

Troopers Arrest Maryland Man for Robberies- Rehoboth Beach

Rehoboth Beach, DE- Delaware State Police arrested **Quintaze L. Gross**, 39, of Centreville, MD, for robbery and related charges following an incident late Thursday night in Rehoboth Beach.

On June 24, 2021, at approximately 11:31 p.m., a 59-year-old male victim from Rehoboth Beach was at the Merrill Lynch Wealth Management Office ATM machine, located at 18949 Coastal Highway, Rehoboth Beach. While preparing his transaction at the ATM machine, Quintaze L. Gross, walked up behind him, put him in a choke hold, and advised the victim he wanted money and threatened to shoot him. The victim was able to get out of the choke hold after struggling with Gross for a short period of time. Gross allowed the victim to respond back to the ATM and finish his transaction and recover his bank card. Gross continued to threaten and demand money from the victim. When the victim showed Gross he did not have any money, he was able to make his way to his vehicle and sit in the driver's seat. Gross removed the change holder from the victim's vehicle before spilling it all over the floorboard. He then grabbed the victim's two cellphone and keys from the ignition and attempted to flee. The victim grabbed Gross' shirt as he began to run from the scene but he was unable to restrain him. A witness passing by saw the incident and chased Gross. He was able to recover the victim's cellphones and keys.

Troopers apprehended Gross around 11:48 p.m. as he was walking southbound on Coastal Highway, Rehoboth Beach. He was transported to Troop 4 where further investigation by detectives revealed he was also involved in another robbery that occurred on June 16, 2021. It is alleged that Quintaze Gross entered the Anchorage Inn located at 18809 Coastal Highway, Rehoboth Beach, around 9:34 p.m. that evening and requested change from the male front desk clerk. Gross watched

as the clerk obtained the money from a different area in the motel. When the clerk returned, Gross asked for a different variation of money. As the clerk went to obtain the money, Gross followed and shoved the clerk to the ground before grabbing a bank bag. A physical altercation ensued between the clerk and Gross before he fled with an undisclosed amount of money. The clerk did not require medical attention.

Quintaze Gross was charged with the following:

- Robbery First Degree (Felony)
- Robbery Second Degree (Felony)
- Theft Under \$1,500
- Resisting Arrest
- Offensive Touching
- Menacing

Gross was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #3 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on a \$27,200.00 secured bond.

[Troopers Investigating a Rehoboth Beach Motel Robbery- Rehoboth Beach](#)

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Homeless Sex Offender Notification

Dover— 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>.

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State Police Investigating Shooting in Fenwick Island

Fenwick Island – At the request of the Fenwick Island Police Department, the Delaware State Police Criminal Investigations Unit is investigating an early morning shooting in the town limits.

The incident occurred around 2:43 a.m. Friday June 25, 2021 when a 9-1-1 call was placed to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Sussex County reporting some suspicious activity outside the residence in the unit block of West Atlantic Street. A Fenwick Island Police Officer responded to the house and observed a Jeep Wrangler on fire. The officer and victims were able to extinguish the fire before noticing some bullet holes in siding of the house and a front window shattered. Located in the roadway in front of the home were at least six shell casings that are alleged to have been fired from a handgun.

Further investigation into the incident revealed four females were outside Seacrets in Ocean City waiting on an Uber when they were approached by two males. A conversation ensued and the two males offered to drive the females home. They agreed, but along the way, the females began to feel uncomfortable and asked to get let out of the vehicle prior to their home. A discussion about paying for the ride ensued and one of the

victim's paid the driver \$35.00. The four females then went to an undisclosed location prior to going to their house for fear they might have been followed. After feeling it was safe to go into their house, they heard someone talking outside and saw the male passenger from the vehicle walking up to the front door. Soon after, they heard some type of banging on the side of the house and thought the subjects were hitting the house with an unknown object. It was later determined to be gunshots and none of the victims were injured.

The subjects fled the area prior to the Fenwick Island Police Officer's arrival and he was able to provide a description of the suspect's black Toyota Tundra to the EOC and Ocean City Police Department (OCPD).

OCPD located the vehicle and the two occupants and were able to take them into custody without incident. Please contact OCPD for information on any charges the two subjects were arrested on as well as photos.

Delaware State Police have obtained warrants on **Andre J. Blakeney**, 33 of Waldorf, MD and **Finis A. Miles**, 27 of Clinton, MD for the following charges:

- 4 counts of Reckless Endangering 1st
- Criminal Mischief over \$5,000
- Conspiracy 2nd
- Criminal Trespass 3rd

The Delaware State Fire Marshal's Office has also obtained warrants for Blakeney and Miles for Arson 2nd and Conspiracy 2nd.

Both Blakeney and Miles will be arrested on their charges in Delaware upon extradition from Maryland at a later date.

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Georgetown Man Arrested by Troopers on Weapon Charges Following Pursuit- Georgetown

Georgetown, DE- Delaware State Police arrested **Victor E. Cruz, 23, of Georgetown**, on felony weapon and traffic charges following a pursuit Thursday night.

On June 24, 2021, at approximately 11:34 p.m., a trooper traveling eastbound on Hardscrabble Road west of Shortly Road observed a Volkswagen Jetta approach from behind at a high rate of speed with its hi-beam headlights on. The trooper pulled the fully marked patrol car to the eastbound shoulder, and the vehicle drove past. The trooper activated the emergency equipment and attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the Jetta. The vehicle failed to stop and continued traveling until turning on Rodney Street in Homestead Mobile Home Park.

Once the Jetta came to a dead-end cul-de-sac on Rodney Street, the driver turned the car into the marked patrol vehicle, striking the front right corner. It then pulled away and drove through the yard of a residence, narrowly missing the corner of a mobile home and trash can. Once back on Rodney Street, it stopped in front of a residence in the 20000 block. The driver was taken into custody, and a strong odor of alcoholic beverages was detected. A criminal investigation ensued, and located on his person was a Randall's Adventure and Training ESEE-5 Knife with a 5.25" blade. The driver of the vehicle was later identified as Victor E. Cruz. Cruz was transported to Delaware State Police Troop 5, where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon (Felony)
- Disregarding a Police Officers Signal (Felony)
- Driving Under the Influence
- Two Counts- Failure to Signal
- Driving at an Unreasonable Speed
- Two Counts- Improper Lane Change
- Must Drive in Proper Lane and Direction
- Light Visibility 350 ft. or Greater

Cruz was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #3 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on a \$26,007.00 secured bond.

The trooper was uninjured during the collision.

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Harrington Man Arrested on Felony Charges Following Traffic Stop- Dover

Dover, DE— Delaware State Police arrested **Bradley J. Hughes**, 21, of Harrington on felony charges following a traffic stop Thursday afternoon in Dover.

On June 24, 2021, at approximately 2:31 p.m., a trooper on patrol in the area of DuPont Highway, north of Walnut Shade Road, observed a gray Ford Fiesta traveling at a high rate of speed. A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle. Upon contact with the unlicensed 16-year-old male driver from Harrington, 16-year-old backseat passenger from Greenwood, and owner of the vehicle/front seat passenger, Bradley Hughes, a strong odor of marijuana was detected. A criminal investigation ensued, and the occupants were removed from the vehicle. Located in the Fiesta was a fully loaded Taurus 9mm handgun and approximately 19.89 grams of marijuana. A computer search determined Hughes was in violation of a Sussex County Superior Court No Contact Order with firearms from a previous

case.

Hughes was taken into custody without incident and transported to Troop 3, where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon by a Person Prohibited (Felony)
- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon (Felony)
- Noncompliance with Condition of Bond (Felony)
- Possession of Marijuana
- Operation of Vehicle by Unlicensed Minor

He was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #2 and released on a \$17,002.00 unsecured bond.

The 16-year-old driver was issued a traffic citation for Driving Without a Valid License and Speeding and released.

The 16-year-old backseat passenger was charged with Possession of Marijuana. He was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #2 and released on his own recognizance.

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Milton Man Wanted for Felony Assault- Delmar

Delmar, DE- Delaware State Police seek the public's assistance locating Treyvell Toppin, 22, of Milton. Toppin is wanted on felony charges following an altercation last Wednesday.

On June 16, 2021, at approximately 5:00 p.m., Treyvell Toppin and the 61-year-old male victim engaged in a verbal argument at Bayly's Garage located at 36671 Sussex Highway, Delmar. The argument escalated, and Toppin struck the victim in the head with a metal bludgeon. The victim was transported to Baltimore Shock Trauma with serious injuries. Attempts to locate Toppin have been unsuccessful, and troopers seek the public's assistance with locating him.

Toppin is wanted on the following criminal charges:

- Assault First Degree (Felony)
- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)

Anyone with information regarding Toppin's whereabouts should contact Delaware State Police Troop 3 or dial 9-1-1. 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* Bicyclist Involved in Accident Succumbs to Injuries - Lewes**

Lewes, DE- A 19-year-old female that was seriously injured during an accident on June 17, 2021, succumbs to her injuries.

On June 17, 2021, at approximately 5:38 p.m., a 2006 Ford F-250 pickup truck towing a dual axle dump trailer, operated

by a Georgetown, DE man, was traveling westbound on Shady Road approaching the intersection of Plantations Road with a green light. **Madison Cunningham, 19, of Douglasville, PA**, was riding her bicycle westbound on Shady Road in the designated bike lane. As the pickup truck started to proceed through the intersection, the bicyclist failed to see the pickup truck and trailer before turning left and impacting the right side of the trailer within the middle of the intersection. As a result of the impact, Cunningham was knocked to the ground. She was flown to an area hospital where she was admitted in critical condition. On Friday, June 18, 2021, Cunningham died from her injuries.

The Delaware State Police Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit continue to investigate this accident. Anyone with information should contact Cpl/3 K. Argo by calling 302-644-5020.

[Bicyclist Critically Injured in Accident- Lewes](#)

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Update- Victim Identified **Delaware State Police** **Investigate Fatal Crash-** **Milford**

Milford, DE- Delaware State Police have identified the individual who died in a fatal crash on Milford Harrington Highway on June 19, 2021, as **Elijah Brown, 19, of Harrington, DE**. This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information regarding the collision should contact Cpl/3 W. Booth by calling 302-697-4454.

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Delaware State Police Investigate Fatal Crash- Milford

Milford, DE— Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal crash that occurred Saturday night on Milford-Harrington Highway (SR 1).

On June 19, 2021, at approximately 9:40 p.m., a Toyota Camry driven by a 17-year-old female from Greenwood was traveling westbound from Milford toward Harrington on Milford Harrington Highway. A 2017 Freightliner Truck Tractor driven by a 31-year-old male from Georgetown was traveling eastbound from Harrington toward Milford on Milford Harrington Highway. The

driver of the Camry attempted to pass a vehicle in a no-passing zone. In doing so, the Camry entered the eastbound travel lane, directly in the path of the Freightliner. The driver of the Camry attempted to move the vehicle onto the eastbound shoulder but was unable to avoid colliding with the Freightliner. As a result, the right front of the Camry collided with the right front of the Freightliner. The force of the impact caused the truck to overturn, and it came to rest on its left side, in the middle of the two travel lanes. After impact, the Camry was redirected south and came to rest in a private yard south of the roadway.

The driver of the Camry sustained serious injuries and was transported by helicopter to an area hospital.

The 19-year-old male from Harrington was the front seat passenger in the Camry and was pronounced deceased at the scene. Identification is pending notification to next of kin.

The driver of the Freightliner sustained minor injuries and was transported to an area hospital.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information should contact Cpl/3 W. Booth by calling 302-697-4454.

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Troopers Investigating Blades Homicide- Blades

Blades, DE- Delaware State Police Homicide Unit is conducting a homicide investigation in Blades.

On June 19, 2021, at approximately 10:49 p.m., Delaware State Police were dispatched to a shots fired complaint in the area of E. 4th Street, Blades. During the investigation, troopers discovered a 20-year-old male lying on the side of the roadway with an apparent gunshot wound. He was transported to an area hospital, where he was pronounced deceased. Identification is pending notification to next of kin.

This case remains an active and ongoing investigation being conducted by the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit. Anyone with information should contact Detective M. Ryde by calling 302-741-2730. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet

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