

Fatal Three Car Collision Claims Life of Pennsylvania Man - Newark

Newark, DE- Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal crash that occurred early Monday morning north of Newark.

On September 6, 2021, at approximately 5:13 a.m., a 2017 Toyota Camry operated by a 27-year-old male from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was traveling northbound on JFK Memorial Highway (I-95) in the left thru lane north of the Christiana Road (DE-273) overpass. As the vehicle entered a slight curve in the roadway, it drifted onto the left shoulder and sideswiped the concrete barrier in the center of the roadway. As the Camry continued traveling to an opening in the barrier, the vehicle's front left struck the impact attenuator, causing it to travel out of control and come to rest in the middle of the roadway with disabling damage.

Moments later, a 2015 Honda Civic operated by a 59-year-old female from Baltimore, Maryland, was traveling northbound on I-95 in the left-center lane, approaching the disabled Camry in the roadway. The front bumper of the Civic struck the passenger side of the Camry, setting the Camry in motion again. The Civic continued traveling onto the right shoulder and came to rest against the guardrail. The collision with the Civic pushed the Camry north before it came to rest between the two left lanes.

Several minutes later, a 2020 Freightliner tractor and trailer operated by a 41-year-old male from Randallstown, Maryland, began approaching the collision scene in the left-center lane. Due to the location of the disabled vehicle in the roadway and the movement of other northbound traffic, the operator of the Freightliner was unable to avoid the traffic hazard. The right

front of the tractor struck the left rear of the Toyota and set the vehicle in motion before it came to rest on the right shoulder against the guardrail.

The 27-year-old male operator and 27-year-old male passenger from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in the Toyota Camry were transported to a nearby hospital for their injuries. The operator was treated and admitted for his injuries. The passenger succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased. Identification is pending notification to next of kin.

The 59-year-old female operator of the Honda Civic was transported to an area hospital, where she was treated and released with non-life-threatening injuries.

The 41-year-old male operator of the Freightliner was not injured.

The three right lanes of northbound I-95 were closed for approximately 2.5 hours due to the initial crash investigation. This collision remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information regarding this accident 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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Intoxicated Virginia Man Found Sleeping in Victim's Residence- Rehoboth Beach

Rehoboth Beach, DE- Delaware State Police arrested **Thomas J. Obrien, 26, of Arlington, VA**, early Sunday morning after he entered the victims' residence and was found sleeping in bed.

On September 5, 2021, at approximately 4:24 a.m., troopers were dispatched to the 38000 block of Pine Lane for a burglary in progress. The homeowner awoke and found the male suspect in a rear bedroom on the second story of the residence. When troopers arrived, the male, later identified as Thomas J. Obrien, was partially clothed and sleeping in bed. Thomas complied with the troopers' orders and exited the bed. Thomas was taken into custody without incident, and a strong odor of

alcoholic beverages was detected. The victims located Thomas' wet clothing in the bedroom and discovered he was wearing one of the victim's t-shirts.

Thomas was taken into custody without incident, transported to Delaware State Police Troop 7, and charged with Burglary Second Degree (Felony) and Theft. He was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #3 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on a \$2,600.00 secured bond.

Troopers would like to remind the public always to remember to lock their doors. By remembering this important safety tip, you will make it more difficult for a burglary to occur.

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UPDATE- Victim Identified

Delaware State Police

Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Collision- Dagsboro

Dagsboro, DE- Delaware State Police have identified the individual who died during a motor vehicle collision on September 3, 2021, at the intersection of Nine Foot Road (Rt 26) and Hickory Hill Road, as **Lainegene P. VanDusen, 84, of Millsboro.**

This case remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information regarding this collision is asked to contact Sgt. Nicholas DeMalto by calling 302 703-3264. 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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Homeless Sex Offender Notification- Dover

Dover, DE– The following subjects are not wanted. This is a Homeless Sex Offender Public Notification. If you have information that the listed subjects are occupying a residence, please call 302 672-5306. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

THOMPSON, MARTIN W



Department: Delaware State Police
 Report ID: 090421-0950
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Registration Information (Homeless)

Sex Level: Male
 Issued On: August 31, 2021
 Registered Since: November 20, 2021
 ID Photo: No
 Computed Out of State: No
 Repeat Offender: No

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

Police Agency: DSP HEADQUARTERS
 Address: PO BOX 430
 Dover, DE 19904
 Phone: 3024241547

Identification Information

Birth Date: January 2, 1989 (Age 32)
 Gender: Male
 Race: White
 Hair Color: Light

Height: 5' 7"
 Weight: 165 Lb.
 Eye Color: Gray
 Hair Color: Brown

Scars, Marks, & Tattoos

Scars, marks, or tattoos on face

Aliases

THOMPSON, JR, MARTIN W
 THOMPSON, MARTY W
 THOMPSON, JR, MARTIN W
 THOMPSON, MARTIN J
 THOMPSON, MARTIN W
 THOMPSON, JR, MARTIN W
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Addresses

Type	Address	County	Development/Enclosure
Home	202 S JACKSON RIVER FRONT PKW WILMINGTON, DE 19804	NewCastle	Homeless
Work	101 Concord Pike WILMINGTON, DE 19801	NewCastle	ACCU STAFFING
School	(No address on file)	Other	No Addressing School

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Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Collision- Dagsboro

Dagsboro- Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision that occurred Friday afternoon at the intersection of Nine Foot Road and Hickory Hill Road.

On September 3, 2021, at approximately 12:35 p.m., a 2020 Ford Explorer operated by an 88-year-old male, was traveling southbound on Hickory Hill Road, approaching the intersection of Nine Foot Road. At this time, a 2000 Isuzu NPR flatbed delivery truck, operated by a 30-year-old male, was traveling eastbound on Nine Foot Road, approaching the intersection with Hickory Hill Road. The operator of the Ford failed to stop at the intersection and entered the intersection, directly into the path of the Isuzu. The operator of the Isuzu attempted to avoid the collision, but ultimately struck the passenger side of the Ford. After impact, both vehicles exited the south east corner of the intersection where they came to rest in a standing corn field.

There were two occupants, an 88-year-old male and an 84-year-old female inside of the Ford. The 88-year-old male operator who was properly restrained and was transported to Nanticoke hospital where he was admitted in critical condition. The 84-year-old female passenger who was properly restrained was pronounced deceased at the scene. Identification is pending notification to the next of kin.

The 30-year-old male operator of the Isuzu who was properly restrained was transported to Nanticoke hospital where he was treated for minor injuries.

The intersection of Nine Foot Road and Hickory Hill Road was closed for approximately 4 hours while the crash was being investigated and the roadway cleared.

Impairment and speed do not appear to be a factor for any operator.

The investigation remains on-going. Anyone with information regarding this collision should contact Detective Argo with the Delaware State Police Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-703-3264. 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 Motor Vehicle Collision- Wilmington

Wilmington- Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision that occurred Monday afternoon on Wilson Road west of Bellewood Road.

On August 30, 2021, at approximately 1:48 p.m., a gold 1997 Nissan Maxima was stopped in the parking lot of 900 Foulk Road waiting to turn left onto eastbound Wilson Road. At this time, a black 2021 Honda Civic was westbound Wilson Road approaching the entrance of 900 Foulk Road. The Maxima pulled into the roadway and attempted to turn left onto eastbound Wilson Road. The Maxima pulled directly in the path of Civic, causing the front of the Civic to strike the driver side of the Maxima.

There were two occupants, a 75-year-old male and a 72-year-old female inside of the Maxima. The 75-year-old male operator was transported to Christiana hospital where he was admitted in critical condition. On September 3, 2021, the male operator was pronounced deceased from his injuries. Identification is pending notification to the next of kin. The 72-year-old female passenger was transported to Christiana hospital where she was treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

The 58-year-old female operator of the Civic was not injured as a result of the collision.

Wilson Road was closed for approximately 2 hours while the crash was being investigated and the roadway cleared.

Impairment and speed do not appear to be a factor for any

operator.

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

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***UPDATE- Suspect Identified and Arrested* Troopers Seek Public's Assistance Identifying Burglary Suspect- Sussex County**

Sussex County, DE- Delaware State Police arrested **Jimmie D. Hayes Jr., 45, of Georgetown**, for multiple commercial burglaries with the community's help.

From August 18, 2021, through September 2, 2021, Delaware State Police investigated three separate burglaries to convenience stores in Sussex County. The unknown suspect forced entry into the business during the burglaries, removed merchandise, and placed it in a bag before fleeing the store. On August 26, 2021, Delaware State Police requested the public's assistance identifying the unknown male suspect captured on surveillance footage during a burglary to the Uncle Willies BP Gas Station located at 17581 Coastal Highway, Lewes, on August 19, 2021. Thanks to the community's assistance, Jimmie D. Hayes was identified as the suspect in the surveillance photograph. Troopers determined Hayes was also involved in two additional commercial burglaries in Sussex County within Delaware State Police jurisdiction through the investigation. On September 2, 2021, Delaware State Police located Hayes, and he was taken into custody without incident. He was transported to Delaware State Police Troop 4 and charged with the following crimes:

- Three Counts- Burglary Third Degree- Felony
- Three Counts- Possession of Burglar Tools -Felony
- Three Counts- Conspiracy Second Degree- Felony
- Three Counts- Theft Under \$1,500

- Two Counts- Criminal Mischief Under \$1,000 Damage Property
- Criminal Mischief \$1,000 to \$5,000 Damage Property

Hayes was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on a \$19,000.00 cash bond.

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Dagsboro Man Arrested for 5th Offense DUI- Seaford

Seaford, DE- Delaware State Police arrested **Maurice J. Baker, 56, of Dagsboro**, for 5th Offense DUI and related charges.

On September 2, 2021, at approximately 2:27 a.m., troopers responded to Sussex Highway in the area of Bridgeville Highway for a report of an unconscious subject. Upon arrival to the scene, Maurice Baker was located lying across the driver and front passenger seat of a Ford F250. Through the investigation, troopers learned Baker was operating the F250 when he began to swerve on the roadway. When he stopped the vehicle on the shoulder, he became unconscious. As troopers and EMS were on scene, approximately .014 grams of heroin were located on his person. A criminal investigation ensued, and Baker was found to be Driving Under the Influence of Drugs.

Additionally, a computer inquiry was conducted and revealed Baker had four previous DUI convictions. He was transported to a nearby hospital and medically cleared before being transported to Delaware State Police Troop 5 and charged with 5th Offense DUI of Any Drug (Felony), Consumption of a Controlled Substance, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Baker was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #3 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on a \$6,200.00 secured bond.

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Delaware State Police and Office of Highway Safety Join Efforts to Slow Travelers and Make Delaware Roadways Safer

Delaware State Police is conducting a statewide initiative to slow travelers and make Delaware roadways safer. Over the past year, Delaware State Police have seen an increase in vehicles speeding on Delaware roadways. Additionally, troopers have received several concerns from the community and elected officials regarding speeding. Many of Delaware's fatal and serious personal injury crashes have involved speeding, along with intoxication (both alcohol and drug-related) and distracted driving.

As a result, the Delaware State Police is actively working to reduce speeding that is taking place on Delaware roadways, to include specific problem areas in and around Newark and Route 1. With the help of the Delaware Office of Highway Safety, this ongoing effort has provided additional resources by deploying more law enforcement officers to combat this deadly issue. This initiative aims not only to

increase enforcement of the posted speed limits, but also to educate the public on the dangers of speeding and the importance of speed enforcement.

Troopers want to remind the citizens and visitors of Delaware to obey the posted speed limits to help you arrive at your destination safely.

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***Update- Victim Identified* Delaware State Police Investigate Fatal Single Vehicle Crash- Millsboro**

Millsboro, DE- Delaware State Police have identified the individual that died in a fatal motor vehicle collision late


Tuesday night as **Jesse Verdugo-Navarro, 16, of Millsboro.**

On August 31, 2021, at approximately 11:55 p.m., a 2005 Infiniti G35 sedan was traveling southbound on DuPont Boulevard (US 113), north of Delaware Avenue. For an unknown reason, the 16-year-old male operator from Millsboro lost control of the vehicle and exited the roadway while spinning clockwise. It continued traveling southbound before striking several fence posts on the Atlantis Homes property. While still traveling sideways, the left side of the Infiniti hit a curb and began to overturn before going airborne and striking the steel Atlantis Homes signpost with the left rear side before coming to rest.

Verdugo-Navarro was the front-seat passenger and was not properly restrained. He was pronounced deceased at the scene.

A 17-year-old male rear seat passenger from Milford was not properly restrained and transported to an area hospital and admitted with non-life-threatening injuries.

The 16-year-old male operator was properly restrained and transported to an area hospital with minor injuries and released.

The collision remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information regarding the collision is asked to contact Master Corporal Kenny Argo by calling 302-703-3264 . 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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