

Delaware State Police Investigating a Shooting Incident- Millsboro

Millsboro, DE- Delaware State Police are investigating a residence shot that occurred early Wednesday morning in the Orchard Manor community.

On June 8, 2021, at approximately 12:27 a.m., troopers responded to a residence on Circle Drive, Millsboro, for a reckless endangering incident. The investigation revealed the 30-year-old male and 29-year-old female residents were inside when an unknown suspect shot the exterior of the residence multiple times. Troopers located multiple casings on the roadway in the area, and two fragments were located on the porch. No one was injured during the incident.

The suspect vehicle is described as a red sedan. No surveillance photographs are available.

This investigation is being conducted by the Delaware State Police Troop 4 Criminal Investigation Unit. Anyone with information should contact Detective H. Lingo by calling 302-752-3798. 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 Motorcycle Crash- Newark

Newark – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is conducting an investigation into a fatal motorcycle crash on Route 896 (South College Avenue) that occurred Sunday morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 10:35 a.m., on Sunday, June 6, 2021, as a 2020 Can-Am Spyder 3-wheel motorcycle, being operated by a 65-year-old male of Wilmington, Delaware,

was traveling northbound on Route 896 in the right lane of two northbound thru lanes of travel, approaching the intersection with GBC drive. The traffic signal for Route 896 northbound at the intersection began cycling from green to yellow. The operator of the Can-Am began to slow down in response to the traffic signal. At this time, a 2002 Mercedes-Benz CLK320 was traveling northbound on Route 896 in the right lane of travel, approaching the intersection with GBC drive. The Mercedes failed to slow down for the motorcycle ahead and struck the rear of Can-Am. The force of the impact pushed the motorcycle into the intersection where it became engulfed in flames.

The 65-year-old male operator of the Can-Am was ejected from the motorcycle. He was transported to Christiana Hospital and admitted for life threatening injuries. He was later pronounced deceased on Wednesday, June 9, 2021. Identification is pending notification to next of kin.

The 16-year-old male operator of the Mercedes was properly restrained and did not sustain any injuries from this collision. Impairment of either operator is not a contributing factor into this collision.

Route 896 northbound between Route 40 and GBC Drive was closed for approximately 3 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

No charges have been filed at this time as the investigation remains on-going.

The crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact Corporal/3 Breen 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 Shots Fired Incident- Wilmington

Wilmington- Delaware State Police are investigating a shots fired incident which took place Wednesday afternoon.

On June 6, 2021, at approximately 12:57 p.m., troopers responded to the parking lot of the Amazon fulfillment center located at 1025 Boxwood Road, Wilmington, for a report of shots fired. The investigation determined a light-colored SUV pulled into the parking lot and opened fire. No one was injured during the incident.

Troopers discovered two shell casings at the scene.

There is no suspect description at this time.

The investigation is in its early stages, anyone with information regarding this incident should contact Detective Strecker with Delaware State Police Troop 2 Criminal Investigative Unit by calling 302-365-8413. 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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Selbyville Woman Arrested for Impersonating a Police Officer- Selbyville

Selbyville, DE- Delaware State Police arrested **Blake H. Leveton, 50, of Selbyville**, early Wednesday morning for impersonating a police officer and other criminal charges.

On June 8, 2021, at approximately 1:50 a.m., troopers responded to Royal Farms located at 36437 Lighthouse Road, Selbyville, for a report of a subject arguing with people inside the business and shoplifting. The investigation determined Blake Leveton entered Royal Farms and began yelling and cursing at two male customers. During the incident, Leveton held up a shiny metal object and told the males she was a police officer. She then removed a pink bandanna from a sales rack and walked out of the store without rendering payment. Troopers were able to identify Leveton as a suspect and responded to her residence, where she was taken into custody without incident. A probable cause search of Leveton was conducted incident to arrest, and two heroin baggies were located on her person.

Leveton was transported to Troop 4, where she was charged with the following crimes:

- Criminal Impersonation of a Police Officer (Felony)
- Disorderly Conduct
- Shoplifting
- Possession of a Controlled Substance

She was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #3 and released on a \$7,300.00 unsecured bond.

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Troopers Arrest Ellendale Man for Shooting Juvenile with a

BB Gun- Ellendale

Ellendale, DE- Delaware State Police arrested **James R. Adkins, 18, of Ellendale**, on criminal charges Tuesday night following an altercation.

On June 8, 2021, at approximately 8:19 p.m., troopers were dispatched to the 18000 block of New Hope Road, Ellendale, for a reported shooting. Through the investigation, troopers determined an argument occurred between James R. Adkins and an 11-year-old female about the female riding Adkins's bicycle. During the incident, Adkins retrieved a riffle-style BB gun from his residence and shot at the victim, striking her in the lower torso. The victim sustained a minor injury as a result but was not transported for medical attention. Adkins was taken into custody at his residence without incident and transported to Troop 7, where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Assault Second Degree (Felony)
- Endangering the Welfare of a Child
- Menacing

Atkins was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #3 and released on a \$4,500.00 unsecured bond.

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***Update- Suspect Located* Troopers Seeking Public's Assistance Locating Magnolia Man on Felony Charges - Magnolia**

Magnolia, DE- Delaware State Police arrested **Patrick Gassaway, 30, of Magnolia**, on felony criminal charges.

On June 6, 2021, Gassaway was involved in a physical altercation with a female acquaintance at a residence on Crew Circle, Magnolia. During the altercation, Gassaway strangled the victim and caused visible injuries to her while three children were present in the home. The female received medical treatment at a nearby hospital for her injuries. On June 7, 2021, troopers located Gassaway and he was taken into custody

and transported to Delaware State Police Troop 3.

He was charged with the following charges:

- Aggravated Menacing (Felony)
- Strangulation (Felony)
- Assault Third Degree
- Endangering the Welfare of a Child
- Criminal Mischief

Gassaway was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #2 and released on a \$9,500.00 unsecured bond.

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Dover Woman Arrested by Troopers for Threatening Individuals with a Weapon-Dover

Dover, DE- Delaware State Police arrested **Shelva Smith**, 33, of Dover, on criminal charges following an incident Monday afternoon in Dover.

On June 7, 2021, at approximately 4:45 p.m., Delaware State Police responded to a residence on Lingo Drive for a criminal mischief complaint. During the investigation, troopers learned an altercation had occurred between Smith and a 33-year-old female and a 42-year-old male outside the home. During the altercation, Smith responded to her vehicle and retrieved a 9mm handgun. She then returned to where the victims were standing and threatened to harm them with the weapon before they fled the area in a vehicle. No one was injured during the altercation.

Smith was located at her residence and taken into custody without incident. She was transported to Troop 3, where she was charged with the following crimes:

- Aggravated Menacing (Felony)
- Terroristic Threatening
- Disorderly Conduct

She was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #7 and released on her own recognizance.

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***Traffic Advisory* Road**

Closure I-95 Northbound and Southbound- New Castle

New Castle- Delaware State Police is issuing a traffic advisory for I-95 northbound and southbound in the area Route 141. The roadway will be closed for an extended period due to a crash involving hazmat material spilled on the roadway. Motorists should seek alternate routes of travel.

The road closure is anticipated to be lengthy, with no estimated time for a re-opening.

For up to date information regarding traffic, please visit:

[http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel_advisory/index.shtml#advisories.](http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel_advisory/index.shtml#advisories)

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***UPDATE- Suspect Photograph Released* Troopers Investigating Shots Fired Incident- Milford**



Milford- Delaware State Police is seeking the public's assistance with identifying the suspect wanted in connection to a shooting incident on April 26, 2021.

At approximately 7:07 p.m., troopers responded to the 6000 block of Slaughter Beach Road for reports of shots fired at a residence. The investigation determined two individuals were inside the home when a vehicle drove by and fired several rounds in the direction of their residence. An examination of the crime scene revealed at least four rounds struck the home. One of the rounds entered through the east wall, traveled through the living room, and hit an object sitting in the living room. The female resident was sitting in the living room at the time the incident occurred but was uninjured.

Through the investigation, detectives have identified the driver of the vehicle wanted in connection to this incident. He is described as a black male, approximately 25-35 years old, with black facial hair. He wore a black baseball-style hat and a black hooded sweatshirt and operated an older model white Nissan Murano with a license plate holder on the front bumper. Also in the vehicle during the incident were three other male suspects.

Anyone with information regarding the identity of the suspect or the incident should contact Det. Hickman with Delaware State Police Troop 4 Criminal Investigative Unit by calling 302-752-3856. 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 Seeking Public's Assistance Locating Magnolia Man on Felony Charges - Magnolia

Magnolia, DE- Delaware State Police seek the public's assistance with locating **Patrick W. Gassaway, 29, of Magnolia.**

On June 6, 2021, Gassaway was involved in a physical altercation with a female acquaintance at a residence on Crew Circle, Magnolia. During the altercation, Gassaway strangled the victim and caused visible injuries to her while three children were present in the home. The female received medical treatment at a nearby hospital for her injuries. Troopers attempted to locate Gassaway but have not been successful with locating him. He is believed to be in the Magnolia or Smyrna area and may be operating a tan 2006 Chevrolet Tahoe (DE Registration).

Gassaway currently has active warrants out of Delaware State Police Troop 3 for the following charges:

- Aggravated Menacing (Felony)
- Strangulation (Felony)
- Assault Third Degree

- Endangering the Welfare of a Child
- Criminal Mischief

Anyone with information regarding Gassaway's whereabouts should contact Delaware State Police Troop 3 by calling 302-697-4454 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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