# Delaware State Police Seeking Public's Assistance Solving Two Year Old Homicide of Susan Ledyard with $50,000 Reward Offered- Wilmington

***Wilmington, DE*** – Delaware State Police Homicide Unit continues investigating the 2019 murder of **Susan Ledyard, 50, of Wilmington**.

On July 23, 2019,  at 7:39 am, the body of a white female was recovered from the Brandywine River in the area of Northeast Boulevard in the City of Wilmington. The victim had visible injuries to her body. The victim was turned over to the Division of Forensic Science for a post mortem examination. The cause of death was determined to be Blunt Force Trauma and Drowning. The manner of death was ruled a Homicide. Susan was 5′ 04″, 130 pounds, with shoulder-length brown hair. She was wearing a purple tank top at the time of her death.

On the same date at 8:54 am, Susan's black 2016 Honda Civic was located parked adjacent to the Rising Sun Lane Bridge over the Brandywine River, approximately three miles upriver from the location where Susan was recovered. Based on the timeline and the course of the river, it is not believed Susan entered the Brandywine where the vehicle was parked.

Using video surveillance footage located in the area and her cell phone records, detectives could create a partial timeline of her activities.

Susan was active on her cell phone throughout the night, texting and calling friends until 2:45 am. At 3:02 am, Susan's car pulls out of her driveway, and approximately two minutes

later, it is parked on Walkers Mill Road. Based on the time elapsed, detectives believe the Honda drove directly from the house to the location where it was found.

Through the examination of data from a Fitbit worn by Susan, detectives could confirm Susan was alive until approximately 7:00 am. However, her whereabouts between 3:00 and 7:00 am are unknown. Detectives also do not know what caused her to leave her residence.

The Homicide Unit has received assistance in this investigation from outside law enforcement agencies and civilian experts. Detectives continue to seek information from the public regarding Susan's murder and her activities in the hours before her death.

The Morrissey family, Susan's parents, and siblings have greatly assisted in this investigation. Partnering with Crimestoppers, the Morrissey family is offering a ***$50,000 reward*** for information leading to an arrest.

**Anyone with information regarding this case should contact Detective Daniel Grassi of the Homicide Unit at 302 365-8441 or daniel.grassi@delaware.gov.** Information may also be provided by calling Delaware CrimeStoppers at 1-800-TIP-333 or via the internet at www.delawarecrimestoppersweb.com.

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# Troopers Investigating Home Invasion- Harrington

***Harrington, DE***– Delaware State Police are investigating a home invasion that occurred Tuesday afternoon in the 6100 block of Milford Harrington Highway.

On July 20, 2021, at approximately 12:54 p.m., the 84-year-old male victim was sitting in his living room when he heard a knock on his front door. He opened the door slightly, and when doing so, the male suspect forced his foot into the opening to prevent the victim from closing the door. The suspect asked the victim a question and as he was answering, the suspect forced the door open,  shoved him to the floor then kicked him before taking his wallet from his pants pocket. The suspect then walked into the kitchen, where he picked up a bag of coins before fleeing out the front door of the residence. The

victim sustained minor injuries and was treated at the scene by Emergency Medical Services.

The suspect is described as a white male, approximately 6′ tall, thin build, facial hair with black and white hair.

This case remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 3 Criminal Investigation Unit. Anyone with information should contact Detective Grant Nash 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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Master Corporal Gary Fournier, Public Information Officer

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# Delaware State Police Investigating Shots Fired Incident – Bridgeville

**Bridgeville**– Delaware State Police are investigating a shots fired incident, which took place at a residence Saturday night.

On Sunday, June 18, 2021 at approximately 2:34 p.m., troopers responded to a residence located on the 8000 block of Cannon Road, Bridgeville, DE, for a report of shots fired. The investigation determined the residence was struck by a single

bullet in a second story window at an unknown time Saturday night into Sunday morning. There was no one home at the time of the shooting, and no injuries were reported. Upon returning home, the home owner observed damage to his residence, and discovered a bullet located inside of a storage room.

Troopers canvassed the area, and discovered one spent shell casing on the shoulder of Cannon Road, north of the residence.

There are no surveillance images available at this time, and currently no description of the suspect.

The investigation is in its early stages, anyone with information regarding this incident should contact Corporal Fezza with Delaware State Police Troop 5 by calling 302-337-1090. 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 Investigating Shooting Incident- Dover

***Dover, DE***– Delaware State Police are investigating a shooting that occurred early Monday morning at the Crystal Loft Hukkah Lounge.

On July 19, 2021, at approximately 1:20 a.m., Delaware State Police were dispatched to the Crystal Loft Hukkah Lounge located at 1156 S. Bay Road, Dover. Responding troopers located two individuals and four vehicles struck by gunfire. The investigation determined after a large party at the Crystal Loft Hukkah Lounge, an unknown number of suspects shot over 50 rounds in the business parking lot and the parking lot of Tony's Auto just south of the Hukkah Lounge. During the shooting, a 28-year-old Dover female and 27-year-old Dover male were struck while fleeing the scene in vehicles. The victims responded to Bayhealth Hospital, Kent Campus, by private vehicles, were treated for minor injuries, and released.

This incident remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 3 Criminal Investigation Unit. There is currently no suspect information available. Anyone with information should contact Detective Jason Sydnor by calling 302-694-4454.

Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at

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# *Traffic Advisory* Delaware State Police Investigating

# Serious Crash- Newark

***Newark*** – Delaware State Police are on the scene of a serious motor vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 1:58 p.m., Sunday, July 18, 2021, on Route 7 in the area of Ogletown Stanton Road.

As a result of the crash, all lanes of northbound Route 7 at Stanton Christiana Road (Route 4) are closed. Motorists are advised to avoid the area and seek alternate routes of travel. The road closure is anticipated to be lengthy, with no estimated time for a re-opening.

For updated road closure information and traffic conditions log on to:

http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel_advisory/index.shtml#advisories

The investigation is in the early stages with further details being released as they become available.

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# Delaware State Police Arrest Magnolia Woman for DUI After Crash Involving a State

# Police Vehicle- Rehoboth Beach

***Rehoboth Beach-*** The Delaware State Police arrested 44-year-old **Angela Robinson** of Magnolia, DE**,** for vehicular assault and DUI after she was involved in a crash with a state police vehicle.

The incident occurred on Sunday, July 18, 2021, at approximately 3:10 a.m., when a 2019 fully marked Delaware State Police Chevrolet Tahoe operated by an 11-year veteran trooper, was traveling northbound Coastal Highway (SR 1) in the left lane, just north of Conquest Road. A 2017 Lexus ES350 operated by Angela Robinson was also traveling northbound in the left northbound lane of Coastal Highway (SR 1), south of the trooper's location. The Lexus was traveling at a high rate of speed and struck the rear of the state police Tahoe. After impact, the Lexus exited the roadway, and slid through the grass center median, rotated counterclockwise approximately 90 degrees, and came to a rest in the median. As a result of the impact, the state police Tahoe was violently pushed forward until coming to rest in the northbound shoulder of Coastal Highway (SR 1). The 11-year veteran trooper and Robinson were the sole occupants in their respective vehicles. The trooper was transported to Beebe Medical Center for non-life threating injuries.

Robinson was not injured as a result of the collision. During the investigation, it was suspected that Robinson was operating her vehicle under the influence.  Subsequently a DUI investigation ensued.

Robinson was transported to Troop 7 where she was charged with the following crimes:

- Vehicular Assault 2nd Degree
- Driving a Vehicle under the Influence of Alcohol

- Driving Vehicle at Unreasonable or Imprudent Speed
- Fail to Have Insurance Identification in Possession

Robinson was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #3 and committed to to the Delores J. Baylor Women's Correctional Institution on $3,300 cash bond

The northbound lanes of Coastal Highway (SR 1) were closed for approximately 3 hours while the collision was being investigated, and the roadway was cleared.

Anyone with information regarding this collision should contact Corporal/3 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 Gas Station Carjacking – Claymont

***Claymont***– Delaware State Police are investigating a carjacking that took place at the gas pumps of the Sunoco on Saturday morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 4:00 a.m., July 17, 2021, at the gas pumps to Sunoco, located at 3615 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont. The 27-year-old male victim pulled up to the gas pumps and exited his silver 2014 Hyundai Elantra. The victim was approached by two suspects both displaying handguns towards the victim. The suspects entered the victim's vehicle and fled the scene northbound on Philadelphia Pike. The victim was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspects were described as two black males approximately 16-20 years old, wearing all dark clothing and black masks.

There are currently no surveillance images available. The stolen vehicle has not been recovered at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Trooper Bordley of Troop 1 by calling 302-761-6677. 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 Delaware State Police would like to warn the public about a recent increase in thefts of vehicles in the New Castle County area. The Delaware State Police, Troop 2 Criminal Investigative Unit, has recently seen an increase of vehicle thefts occurring in the Delaware State Police jurisdiction. A majority of the thefts have been occurring at gas stations in which a vehicle was left unattended, idling, or unlocked with the keys left in the vehicle. In many cases, 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. Once they see a car is left unattended, all they have to do is walk up and drive away. The thefts of vehicles can be prevented. Please make sure when you exit your vehicle, your doors are locked, you remove your keys, and you park in a conspicuous location.

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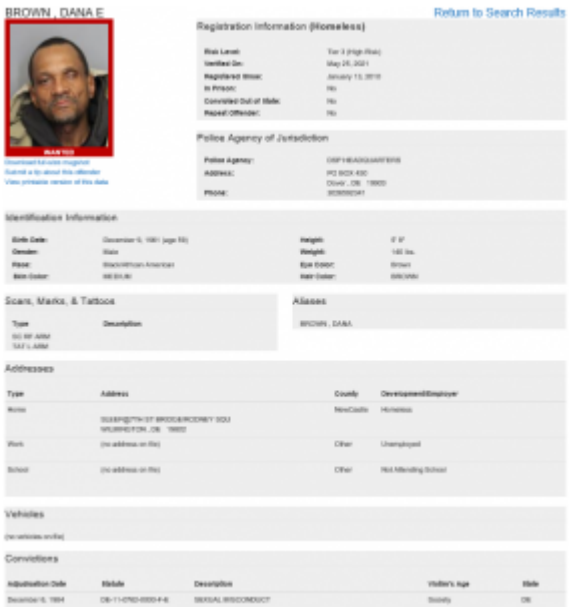
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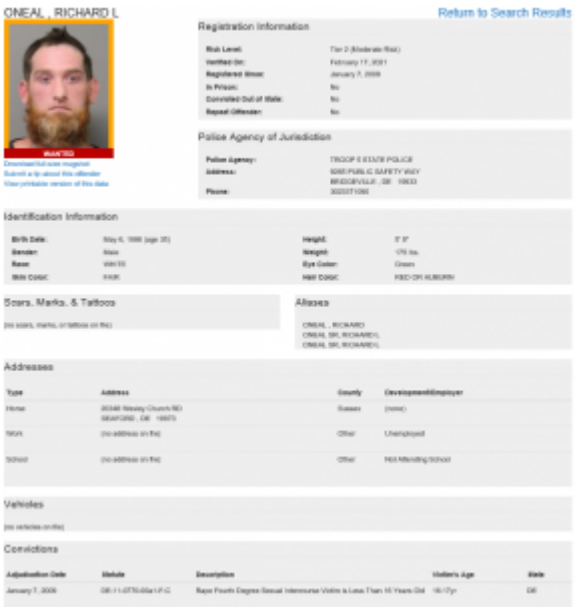
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# Delaware State Police S.O.A.R. Searching for Wanted Sex Offender

***Dover –*** Delaware State Police Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration Unit (S.O.A.R) is currently looking for the following wanted sex offender after he either failed to register or re-register their current address. If anyone knows the location of this subject, they are asked to call 302-672-5306. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the [http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com/](http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com/).






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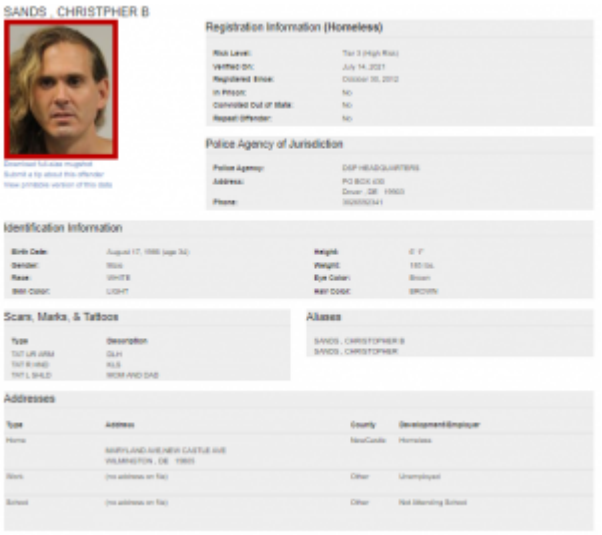
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# Homeless Sex Offender Notification

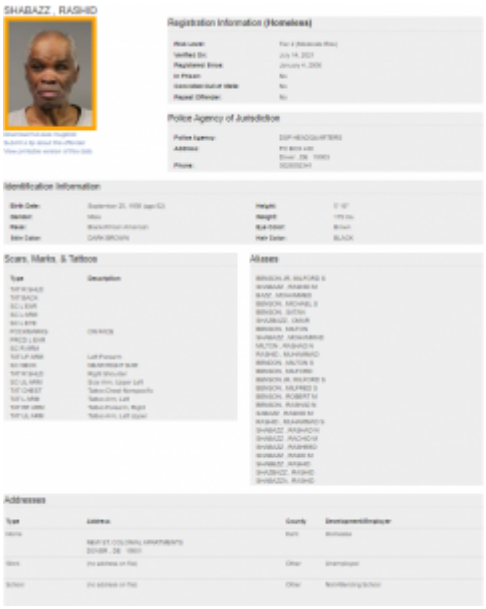
**Dover**– The following subjects are not wanted. This is a Homeless Sex Offender Public Notification. If you have information that the listed subjects are occupying a

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