

***Update #1* Delaware State Police Investigating Serious Crash- Dover**

Dover – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash from earlier this morning.

On Saturday May 22, 2021 at approximately 8:39 a.m. a 2021 Kia Forte was traveling eastbound on Fast Landing Road (SR 42) just east of Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway (SR 1) at an extreme high rate of speed approaching a moderate right curve. Due to its high-speed, the operator was unable to negotiate the curve and traveled off the north side of the roadway. After exiting the roadway, the Kia traveled down an embankment and into a grass field. The vehicle continued in a northeasterly direction where it started to rotate in a counterclockwise direction as it struck an evergreen tree with the right rear. After hitting the tree the car overturned violently striking several other evergreen trees as it continues in a northeasterly direction before coming to a stop.

As the Kia was overturning, the left rear passenger, a 13-year-old female from Dover was not properly restrained and was ejected from the vehicle. She was transported by EMS to Bayhealth Kent General Hospital where she was treated and admitted with non-life-threatening injuries.

A 7-year-old male from Dover, was seated in the rear center seat and not properly restrained, but not ejected from the car. He was flown from the scene to A.I. duPont where he was treated and admitted with non-life-threatening injuries.

A 14-year-old Dover female was a right rear passenger and not properly restrained. She was not ejected and pronounced dead at the scene. Identification is pending notification of next

of kin.

The operator, a 35-year-old male from Dover who was properly restrained, was flown to Christiana Medical Center where he was treated and admitted with non-life-threatening injuries.

Fast Landing Road between Meadow Green Ave and East Denneys Road was closed for approximately six hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

The Delaware State Police Troop 3 Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating the crash. Anyone with information regarding the incident should contact Sgt. J. Wheatley 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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***Traffic Advisory* Delaware State Police Investigating Serious Crash- Smyrna**

Smyrna – Delaware State Police are on the scene of a serious motor vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 2:38 p.m., this afternoon, May 22, 2021, in the 600 block of Ryan Road.

As a result of the crash, Ryan Road is closed between Sunnyside Road and Brenford Road. 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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Dover – Delaware State Police are on the scene of a serious motor vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 8:39 a.m., this morning, May 22, 2021, on Fast Landing Road (Route 42) in the area of Meadow Green Ave.

As a result of the crash, Fast Landing Road is closed between Meadow Green Ave and East Denney's Road. 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.

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State Police Investigating Fatal Motorcycle Crash

Bear – The Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motorcycle crash that occurred late Friday night.

The crash occurred around 11:47 p.m., Friday May 21, 2021, as a 21-year-old Middletown man was operating a 2017 Honda CBR1000 northbound on Bear Corbitt Road (SR7) north of Wrangle Hill Road (SR72) at an apparent high rate of speed. The motorcyclist began to brake in response to a separate motorcycle entering Bear Corbitt Road ahead of him. This caused his motorcycle to enter into a high-speed wobble and drive off of the east side of the roadway into a grassy area. The right side of the motorcycle sideswiped a utility pole located on the east side of the roadway and then traveled up a grassy berm where it then hit two small landscaping trees. The motorcycle then fell on its side and slid across the entrance into the newly constructed industrial park and came to a stop in a wooded area north of the entrance. The operator was ejected from his motorcycle and slid across the parking lot entrance where he struck a raised curb.

The 21-year-old Middletown man, who was reported to be wearing a helmet prior to the crash, was transported by EMS to Christiana Medical Center where he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead. Identification is pending notification to next of kin.

Bear Corbitt Road was closed north of Wrangle Hill Road for approximately three hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction

Unit is investigating the crash. Anyone with information regarding the incident should contact Cpl/3 J. 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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***Update #1 – Victim Identified* Camden Man Dies in Motorcycle Crash- Harrington**

Harrington – Delaware State Police have identified the individual who died as a result of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle collision on May 20, 2021, as **William J. Thompson**, 22 of Camden, DE.

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>.

[Camden Man Dies in Motorcycle Crash- Harrington](#)

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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.

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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.

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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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