

# Troopers Investigate Robbery of Claymont Area Liquor Store

**Claymont** – Troopers are investigating a robbery of a Claymont area liquor store that occurred Friday morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 10:30 a.m., Friday May 21, 2021, at Claymont Liquors located at 2506 Philadelphia Pike, as a female subject confronted a male employee as he was standing behind the counter. The suspect was armed with an unknown type handgun and demanded money. The clerk complied and turned over an undisclosed amount of cash before the suspect fled out of the store and ran northbound. The store employee was not injured in the incident.

The suspect was described as a black female, 20-30 years of age, wearing all black clothing, glasses, and had a mask covering her face (no further physical or clothing description). She was armed with an unknown type handgun.

No surveillance photos available.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident, they are asked to contact the Robbery Unit at Troop 2, Glasgow, at 302-834-2630. Information may also be provided by calling [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at [www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com](http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com).

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

**Dover** – Delaware State Police Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration Unit (S.O.A.R) is currently looking for the following wanted sex offenders after they either failed to register or re-register their current address. If anyone knows the location of these subjects, 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/>.

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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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## **Camden Man Dies in Motorcycle Crash- Harrington**

**Harrington-** Delaware State Police is investigating a fatal crash that claimed the life of a 22-year-old Camden, DE, man.

On May 20, 2021, at approximately 5:33 p.m., a 1998 Yamaha YZF sport style motorcycle was traveling southbound on S. DuPont Highway in the right lane approaching State Fair Boulevard. A brown 2017 Buick Encore was stopped at the posted stop sign on State Fair Boulevard, preparing to cross the southbound lanes of S. DuPont Highway and enter the median crossover to travel northbound. Due to the extreme rate of speed by the motorcycle, the operator of the Buick was unable to perceive the motorcycle and began to crossover the southbound travel lanes. The Yamaha struck the left side of the Buick on the left rear passenger door, causing the Buick to rotate nearly 180 degrees before coming to rest. After impact, the operator of the motorcycle came to rest in the left travel lane.

The operator of the motorcycle was a 22-year-old male of Camden. He was transported to a nearby hospital, where he died. Identification is pending notification to next of kin.

The operator of the Buick was an 81-year-old female of Dover. She was flown to Christiana Hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. She was treated and will be released.

The Delaware State Police Troop 3 Crash Reconstruction Unit is investigating the collision. Anyone with information regarding the incident should contact Cpl/3 Joseph Lane by calling 302-697-4454. 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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# Dover Man Arrested for Burglary and Related Charges- Hartly

*Hartly*- Delaware State Police arrested a Hartly man on burglary and related charges following an incident late Tuesday night.

On May 18, 2021, at approximately 10:30 p.m., troopers responded to a burglary at a residence on Loxley Lane, Hartly. When troopers arrived, they made contact with the 28-year-old female victim. The female said she and her two young children were sitting in the living room when an acquaintance of hers, **Jorge Valladares, 36, of Dover**, arrived at her residence. Mr. Valladares was upset with the victim, and he kicked open the door causing it to break and glass to fly into the house, hitting her and her children. Mr. Valladares then picked up a glass vase inside the residence and smashed it on the ground, causing more glass to fall on her and the children before he grabbed the victim by the arms and pushed her into a wall before he fled the residence. While conducting their investigation, troopers learned Mr. Valladares had stolen money from the female victim earlier during the day, but the theft was not reported to the police. Approximately two hours

after the incident occurred, Mr. Valladares returned to the residence and was arrested. The female victim and her children did not require medical treatment.

Mr. Valladares was transported to Troop 3, where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Burglary 1st Degree (Felony)
- Theft Under \$1,500
- Two counts- Endangering the Welfare of a Child
- Criminal Mischief
- Offensive Touching

Mr. Valladares was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #7 and released on his own recognizance.

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# Troopers Investigating Attempted Carjacking – Claymont

**Claymont** – The Delaware State Police are investigating an attempted carjacking that took place in the parking lot of a McDonald's.

The incident occurred at approximately 11:54 p.m., Wednesday, May 19, 2021 in the parking lot of the McDonald's located at 2702 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont. A 41-year-old male victim was inside of his vehicle waiting to exit the parking lot of the McDonald's and turn onto Philadelphia Pike. An unknown male suspect approached the victim's driver side window and displayed a handgun towards the victim. The suspect then ordered the victim out of the vehicle at gun point. As the suspect entered the vehicle, the victim was able to retrieve a bat from his trunk and immediately swung it towards the suspect. The suspect fled out of the passenger side of the vehicle and ran northbound on Philadelphia Pike. While the suspect fled the scene on foot, he dropped the handgun on the ground.

Troopers responded to the scene and recovered the handgun.

The suspect was described as a black male approximately 16-17 years of age, 5'7"-5'8" tall, 120-130 lbs., wearing all dark clothing. There are no surveillance images available at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Det. Kirchenbauer of Troop 2 Criminal Investigative Unit by calling 302-365-8566. 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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# New Castle County State Senator Arrested

The Delaware State Police have arrested State Senator **Darius J. Brown**, 39 of Wilmington, after an altercation occurred at a local restaurant over the weekend.

On Sunday May 16, 2021 at approximately 6:20 p.m., troopers were dispatched to the Taverna Rustic Italian Restaurant, located at 3549 Silverside Road, Wilmington, for a report of a domestic altercation. When the troopers arrived, they were contacted by a 44-year-old female victim who informed them she had been punched in the side of the face by Mr. Brown after the two of them began arguing about a social media post. After he assaulted the victim, Mr. Brown got up from the booth where they were seated and threw a glass of water, which broke into pieces. Mr. Brown then exited the establishment prior to the trooper's arrival. The victim sustained some redness to the side of her face but did not require any medical attention.

Troopers from Troop 1 obtained warrants for Darius Brown's arrest for Offensive Touching and Disorderly Conduct, which are both misdemeanors.

On Tuesday May 18, 2021, Mr. Brown turned himself into Troop 1 and was processed and arraigned on those charges. He was released on his own recognizance with a no contact order with the victim.

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# Delaware State Police Investigating Homicide of Lincoln Man- Frankford

*Frankford-* Delaware State Police Homicide Unit is investigating a shooting incident that took place Tuesday afternoon in the town limits of Frankford.

At approximately 3:35 p.m., Frankford Police Department and Delaware State Troopers were dispatched to Honolulu Road in the area of Kauffman Lane for a reported shooting. When officers arrived on the scene, they discovered a 33-year-old male victim sitting in the driver's seat of a gray 2012 Volkswagen CC with a gunshot wound. After the victim was shot,

he attempted to drive away from the scene, lost control of the vehicle, and crashed into the front of a residence located at Honolulu Road.

The 33-year-old male victim of Lincoln, DE, was transported to a nearby hospital by ambulance, where he was pronounced deceased. Identification of the victim is pending notification to the next of kin.

Honolulu Road at Kauffman Lane was closed for approximately 5 hours as this incident was investigated.

The Delaware State Police Homicide Unit, at the request of the Frankford Police Department, continues to investigate this case as it remains active and ongoing. Anyone who witnessed this incident or has information regarding this incident should contact Detective Brian McDerby by calling 302-834-2620. 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 #4 - Victim Identified\* Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Crash- Bridgeville**

**Bridgeville-** Delaware State Police have identified the individual who died as a result of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle collision on May 16, 2021, as **Earnest L. Lofland**, 55, of Bridgeville.

This collision remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information regarding this collision should contact Cpl/1 Andrew Mitchell by calling 302-703-3267. 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 #2\\* Delaware State Police Investigating Serious Crash on Sussex Highway at Seashore Highway- Bridgeville](#)

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# Notice of Increased Police Presence- Frankford

*Frankford*– Delaware State Police are currently conducting a criminal investigation involving a shooting incident in the area of Honolulu Road. As a result, an increased police presence will be seen in the area. At this time this investigation is in the very early stages and additional information will be released once it becomes available.

Anyone who may have information regarding this incident should contact Delaware State Police Troop 4 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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