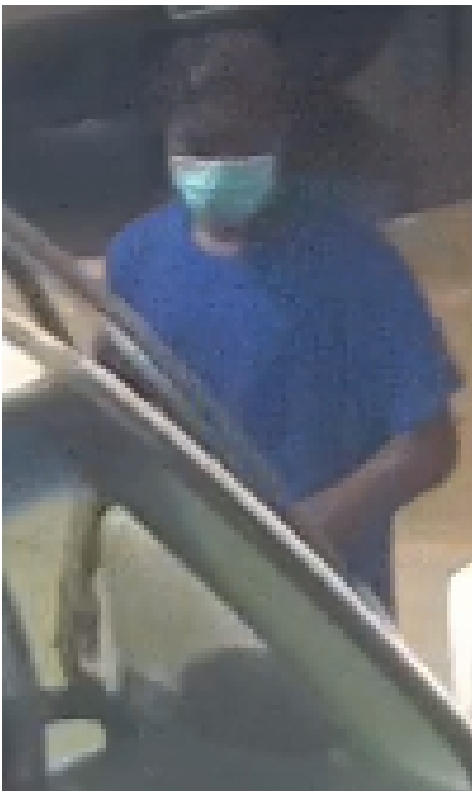
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# Troopers Seek Public's Assistance Identifying Vehicle Theft Suspect - Ellendale





**Ellendale, DE-** Delaware State Police are seeking the public's assistance identifying an individual wanted for vehicle theft.

On August 21, 2021, at approximately 11:20 a.m., troopers were dispatched to the Ellendale Exxon located at 18005 Ellendale Greenwood Highway, for theft of a motor vehicle. The

investigation determined the unknown male suspect stole a white 2002 Toyota Highlander (DE 596664) from the parking lot of the business.

The suspect is described as a black male, thin build, and short black braided hair. He was wearing a blue t-shirt, black pants, black with white Nike sneakers, and a blue COVID mask.

Anyone with information regarding the identity of the suspect should contact Det. Heidi Lingo by calling 302-752-3798. 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\* Interstate 95 Northbound On-ramp (Exit 165C) from SR 1- Newark**

*Newark, DE-* Delaware State Police are issuing a traffic advisory for the I-95 northbound on-ramp (Exit 165C) from SR 1, Newark. The roadway will be closed for an undetermined amount of time due to a traffic accident involving a fuel leak. Motorists are asked to avoid the area and seek alternate routes of travel.

For up to date traffic information, please visit [http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel\\_advisory/index.shtml#advisories](http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel_advisory/index.shtml#advisories).

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# Troopers Investigate Fatal Hit & Run Pedestrian Collision- Wilmington

*Wilmington, DE-* Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal hit and run pedestrian collision that occurred in Wilmington Wednesday morning.

On September 8, 2021, at approximately 4:14 a.m., troopers received a report of a pedestrian located in the right thru northbound lane of DE SR 100 (South DuPont Road), within the area of the intersection with Taft Avenue. The investigation determined an unknown vehicle was traveling northbound on DE SR 100 in the right thru travel lane when it struck the pedestrian. The vehicle continued traveling northbound towards the intersection of DE SR 100 and Faulkland Road to an unknown destination.

The pedestrian was not wearing any reflective clothing, not carrying a lighted device, or crossing in a crosswalk.

The 34-year-old male pedestrian from Wilmington was transported to a nearby hospital, where he was pronounced deceased. Identification is pending notification to next of kin.

Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate this collision. Troopers request anyone who witnessed this collision, resides in the area who may have doorbell or surveillance footage, or any suspect

vehicle information to contact Master Corporal John Breen by calling 302-365-8486 or emailing John.Breen@delaware.gov. 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>.

DE SR 100 between DE SR 2 and Faulkland Road was closed to vehicular traffic for approximately 3 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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# **\*UPDATE - FATAL CRASH INVESTIGATION\* Delaware State Police Issue Traffic Advisory-Wilmington**

*Wilmington, DE-* Delaware State Police investigate a fatal collision after vehicle was discovered in wooded area.

On September 8, 2021, at approximately 7:58 a.m., an excavating crew working near the intersection of DE SR 48 and Hercules Road, discovered an occupied wrecked 2016 Mercedes CLA in the wooded area. The workers notified 911 and troopers responded to the scene. The investigation determined at an unknown date and time, the vehicle was traveling westbound on DE SR 48. After it cleared the intersection with Hercules Road, it entered into a gradual curve to the right in the roadway. The operator failed to negotiate the curve and traveled across the eastbound lane of travel, south edge of the roadway, and entered into a heavily wooded area. The Mercedes eventually struck a creek embankment and overturned onto the driver side.

The operator of the vehicle was located deceased with the vehicle and has not been identified at this time. The body has been turned over to the Delaware Division of Forensic Science for a forensic analysis to be completed.

The roadway was closed for approximately 3 hours while the investigation was being conducted.

Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact Master Corporal J. Breen with the Delaware State

Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8486 or emailing John.Breen@delaware.gov. 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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The victim was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the

collision. It is unknown when and what time the collision occurred. A computer check revealed that the vehicle was reported stolen by Wilmington (DE) Police Department on August 11, 2021 at 0926 hours.

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## **Delaware State Police Issue Traffic Advisory- Wilmington**

*Wilmington, DE-* Delaware State Police is issuing a traffic advisory for Lancaster Pike between Old Wilmington Road and Hercules Road. The roadway will be closed for an undetermined amount of time due to a police investigation in the area. This investigation is in the early stages and additional information will be released once it becomes available.

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# **\*Update- Victim Identified\* Fatal Three Car Collision Claims Life of Pennsylvania Man- Newark**

**Newark, DE**-Delaware State Police have identified the individual who died during a collision on I-95 Northbound north of DE-273 on September 6, 2021, as **Ghana S. Sims, 27, of Philadelphia, PA.**

This collision remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information regarding the collision should contact Sgt. 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>.

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## **Troopers Investigate Armed Carjacking at Convenience Store- Claymont**

**Claymont, DE-** Delaware State Police are investigating an armed carjacking that occurred this morning at a convenience store in New Castle County.

On September 7, 2021, at approximately 7:51 a.m., troopers were dispatched to a carjacking at Exxon, located at 3700 Philadelphia Pike Claymont, DE. The investigation determined the 52-year-old male victim was seated in his 2013 Acura MDX while fueling his vehicle. While seated, two male suspects approached the car from the rear and opened the victim's door,

which was left cracked open. One of the suspects pointed a handgun at the victim and demanded the keys to the vehicle. The victim refused to give the suspects his keys, resulting in the second suspect physically assaulting him. Both suspects pulled the victim from the Acura, entered it, and fled Northbound on Philadelphia Pike. The victim refused medical treatment at the scene.

The unknown suspects are described as black males in their early 20's, wearing masks. No surveillance photographs are available.

At approximately 11:15 a.m., Delaware State Police were notified the victim's 2013 Acura MDX was recovered in Philadelphia.

This case remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 2 Criminal Investigative Unit. Anyone with information regarding this case should contact Detective Ryan Kirchenbauer by calling 302-365-8525 or emailing [Ryan.Kirchenbauer@delaware.gov](mailto:Ryan.Kirchenbauer@delaware.gov). 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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