UPDATE- Victim Identified Delaware State Police Conducting Homicide Investigation- Clayton

Clayton, DE- Delaware State Police have identified the individual who was located deceased at a residence in Clayton town limits on August 20, 2021, as **Richard L. George Jr., 65, of Clayton, DE.**

This case continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit. Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact Detective Daniel Grassi with the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit by calling 302-365-8441 or emailing Daniel.grassi@delaware.gov . Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333or via the internet at http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com .

Delaware State Police Conducting Homicide Investigation – Clayton

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Troopers Offer Safety Tips for a Safe School Year

The Delaware State Police would like to offer safety guidelines for a great beginning to this new and exciting school year. With some schools already in session and some that will start next week; it is important to know thousands of Delaware's precious children will ride a school bus every day. Some of our youngsters will be introduced to school bus transportation for the first time. Knowing this, everyone should consistently make safety a high priority for our children walking to and from the school bus stop. Motorists must share the road with buses during the school year and must take into account any possible delays and exercise good judgment and patience throughout the school year. Do not pass stopped school buses!

Delaware’s over 1,800 school buses travel great distances throughout the school year. It is most important to understand the dangers for children and their families. There are some easy steps children, parents and motorists can do to make this a safe school year for Delaware students.

PARENTS

- If your child’s bus stop is not near your home, walk the route to the bus stop with your child until they are familiar with it and follow safe practices.
- Familiarize yourself with the bus driver.
- Make sure you have the Transportation Director’s contact information just in case you have any questions or encounter a problem.

CHILDREN

- Start your day with plenty of time to get to the bus stop.
- Stay alert as you walk to the bus stop. Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Know your bus driver and bus number.
- Wait for the bus in a safe place. Avoid horseplay that may cause you to fall into the street.
- Never run to or from the bus.
- When the bus arrives, make sure it comes to a complete stop before approaching it.
- Remain seated at all times while the bus is in motion.
- Don’t push or shove when getting on or off the bus.
- Always keep your arms and head inside the bus.
- Learn about the “danger zone”. There is a 10-foot wide area on all sides of the bus, where the driver cannot see you. When you get off the bus, step outside of the danger zone until you can see the driver’s face.
- Only cross in front of the bus where the driver can see you.
- Never run behind the bus, or bend down to pick up an

object. The bus driver may think you've crossed safely and start to move.
- Do not distract the bus driver so that he/she may get you safely to and from school.
- Listen to the bus driver and bus aid to ensure your safety.
- Make sure to be courteous and respectful to the school bus driver

MOTORISTS

- Please slow down and give yourself some time to make adjustments to the new change in your schedule and traffic patterns.
- Drivers traveling in either direction on a two-lane road must stop when a school bus activates its flashing red lights and stop sign or arm.
- Drivers traveling in the same direction as a school bus on a four-lane, divided road must stop for a stopped school bus. Drivers travelling in the opposite direction are not required to stop.
- Delaware law requires vehicles to stop even when the bus is stopped to load/unload students on private property.
- Anyone convicted of passing a stopped school bus can be fined as much as $230 dollars for the first offense and as much as $575 for the second offense. The individual will also have their license suspended for between 1 and 12 months.
- Please watch for the little ones crossing the roads and parking lots to and from the bus or private vehicles.
- Please watch your speed at all times especially in school zones. The School Resource Officers and other law enforcement officers will monitor the safety of all who are going to and from the schools.
- Title 21 § 4166 Overtaking and Passing School Bus

SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS

- Thank you so much for doing your part to help keep our precious cargo safe and secure! We thank you for your continued professionalism and courtesy while you drive each day with our children.
- The Delaware State Police wants motorists to Be Smart, Be Alert, and Be Safe this School Year!

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Delaware State Police Conducting Death Investigation- Dover

Dover, DE- Delaware State Police are currently conducting a death investigation in the Rodney Village Community. There is no safety concern for the surrounding community. However, an

increased police presence will be observed in the area as this investigation remains active and ongoing.

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Delaware State Police Conduct Burglary Investigation-Milton

Milton, DE– Delaware State Police are currently investigating a burglary to a residence that occurred in the Overbrook Shores community during the early morning hours of August 23, 2021. During the burglary, a female resident was physically assaulted by a male suspect before he fled the residence on foot in an unknown direction of travel.

As a reminder, residents are always encouraged to report any suspicious activity and lock their residences.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is requested to contact Detective Taylor with Delaware State Police Troop 4 Criminal Investigative Unit by calling 302-856-5850. 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 Pedestrian Crash- Wilmington

Wilmington- Delaware State Police have identified the individual who died in a fatal crash on August 22, 2021, as 25-year-old **Cecilia Teresa Escobar Duplan** of New Castle, DE.

This collision remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information should contact Detective Breen by calling 302-365-8486.

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Troopers Seek Public's Assistance Locating Wanted Millsboro Man- Millsboro

Millsboro, DE- Delaware State Police Troop 4 seeks the public's assistance locating **Tyler Burrows, 25, of Millsboro.**

Burrows is wanted by troopers on felony criminal charges for two incidents that occurred in August 2020 in the Millsboro area. During the first incident, Burrows was in possession of a firearm during a neighborhood dispute. When troopers attempted to contact Burrows during a traffic stop, he fled from the vehicle and was unable to be located. Later that same night, Burrows stole a motorcycle. As a result of the two incidents, Burrows is wanted for the following crimes:

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon by a Person Prohibited (Felony)
- Resisting Arrest
- Theft of a Motor Vehicle (Felony)
- Theft Under $1,500

He is also wanted on a capias out of Sussex County Family Court.

Burrows is believed to be in the area of Millsboro. Anyone with information regarding Tyler Burrows' whereabouts should contact Detective Alan Bluto with Delaware State Police Troop 4 Criminal Investigative Unit 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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Delaware State Police Seek Public's Assistance Identifying Commercial Burglary Suspect- Dover







Dover, DE- Delaware State Police seek the public's assistance identifying a subject wanted in connection to a commercial burglary.

On August 14, 2021, at approximately 4:30 a.m., the suspect parked in the rear parking lot of DOTs Discount Cigarettes in the Woodside Shopping Center located at 5506 S. DuPont Highway, Dover. The suspect approached the business and removed the back door before pulling the vehicle behind the store and removing approximately $3,500.00 worth of various cigarette cartons from inside. The suspect then fled in the vehicle toward South DuPont Highway.

The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 6′ tall, and muscular build. He was wearing dark pants, a grey t-shirt, black sneakers with white trim around the bottom, and a grey colored hat.

The vehicle is described as a white Ford Transit Connect Van with what appears to be a ladder rack on the roof.

Anyone with information regarding this case should contact Detective Sydney Nash with Delaware State Police Troop 3 Criminal Investigative Unit by calling 302-698-8444. 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 on Felony Charges After Altercation- Millsboro

Millsboro, DE- Delaware State Police arrested **Jacob D. Burke, 53, of Millsboro,** on felony DUI and criminal charges following an incident Sunday evening.

On August 22, 2021, at approximately 6:27 p.m., troopers were dispatched to the McDonalds located at 25910 Plaza Drive, Millsboro, for a report of a disorderly person. The investigation determined Jacob D. Burke was acting disorderly in the drive-thru lane of Mcdonald's when he was contacted by a male and female patron about his behavior. As the individuals returned to their vehicle, Burke exited his vehicle carrying a large fixed blade knife and approached them as they sat in their vehicle. The male exited the car and tried speaking with Burke while telling him to drop the knife. Burke eventually dropped the knife and then struck the male in the arm but did not cause any injury. He then retrieved the knife from the ground, returned to his vehicle, and fled the area. A trooper responding to the scene observed Burke traveling eastbound on John J. Williams Highway (SR 24) in the area of Angola Road and initiated a car stop on his vehicle. Burke turned right into the Lighthouse Baptist Church parking lot located at 21265 John J. Williams Highway and immediately exited his vehicle. The trooper observed a pocket knife in Burke's pocket and gave multiple commands to Burke, but he failed to comply. Burke eventually threw the pocket knife in his possession and was taken into custody after a brief struggle with the trooper. A strong odor of alcohol was detected emitting from Burke, and a DUI investigation ensued.

Located in Burke's vehicle was a fixed blade knife with a six-inch blade, and the pocket knife he threw was located by troopers. A computer inquiry was conducted and determined Burke had three previous DUI convictions.

Burke was transported to Delaware State Police Troop 7, and charged with the following crimes:

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- 4th Offense Driving Under the Influence (Felony)
- Aggravated Menacing (Felony)
- Resisting Arrest
- Driving While Suspended
- Offensive Touching
- Disorderly Conduct

Burke was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #3 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on a $41,150.00 cash bond.

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Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash- Wilmington

Wilmington- Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal pedestrian crash that occurred this morning on southbound I-95 south of the Brandywine River Bridge.

On August 22, 2021, at approximately 4:13 a.m., a black 2016 Jeep Grand Cherokee was traveling southbound on Interstate 95 through a construction zone and struck a crash attenuator positioned in the gore area between the single southbound lane of travel and the exit ramp for Delaware Avenue. The Jeep subsequently rotated clockwise and came to rest perpendicular to the roadway, completely blocking the single southbound lane of travel. After this collision, a 25-year-old female who was traveling southbound I-95, stopped her vehicle on the left shoulder of the off-ramp to Delaware Avenue. The female exited her vehicle and walked into the single southbound lane of travel to offer assistance to the operator of the Jeep Grand Cherokee.

During that time, a 2016 GMC Sierra pickup truck was approaching the collision scene. The 72-year-old operator was

unable to perceive the collision ahead due to lighting and weather conditions. The front of the GMC struck the pedestrian within the southbound lane of travel and then struck the passenger side of the Jeep Cherokee. Both vehicles traveled south together a short distance and eventually came to rest within the single southbound lane of travel, again completely blocking the travel lane.

The 37-year-old operator of the Jeep was transported to Wilmington Hospital where he was treated and later released for minor injuries.

The 25-year-old pedestrian was transported by ambulance to Christiana Hospital where she was pronounced deceased. The identification of the victim is pending notification to the next of kin.

Impairment is not a factor with any operator in this collision.

Interstate 95 southbound was closed at its junction with US Route 202 for approximately 5 hours while the two collisions were investigated and cleared.

The investigation remains on-going. Anyone with information regarding this collision should contact Detective Breen with the Delaware State Police 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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Delaware State Police Investigating Robbery of Gas Station- Newark

Newark – The Delaware State Police are investigating the robbery of a Newark area gas station that occurred this morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 12:48 a.m., Sunday, August 22, 2021, at the Shell gas station, located at 1148 Christiana Road, Newark, when troopers responded to a knife point robbery. Investigation determined a male suspect entered the store and confronted a male employee behind the sales counter. The suspect displayed a knife and demanded money from

the register. The employee complied and the suspect fled the store with an undisclosed amount of cash. Upon the suspect running into the parking lot, a good Samaritan who witnessed the incident held the suspect at gunpoint which caused him to drop some of the proceeds. The suspect was then able to return to his vehicle and fled the scene in a blue sedan. The employee was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a white male approximately 5'8"-5'10" tall, 220 lbs., wearing a light-colored shirt, khaki shorts, a black baseball hat.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective Harris of the Troop 2 Robbery Unit by calling 302-365-8410. 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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