# Delmar Police Officer Assaulted – Delmar, DE

**Delmar, DE** – The Delaware State Police are investigating an assault on a Delmar Police Officer that occurred early this morning.

At approximately 5:12 am on Sunday April 25, 2021, Delmar Police Department was dispatched to the 11000 block of Buckingham Drive in the Yorkshire Estates Community for a report of a fight in progress.

At this point in the investigation it is unclear what transpired inside the residence, but we do know the officer was involved in a physical altercation.

The dispatchers began checking on the officer and received no response. At that time, additional officers were dispatched and a Wicomico County Sheriffs Office Deputy and a Delaware State Trooper arrived on scene to find the officer unconscious in the residence.

First Aid was rendered to the officer and Emergency Medical personnel transported him to TidalHeath in Salisbury and he has since been transferred to Shock Trauma in Baltimore with significant injuries.

Preliminary investigation also revealed a separate, but related assault, which involved an elderly couple across the street from the original incident. Both of those victims sustained significant injury as well and were transported by ambulance to area hospitals. One of those victims is currently being transported to Shock Trauma.

There were multiple people in the house that were taken into custody upon the arrival of additional units from the allied police agencies. At this time there is no threat to the

general public or community.

The Delaware State Police is investigating both events and is working collaboratively with the Delmar Police Department, Wicomico County Sheriffs Office, Maryland State Police, and all other involved agencies.

“Corporal Keith Heacook is a 22 year veteran and has been employed with our department since 1998.” said Chief Ivan Barkley of Delmar Police Department, “He is a husband, son, brother, and father. Keith is fighting for his life right now and he needs your prayers along with the elderly couple who were also injured. Members from the Delmar Police appreciate the outpouring of community support as we continue to move forward. We appreciate the support from the Delaware State Police, Wicomico County Sheriffs Office, Maryland State Police, and all other agencies who responded and are assisting with this investigation.”

**This is an active and on-going investigation and more details will be released when they become available.**

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

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# Delaware State Police Conducting Criminal

# Investigation – Delmar, DE

**Delmar, DE** – Delaware State Police are currently conducting a criminal investigation in the Yorkshire Estates Community. As a result, there is an increased police presence in the area. This investigation is in the early stages and is active and ongoing. Additional information will be released once it becomes available.

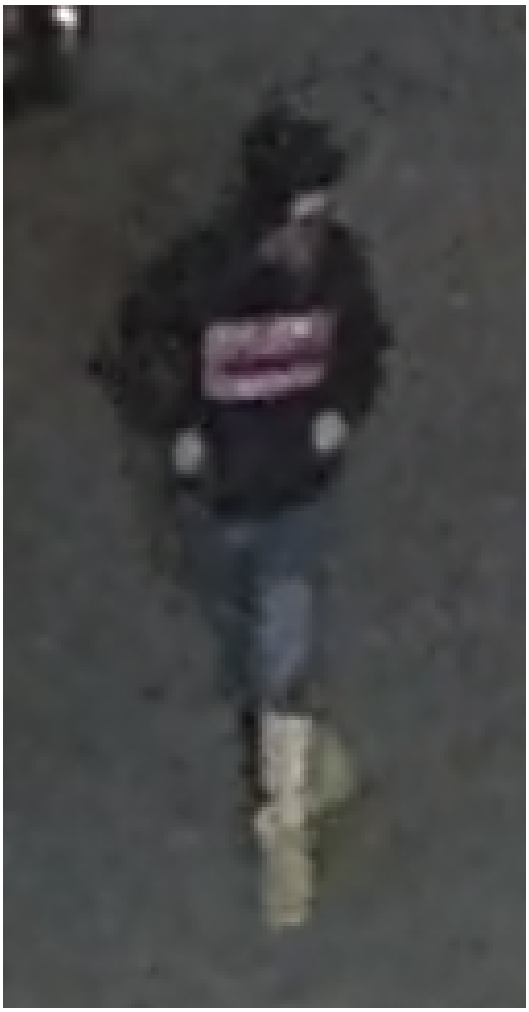
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# Troopers Seek Public's Assistance with Attempting to Identify Motor Vehicle Theft Suspect- Dover





***Dover-*** Delaware State Police is seeking the public's assistance with identifying the pictured suspect. The suspect is wanted in connection to a motor vehicle theft and attempted motor vehicle thefts that occurred around April 9, 2021, at Scotti Muffler Center located on S. Governors Avenue, Dover.

The suspect is described as a male, approximately 6′ or taller, wearing tan work boots with black around the top of the boot, jean shorts, a black hooded sweatshirt with red and white writing on the front and a red shirt underneath.

Anyone with information regarding these incidents or the identity of the suspect should contact Det. S. 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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# Delaware State Police Seeking Public's Assistance Locating Wanted Subject- Kent County

***Kent County-*** Delaware State Police Troop 3 is seeking the public's assistance locating 35-year-old **Jeremy Knight.** Knight is wanted on multiple felony and misdemeanor charges stemming from theft incidents that began in November 2020, in Kent County.

Jeremy is described as a white male, 5'6″, approximately 120 lbs, blue eyes, and brown hair. He is possibly homeless in the Kent County area.

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Jeremy should contact Det. S. Ryan with the Delaware State Police Criminal Investigative Unit by calling 302-698-8438. 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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# Delaware State Police S.O.A.R. Searching for Wanted Sex Offender- Dover

**Dover** – Delaware State Police Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration Unit (S.O.A.R) is currently looking for the

following wanted sex offender after he either failed to register or re-register their current address. If anyone knows the location of this subject, 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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# Troopers Investigating Shots Fired Incident- Seaford

***Seaford-*** Delaware State Police are investigating a shots fired incident that occurred Thursday evening.

On April 22, 2021, at approximately 6:20 p.m., troopers responded to a residence located in the 27000 block of Daisy Lane for shots fired report. The investigation revealed four individuals were sitting inside the residence having dinner when a bullet entered the home through a north-facing wall, through a wood door, and a family room wall. No one inside the residence was struck or injured. Troopers searched the area, and no suspect vehicles or individuals were located. Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact Delaware State Police Troop 5 by calling 302-337-1090. 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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# Camden Man Arrested on Assault Charges- Dover

***Dover-*** Troopers arrested 31-year-old **Kurt Ruffin** of Camden on weapon and related charges following a physical altercation Thursday afternoon.

On April 22, 2021, at approximately 2:25 p.m., troopers responded to Harriet Street for a reported stabbing. Upon arrival, troopers located the 36-year-old male victim bleeding from a laceration to an upper extremity. The investigation revealed the victim was at the residence when Ruffin, an acquaintance, arrived at the residence. A verbal altercation ensued between the two individuals about a previous incident when Ruffin pulled a knife located on his person and threatened to harm the victim. Ruffin approached the victim and began swinging the knife at him when the weapon cut the victim. After other individuals separated the victim and Ruffin at the residence, Ruffin left the area in a vehicle with another individual. Ruffin was contacted and instructed to respond to Troop 3, where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Assault 2nd Degree (Felony)
- Terroristic Threatening

Ruffin was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #2 and issued an $8,500.00 unsecured bond.

The victim was transported to a nearby hospital for his injury, where he was treated and released.

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# Georgetown Man Arrested on Burglary and Criminal Charges-Georgetown

***Georgetown-*** Delaware State Police arrested 36-year-old **Carlton E. Breasure** of Georgetown on burglary and criminal charges following an incident Thursday night.

On April 22, 2021, at approximately 9:35 p.m., troopers responded to a residence off of Farm Lane for a reported theft in progress. The female resident reported an unknown male subject was on her property and removing items from her vehicle. The victim fired a single shot from her handgun away from the suspect towards the woods to scare off the individual but he did not leave. As officers arrived on scene, they located the male, later identified as Carlton E. Breasure, walking on a dirt lane towards the police vehicles, holding

items in his hands. Commands were given for Breasure to drop the items but he failed to comply and began to walk away. Breasure failed to comply with commands to stop and resisted arrest. He was taken into custody and transported to a nearby hospital where he was medically cleared and released. The investigation determined, the female resident was inside her home when she heard a noise in her backyard and then a knock at her front door. She did not open the door because she did not recognize the male but asked the subject who it was and he failed to respond. He was instructed to leave her property at which time she observed him pour some type of liquid on her front step and walk towards her vehicles that were parked in the driveway. The subject then entered the unlocked vehicles and removed multiple items that were located inside them and a shed located next to the vehicles. All property was returned to the victim and she was uninjured.

Once Breasure was transported back to Troop 4, he failed to comply with being fingerprinted or photographed. A computer inquiry revealed Breasure had an active capias out of Justice of the Peace Court #14.

- Burglary 3rd Degree (Felony)
- 2 counts- Theft Under $1,500
- Resisting Arrest
- Failure to Comply with Taking of Photographs and Fingerprints
- Criminal Mischief
- Criminal Trespass 3rd Degree

Breasure was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #3 and issued a $7,150.00 unsecured bond. He was committed to Sussex Correctional Institution for his active capias out of Justice of the Peace Court #14.

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# National Crime Victims' Rights Week Honors Victims and Their Advocates- Dover

***Dover*** – National Crime Victims' Rights Week is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year by declaring the week of April 18-24, 2021, to honor those impacted by crime and a time to remember those who have lost their lives as a result of a criminal act.

In addition to the victims who have been personally impacted by violent crime, we also want to give thanks to the individuals who provide outstanding service to the victims and their families on a daily basis.

Victims often experience many unfamiliar emotions such as shock, disbelief, anger, fear, frustration, or guilt. Victims may be immobilized by the feeling that their lives will never be the same. Although these feelings are very normal, victims in a state of emotional crisis are often unable to work through these feelings independently. They may not have the resources to seek professional assistance or know where to seek support. Victims and their families may suffer financially, physically, and emotionally. Victim Service Specialists are prepared to assist victims, witnesses, and families with these issues.

***This year's theme is "Support Victims. Build Trust. Engage Communities." The theme emphasizes the importance of leveraging community support to help victims of crime. In the last year, victim service professionals and others who serve victims have had to adjust their practices to determine the best ways to work with victims in these unfamiliar times.***

The Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit, comprised of civilian employees and assisted by specially trained sworn Troopers, provides 24-hour crisis intervention, information, and referrals to the Delaware State Police and over 35 municipal departments statewide. They helped over 4,600 victims last year and responded to 865 hotline calls. Their commitment and dedication are unsurpassed as they continually strive to provide the best service possible to ensure positive outcomes for the victims they serve. In addition to the specialists themselves, another integral part of this victim advocacy team is the telecommunications specialists at DSP Communications. They triage hundreds of calls to the 24-hour victim hotline (1-800-VICTIM-1).

This year the Delaware Victims' Rights Task Force is adapting to COVID-19 in how Crime Victims' Rights Week is honored. Traditionally the Governor signs an in-person proclamation and an Annual Tribute, but due to Covid-19, this event will be held through a virtual platform to recognize the week. The Victims' Rights Task Force will be highlighting the week on their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/delVRTF with the following activities:

*On Monday, April 19th, a video was shared of Roxanne telling her own story, in her own words, about her victimization and the impact it had on her.*

*On Tuesday, April 20th, the VRTF Facebook page will spotlight organizations and programs across the state that serve victims. Delaware has an array of excellent services available, and we hope to recognize all that these programs do and provide information on how to best access these services.*

*On Wednesday, April 21st, Governor Carney's proclamation will be released.*

*On Thursday, April 22nd, the task force will be recognizing outstanding professionals in the Victim Services field. Additionally, the Delaware House of Representatives and Senate will be releasing a joint resolution, recognizing the week as Crime Victims' Rights Week. It is part of the annual Advocacy Day effort to encourage individuals to reach out to their legislators to remind them of the impact of crime on victims and the community. Also, the services that assist victims and the need we have to expand services; and the need for victims to be ensured rights and protections in our criminal justice and civil systems.*

*Friday, April 23rd is "Thank An Advocate Day," and we encourage everyone to take a minute to honor those that work diligently to serve victims and survivors.*

For more information about these events, please email

DelVRTF@gmail.com. You may also visit www.facebook.com/delVRTF.

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