Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash- Middletown

Middletown, DE- Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal single-vehicle motor vehicle collision that occurred Sunday.

On May 2, 2021, at approximately 11:14 a.m., a 2006 Toyota Camry operated by a 23-year-old male of Hillsborough, NJ, was traveling northbound on US-301 in the left-thru lane approaching the Jamison Corner overpass. For unknown reasons, the Camry drifted partially into the center median, then returned to the northbound lanes and traveled into a straight path towards the guardrail on the east edge of the roadway. The front of the vehicle struck the end of the guardrail, exited the road, and traveled down an embankment before overturning and landing on its roof. The Camry traveled a short distance on its roof before it came to rest.

The 23-year-old operator was pronounced deceased at the scene. Identification is pending notification to next of kin.

Northbound US-301 north of Jamison Corner Road was closed for approximately 3 hours due to the initial crash investigation.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this collision. Anyone with information regarding this crash should contact Sgt. D. Alexander with the Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302.365.8484. 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 Conducting Fatal Motorcycle Crash-Middletown

Middletown – The Delaware State Police Collision

Reconstruction Unit is conducting an investigation into a fatal motorcycle crash on US-301 that occurred early last evening.

The incident occurred around 6:35 p.m. on Saturday May 1, 2021, as a 2014 Harley Davidson motorcycle, being operated by a 57-year-old Newark, Delaware man, was traveling northbound on US-301 in the right lane approaching the area of the Boyd's Corner Road overpass. Due to unknown circumstances, the motorcycle failed to remain within its lane and traveled off the right side of the road as the roadway curved to the left. The motorcycle first struck a reflector post and continued traveling in a northerly direction before striking an embankment and became airborne. The motorcycle continued in a northerly direction and stopped after becoming immersed in a retention pond.

The 57-year-old male was ejected from the motorcycle during the collision and was transported to Christiana Hospital by Trooper 4 where he was pronounced deceased.

A DOT compliant motorcycle helmet was located at the scene of the collision, but at this time, it is unknown if the 57-year-old male was wearing the helmet. It is unknown if alcohol or drug use on the part of the operator was a factor.

US-301 northbound, south of Boyds Corner Road, was completely shut down for approximately 4 hours while the collision was investigated and cleared.

The crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact Corporal Desiderio 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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Update – Victim Identified State Police Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash South of Kenton

Kenton– Delaware State Police have identified the individual who died in the fatal pedestrian crash on April 30, 2021, as 44-year-old **Edward T. Fretz** of Clayton, DE.

The crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 3 Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact Sgt. Wheatley by calling 302-698-8518. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet

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State Police Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash South of Kenton

Kenton- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is conducting a fatal pedestrian crash that occurred late Friday night.

At approximately 10:15 p.m. on Friday April 30, 2021, a 44-year-old Clayton man was seated in the passenger's side of his

disabled vehicle parked on the northbound shoulder of Arthursville Road waiting on a tow truck. As the tow truck came into view from the southbound side, the 44-year-old man exited the passenger side of his vehicle and began to waive/signal to the tow truck driver who pulled off on the southbound shoulder. The 44-year-old male victim stayed in the northbound lane and began to speak to the tow truck driver, who was standing at the rear of the tow truck. After a brief conversation, the 44-year-old male victim turned and began to walk back to his disabled vehicle when he was struck by a 2007 Ford Fusion that was driving northbound on Arthursville Road towards Kenton.

The 44-year-old male was pronounced dead at the scene. His name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The 25-year-old female operator of the Ford Fusion, from Goldsboro, Maryland, was uninjured in the collision and was able to come to a controlled stop on the northbound shoulder of Arthursville Road.

The tow truck operator was uninjured.

Arthursville Road, between Shorts Corner Road and Sudlersville Road, was closed for approximately three and a half hours while the collision was investigated and cleared.

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Troopers Seeking Public's Help in Locating Wanted Subject- Kent County

Kent County- Troopers with the Delaware State Police Troop 3 Criminal Investigative Unit is seeking the public's help with locating 21-year-old **Ryan C. Hicks** of Felton.

Ryan is currently wanted in connection to multiple thefts which have occurred in Kent County. He was last known to reside in Felton but could possibly be in Kent or Sussex County.

Anyone with information regarding Ryan's whereabouts should contact Det. R. Costlow with Delaware State Police Troop 3 Criminal Investigative Unit by calling 302-698=8527.

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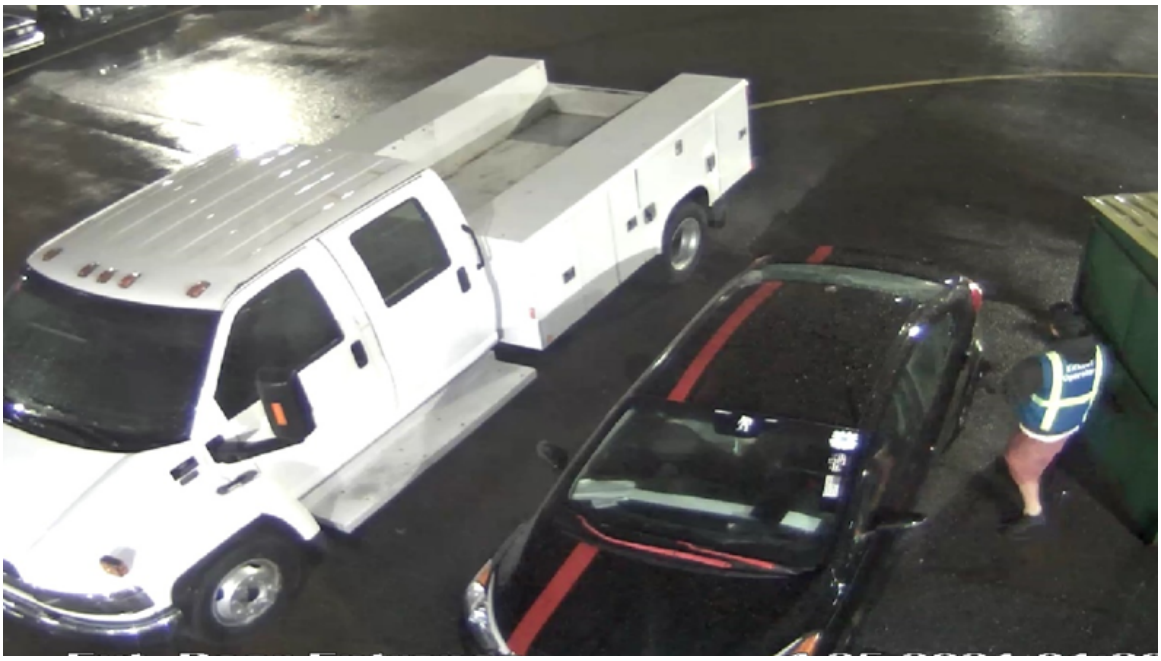
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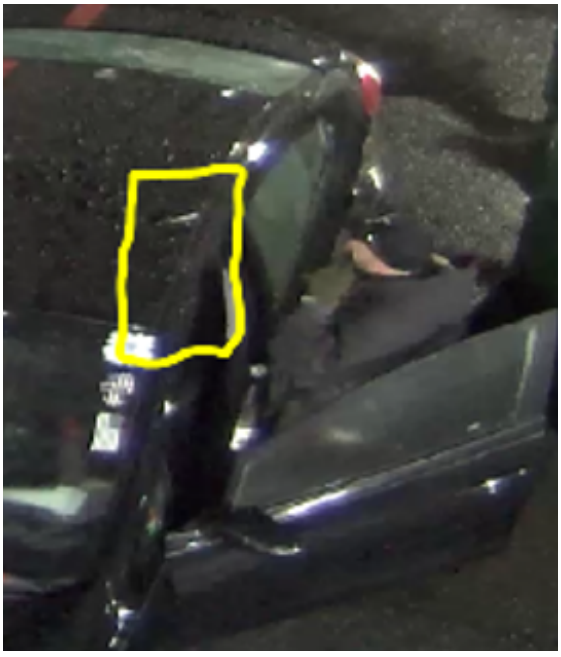
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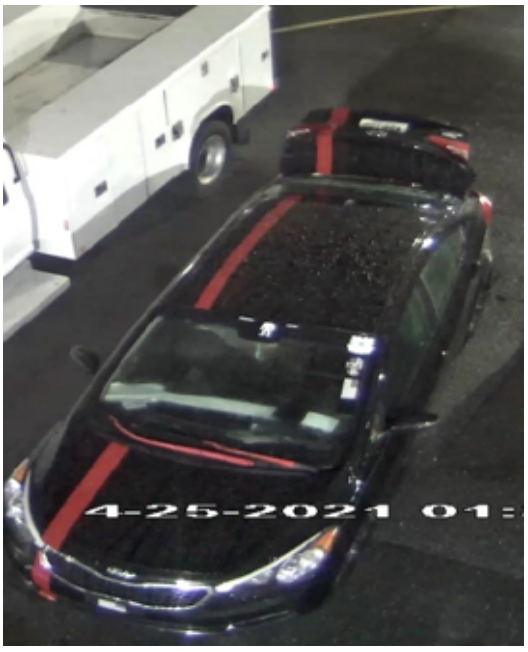
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Delaware State Police Seeking Public's Assistance Identifying Suspect- Milford









Milford- Delaware State Police is seeking the public's assistance in helping to identify a suspect in an attempted theft of a motor vehicle and several thefts from vehicles in the IG Burton parking lot located on Bay Road, Milford. The incident occurred at approximately 1:20 a.m. on Sunday, April 25, 2021.

The suspect is described as a white or light skinned black male, approximately 6′ tall with a thin beard. He was wearing light colored shorts, black hooded sweatshirt, black baseball cap, and a blue reflective vest with the word "Operator" on the back.

During the incident, the suspect is believed to be operating a black KIA Optima with a red racing stripe on the hood, roof, and trunk on the passenger side. There are also possibly stickers down the driver's side of the windshield.

Anyone with information regarding this incident or the identity of the suspect is asked to contact Det. Nash with the Delaware State Police Criminal Investigative Unit 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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Homeless Sex Offender Notification- Dover

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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Troopers Investigating Robbery of Drug Store – Wilmington

Wilmington- Delaware State Police are investigating a robbery that occurred at a Rite-Aid located in Wilmington, DE, on Thursday night.

The incident occurred on April 29, 2021, at approximately 7:55 p.m., when troopers were dispatched to the Rite-Aid located at 3209 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, for a report of a robbery. Upon arrival, it was determined that a male suspect approached an employee behind the sales counter while brandishing a knife and demanded cash from the register. The employee complied and the suspect fled on foot with an undisclosed amount of money and cigarettes.

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

There are currently no photos of the suspects available at this time.

The suspect was described as an unknown male approximately 18-25 years old, 5’8″ tall, and approximately 200-225lbs. The suspect was described as wearing all dark clothing with a blue medical mask.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective Dukes of the Troop 2 Criminal Investigative Unit at 302-365-8412. 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- Names Released Delaware State Police Conducting Double Homicide Investigation – Smyrna

Smyrna – The Delaware State Police are releasing the names of the two victims and suspect involved in the double homicide incident on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, as 38-year-old **Stephanie**

Gill of Smyrna, DE, the victim involved at Smyrna Middle School, and 21-year-old **Deanna Dominick-Dalton** of Clayton, DE, the victim involved at McLane Gardens. The suspect was identified as **Llewellyn Gill** of Hartly, DE.

This incident continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident, they are asked to contact Sergeant Yeich at 302-741-2703. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

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Delaware State Police Conducting Double Homicide Investigation – Smyrna

Smyrna- Delaware State Police are conducting a double homicide investigation that occurred Tuesday morning at two separate locations in Smyrna.

On Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at approximately 10:26 a.m., troopers responded to assist Smyrna Police Department with a subject shot in the parking lot at Smyrna Middle School located at 700 Duck Creek Parkway, Smyrna, DE 19977. Upon arrival it was determined that a 38-year-old female victim and a 47-year-old male suspect arrived at the school together in the wife's vehicle to pick up their daughter for a medical appointment. The couple had a verbal exchange outside of the car which led to the male suspect pulling the victim back into the vehicle where he produced a weapon and shot the victim. The 38-year-old female victim was later pronounced deceased at the scene.

The school was placed on lockdown and a search for the suspect commenced.

The suspect fled the scene alone in the vehicle the couple arrived in, and then switched into another vehicle that was registered to him parked nearby. Troopers located the suspect's vehicle at approximately 11:02 a.m. in the area of Route 13 and Route 42 and a pursuit ensued. The suspect fled into Maryland and ultimately shot himself and crashed near Galena, MD. The suspect was transported to a Maryland area hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

During the course of the investigation, troopers obtained information there could be a second victim who was an acquaintance of the 38-year-old female victim. With the

assistance of Smyrna PD, officers responded to the 800 block of McLane Gardens, Smyrna to check on the welfare of a 21-year-old female. Officers located the second female victim inside of her residence with apparent gunshot wounds. The 21-year-old victim was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The bodies have been turned over to the Division of Forensic Science where an autopsy will be performed to determine the manner and cause of death.

The Delaware State Police Homicide Unit and Smyrna Police Department is continuing their investigation into this suspected murder/suicide incident and there is no concern for public safety. No motive has been established for this incident.

The names of the victims and suspect are being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Sergeant Yeich with the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit by calling 302-741-2703 or 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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