Delaware State Police Investigating Robbery of Cafe– Wilmington

Wilmington- Delaware State Police are investigating a robbery that occurred at a cafe located in Wilmington, DE, on Wednesday night.

The incident occurred on July 14, 2021, at approximately 5:00 p.m., when troopers were dispatched to The Honey Baked Ham Company located at 4764 Limestone Road, Wilmington, for a report of a robbery. Upon arrival, it was determined that a male suspect approached a female employee who was in the business alone. The suspect displayed a firearm and demanded money from the cash register, as well as the safe. After obtaining an undisclosed amount of cash from the register, the suspect forced the victim to the rear office and obtained additional cash from the safe.

After obtaining an undisclosed amount of cash from the register and safe, the suspect removed the employee's car keys, and other personal belongings. The suspect then fled out the rear exit door and drove off in the victim's vehicle, which was also parked in the rear of the business.

The employee was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a black male approximately 6'5" tall, approximately 250lbs., and wearing all dark clothing.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective Kirchenbauer of the Troop 2 Criminal Investigative Unit at 302-365-8428. 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 Seek Public's Assistance Identifying Robbery Suspect- Newark





Newark- Delaware State Police is seeking the public's assistance with identifying the pictured suspect who is wanted in connection to a robbery that occurred at a drug store the end of May.

On May 23, 2021 at approximately 12:40 p.m., troopers responded to the Walgreen's located at 2719 Pulaski Highway, Newark, DE, 19702 for a robbery. The initial investigation determined the suspect entered the business and approached an employee at the sales counter. The suspect verbally demanded money from the register. The employee complied and provided an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect then fled the scene on foot toward Pulaski Highway.

No one was injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a light to medium skinned black male, approximately 20-30 years old, with a receding hairline, wearing an orange gaiter-style mask, black t-shirt, gray jogger pants, and black Nikes with white accents.

Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact Det. Harris with Delaware State Police Troop 2 Criminal Investigative 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

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Troopers Investigate Serious

Crash Involving a Moped- Rehoboth Beach

Rehoboth Beach, DE– Delaware State Police are investigating a serious collision involving a moped and vehicle that occurred last night on Coastal Highway in Rehoboth Beach.

On July 12, 2021, at approximately 7:58 p.m., a 2020 Honda Civic operated by a 31-year-old female from Brooklyn, NY, was traveling southbound in the right lane of Coastal Highway (SR 1), just south of Camelot Drive. A 2015 Peace Moped, operated by a 61-year-old Rehoboth Beach man, was traveling southbound in the bus/bike lane of Coastal Highway, a short distance behind the Civic. The Civic made a right turn, intending to turn into the parking lot of Cracker Barrel/Econo Lodge, striking the left side of the moped with the front right side of the Civic. As a result of the impact, the moped operator was ejected and thrown to the asphalt. Immediately after impact, the Civic came to a controlled stop in the southbound bus lane of Coastal Highway. The moped came to rest in the entrance to the Cracker Barrel/Econo Lodge.

The operator of the moped sustained serious injuries and was transported to a nearby hospital in critical condition.

The operator and 23-year-old female passenger in the Civic did not sustain any injuries.

The right lane and bus lane of southbound Coastal Highway was shut down for approximately three hours while the investigation was conducted.

This collision remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact Cpl/3 Kenneth Argo by calling 302-644-5020. 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 Warn Public About

Leaving Cars Unattended While Idling

New Castle County- The Delaware State Police would like to warn the public about leaving their cars unattended while idling.

The Delaware State Police, Troop 2 Property Crimes Unit has recently been handling a rash of vehicle thefts occurring in the New Castle County area. A large majority of the thefts have occurred from gas stations in which a vehicle was left unattended, idling, and unlocked.

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 and once they see a car is left unattended, all they have to do is walk up and drive away.

Delaware law states**; (Title 21, § 4182) Unattended motor vehicle**. No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand unattended without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition, removing the key and effectively setting the brake thereon and, when standing upon any grade, turning the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway. For a first offense, a fine of $25.00 – $75.00 can be imposed.

The suspects in these most recent cases appear to be juvenile males. Anyone with information regarding these incidents is asked to contact the Troop 2 Criminal Investigative Property Crimes Unit at (302) 365-8430. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at http://delaware.crimestoppersweb.com

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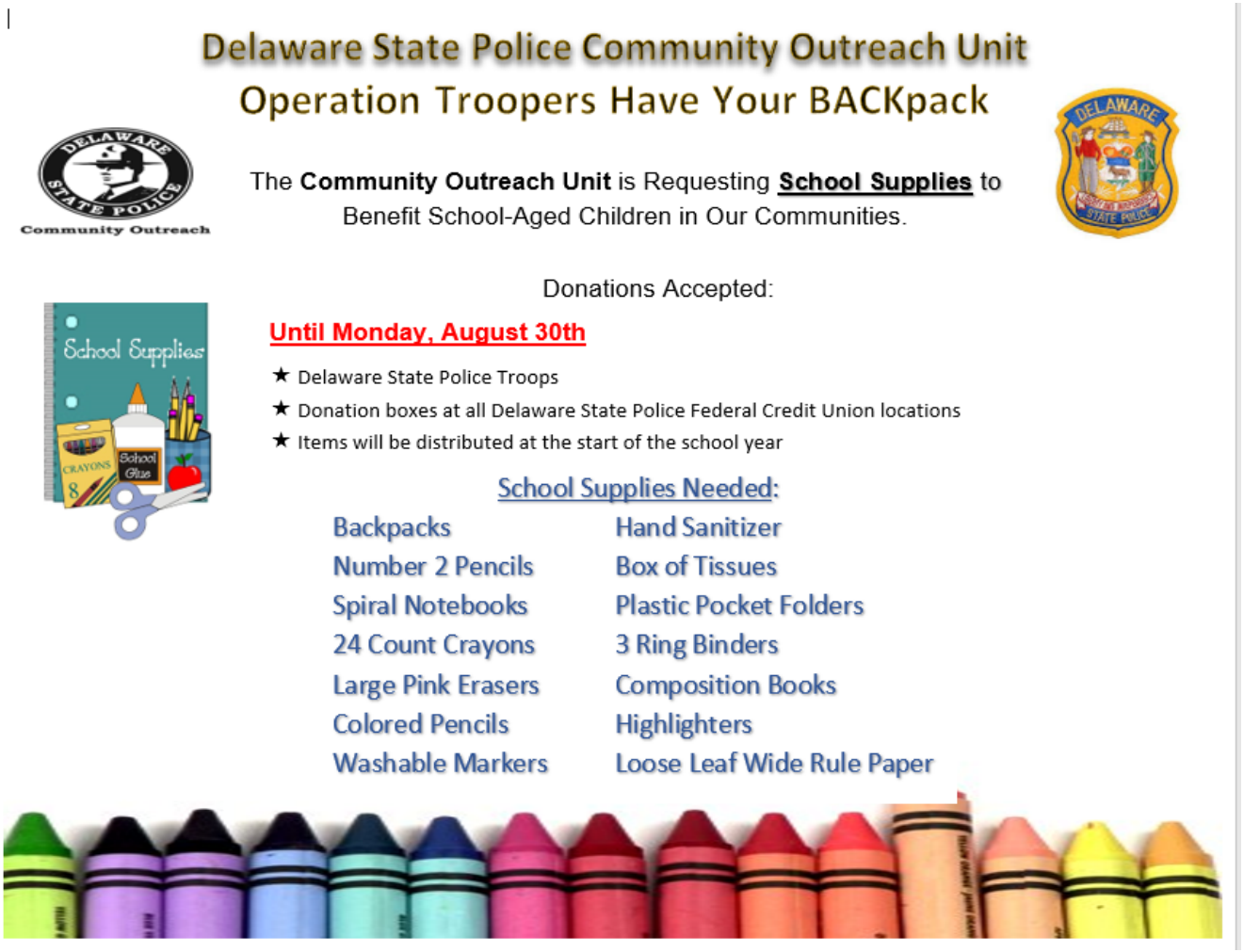
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Delaware State Police Seeking Public's Assistance with Operation Troopers Have Your BACKpack- Delaware



Delaware – The Delaware State Police Community Outreach Unit has established a program to assist elementary school-aged children in need with the necessities for school. Troopers are asking for help with any donations to fill each child's back-pack with school supplies.

Troopers assigned to the Statewide Community Outreach Unit have initiated this program and are working with organizations in their communities to collect and donate school supplies for children in need. Donations can be taken to all Delaware State Police Federal Credit Union locations or any Troop statewide by anyone wishing to help. Each location will have a box in their lobby for supplies to be dropped off. The donations will be collected now until Monday, August 30, 2021. A list of supplies needed for the students are listed below:

Backpacks

No. 2 pencils

Spiral notebooks

Washable Crayola crayons box of 24

Large pink erasers

Pencil cases

Colored pencils

Washable markers

Loose-leaf wide ruled paper

Highlighters

Composition books

3 ring binders

Plastic folders with pockets

Tissue boxes

Hand sanitizer

If you need to contact any of the Troopers in the Community Outreach Unit, their information by region is listed below:

Master Corporal Robert Colmery

Email: Robert.Colmery@Delaware.gov

(New Castle County)

302-365-8466

Master Corporal Alfonso Jones

Email: Alfonso.Jones@delaware.gov

(Kent and Southern New Castle County)

302-698-8520

Master Corporal Rickey Hargis

Email: Rickey.Hargis@Delaware.gov

(Eastern Sussex County)

302-752-3804

Master Corporal Lewis Briggs

Email: Lewis.W.Briggs@delaware.gov

(Western Sussex County)

302-232-3459

Please help the Delaware State Police give to the students who will need the essential supplies and materials for a successful school year. Thank you for your help.

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Update State Troopers Investigating Fatal Motorcycle Crash – Delmar, DE

Delmar, DE – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal motorcycle crash that occurred earlier this afternoon east of Delmar, DE.

The crash occurred around 4:25 p.m., Sunday July 11, 2021, as a 2013 Nissan Frontier pickup truck operated by 70-year-old Delmar, DE man was traveling northbound on Pepperbox Road preparing to turn left onto Elliott's Lane. A 2002 Victory Deluxe touring motorcycle operated by a 46-year-old Bridgeville man was traveling southbound on Pepperbox Road approaching Elliott's Lane. The Nissan pickup truck began to make the left turn directly into the path of the motorcycle. In an attempt to avoid a collision, the motorcyclist applied the brakes and laid the motorcycle down approximately 120' away from the truck. At the same time, the pickup truck stopped in the middle of the roadway and as a result, the motorcycle and the operator slid into the front right side of the truck. The motorcycle careened off the truck and came to a stop off the roadway while the motorcycle operator came to a stop up against the front right tire.

The 46-year-old man, who was wearing a helmet, was pronounced dead at the scene.

The 70-year-old man was properly restrained and was uninjured in the collision.

Pepperbox Road between Line Road and Baker Road was closed for approximately three hours while the crash was investigated and

cleared.

The Delaware State Police Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into the crash. Anyone with information regarding the incident should contact Cpl/1 A. Mitchell by calling 302-644-5020. 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.

Traffic Advisory Delaware State Troopers Investigating Serious Crash East of Delmar, DE

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Traffic Advisory Delaware State Troopers Investigating Serious Crash East of Delmar, DE

Delmar, DE – Delaware State Police are on the scene of a serious motor vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 4:25 p.m., today, July 11, 2021, on Pepperbox Road near Elliotts Lane, east of Delmar, DE.

As a result of the crash, Pepperbox Road between Line Road and Baker Road is 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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State Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash Near Magnolia

Magnolia – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash that occurred last night near Magnolia.

The collision occurred around 8:39 p.m. Saturday July 10, 2021 as a 2005 Chrysler Sebring being operated by a 24-year-old female from Millsboro was traveling southbound on Bay Road (SR1) just south of Trap Shooters Road in the left lane. An unknown passenger vehicle was traveling southbound just in front of the Sebring in the right lane. That passenger vehicle briefly crossed the center line into the left lane before crossing back over into the right travel lane. This action caused the 24-year-old female operator to veer to the left and exit the east side of the roadway before steering back to the right and reentering the left travel lane. The Sebring operator overcorrected to the left and again exited the east side of the roadway where it entered the grass median that separates SR1 northbound and southbound lanes. The Sebring continued in a southeasterly direction as it rotated in a counterclockwise direction and entered the left travel lane of SR1 northbound. The Sebring then struck the front left side of a 2014 BWM SW being operated by a 26-year-old Waldorf, MD man.

After the impact, the Sebring was forced backwards in a westerly direction wear it came to an uncontrolled stop in the grass median. The BMW traveled in a northeasterly direction as it rotated in a counterclockwise direction and exited the east side of the roadway where it overturned onto the roof and came to a stop in the tree line.

The non-contact passenger vehicle continued southbound on Bay Road. No description of the vehicle was given.

During the rollover of the BMW, a 6-year-old female from Waldorf, MD was ejected from the vehicle. She was transported by EMS to Bayhealth Kent General where she was later pronounced dead.

The 24-year-old female operator of the Sebring was properly restrained and was airlifted from the scene by State Police Aviation (Trooper 2) to Christiana Medical Center (CMC) where she was admitted for undetermined injuries.

The 26-year-old male operator of the BMW was properly restrained and was airlifted from the scene by State Police Aviation (Trooper 4) to CMC where he was admitted with undetermined injuries.

There were four other passengers in the BMW (excluding the 6-year-old) all from Waldorf, MD. Two 30-year-old females were taken to Bayhealth Kent General (KGH) and admitted with undetermined injuries. A 12-year-old male was transported to KGH where he was treated and released with non-life-threatening injuries. An 11-month-old female was transported to A.I. duPont where she was admitted with undetermined injuries.

State Route 1 northbound traffic was closed for approximately five hours while the collision was investigated and cleared.

The crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 3 Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact Master Corporal W. Booth by calling 302-698-8451. 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.

Traffic Advisory State Police Investigating Serious Crash-

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Update-Victim Identified Driver Charged in Fatal Crash

Near Odessa

Odessa **–**Delaware State Police have identified the individual who died in the fatal motor vehicle crash on Friday July 9, 2021 on SR1 near Odessa, as 92-year-old **Shantaben Patel** of Camden-Wyoming.

Driver Charged in Fatal Crash Near Odessa

The investigation remains on-going. Anyone with information regarding this collision should contact Detective J. 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-Victim Identified Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Collision- Wilmington

Wilmington-Delaware State Police have identified the individual who died in the fatal motor vehicle crash on Friday July 9, 2021 on Kirkwood Highway, as 22-year-old **Jailene Vega** of Wilmington.

Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Collision- Wilmington

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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