

Delaware State Police Investigating Attempted Robbery of Dollar Store – New Castle

New Castle- The Delaware State Police are investigating an attempted robbery that occurred at a Dollar General located in New Castle, DE.

The incident occurred on December 28, 2020 at approximately 5:51 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the Dollar General located at 1403 DuPont Parkway, New Castle for a report of a robbery. Upon arrival, it was learned that a male suspect approached the sales counter and handed an employee working the cash register a note implying he had a gun and demanded all the cash. The employee was unable to open the cash register; subsequently, the suspect fled the scene on foot without taking any money.

There were no injuries as a result of the incident.

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

The suspect was described as a male wearing all dark clothing.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective Harris of Troop 2 at 302-365-8410. 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 - Name Released* Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Collision- Middletown**

Middletown– Delaware State Police have identified the name of the individual who died in a crash on December 24, 2020 on Marl Pit Road east of Summit Bridge Road, Middletown, as 90-year-old **Walter Gee** of Middletown, DE.

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit.

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Update- Name Released
Delaware State Police
Investigating Fatal Crash-
Newark

Newark– Delaware State Police have identified the name of the individual who died in a crash on December 24, 2020 on State Route 1 south of Interstate 95, Newark, as 34-year-old **David West** of Bear, DE.

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the

Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit.

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Troopers Arrest Lewes Man for 5th Offense DUI and Criminal Charges - Rehoboth Beach

Rehoboth Beach – The Delaware State Police have arrested 35-year-old **Benjamin Buckley** of Lewes for felony DUI and criminal charges after troopers responded to an overdose complaint.

The incident occurred on December 26, 2020, at approximately 10:24 p.m., when troopers were dispatched to Walmart located at 18922 Rehoboth Mall Boulevard, Rehoboth Beach, for a subject passed out inside of his vehicle with a syringe in his arm. Prior to trooper's arrival, the subject drove away. Troopers then responded to the registered owner's residence,

and located the subject still seated in the driver seat with the ignition on. Upon contact with the operator, identified as Benjamin Buckley, troopers observed signs of impairment and an odor of marijuana was detected emitting from the vehicle. A DUI investigation ensued and a computer inquiry revealed Buckley had four previous DUI convictions.

A subsequent probable cause search of the vehicle led to the discovery of approximately 3.42 grams of marijuana, approximately .33 grams of crack cocaine, approximately .56 grams of heroin, 4 Buprenorphine Hydrochloride pills, and 1 Gabapentin pill.

Buckley was taken into custody without incident and transported to Troop 7 where he was charged with the following crimes:

- 5th Offense DUI-alcohol (felony)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance – 3 counts
- Possession of a Prescription Drug without a Prescription
- Possession of Marijuana
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Failure to Have Insurance Identification in Possession

Buckley was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #7 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution in lieu of \$5,401.00 secured bail.

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Delaware State Police Investigating Robbery of Dollar Store – Bear

Bear- The Delaware State Police are investigating a robbery that occurred at a Dollar General located in Bear, DE.

The incident occurred on December 26, 2020 at approximately 7:05 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the Dollar General located at 1679 Pulaski Highway, Bear for a report of a robbery. Upon arrival, it was learned that a male suspect approached the sales counter and handed an employee working the cash register a note implying he had a gun and demanded all the cash. The employee complied and the suspect fled the scene on foot with an undisclosed amount of money.

There were no injuries as a result of the incident.

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

The suspect was described as a male wearing all dark clothing.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Trooper Guevara of Troop 2 at 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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Harrington Man Arrested for

Reckless Endangering after Shooting Incident- Houston

Houston– The Delaware State Police arrested 30-year-old **Dustin Edge** of Harrington for Reckless Endangering and related charges for a shooting incident on December 25, 2020, at approximately 11:00 p.m.

Troopers responded to a residence located on Williamsville Road, Houston, for a report of a shooting. Through investigative means, it was determined Edge had a verbal altercation with a 49-year-old male acquaintance inside of the residence. During the argument Edge displayed a handgun at the victim and threatened to shoot him. Edge then fired one round at the victim striking the floor. The victim was not injured.

Edge fled the residence prior to police arrival. During the investigation, troopers located Edge hiding underneath a mobile home near the victims residence. Edge resisted and did not comply with Troopers commands to come out from underneath the mobile home. Edge was subsequently apprehended by a State Police Canine and taken into custody.

Edge was transported to Troop 3 where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Reckless Endangering 1st Degree (felony)
- Aggravated Menacing
- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony (felony)
- Possession of a Firearm/Destructive Weapon If Previously Convicted of Two Violent Felonies (felony)
- Carrying A Concealed Deadly Weapon
- Resisting Arrest

Edge was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #7 and was committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on a \$42,000 cash

bond.

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**Delaware State Police
Investigating Fatal Motor**

Vehicle Collision- Middletown

Middletown- Delaware State Police is investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash that occurred on Marl Pit Road east of Summit Bridge Road on Thursday afternoon.

On December 24, 2020, at approximately 1:38 p.m., a 2017 Silver Nissan Rogue operated by a 21-year-old male of Bear was traveling eastbound on Marl Pit Road in the direction of Cedar Lane Road. A gray 2020 Kia Soul was traveling eastbound on Marl Pit Road directly behind the Rogue. A 2019 black BMW X3 was traveling westbound in the same area on Marl Pit Road in the direction of Summit Bridge Road.

While traveling behind the Nissan, the Kia crosses the double line and begins to pass the Nissan on the left side. As the Kia was passing the Nissan, it traveled into the path of the BMW, and the front of the Kia collided with the front of the BMW. After the collision, the Kia entered back into the eastbound lane and the right front side collided with the left front side of the Nissan.

After the collisions, the vehicles remained on scene.

The Kia operated by a 90-year-old male of Middletown was pronounced at the scene. Identification is pending notification to next of kin. The BMW, driven by an 80-year-old male of Middletown, was transported to an area hospital in serious condition. The Nissan operated by a 21-year-old male of Bear was uninjured.

Marl Pit Road between Summit Bridge Road and Cedar Lane Road was closed for approximately 3 hours while the crash was investigated and the roadway cleared.

This crash remains under investigation. Anyone with information should contact Cpl/3 J. Breen with Delaware State Police Troop 2 Crash Reconstruction Unit 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 Fatal Crash- Newark

Newark– Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 11:23 p.m., Thursday, December 24, 2020, on State Route 1 at Interstate 95.

The initial investigation has determined a 2007 Honda Civic, operated by a 34-year-old male from Bear, DE, was traveling northbound Route 1 south of the overpass for I-95. The Civic lost control and struck a concrete barrier on the right shoulder of the roadway. The Civic rotated in an unknown direction until it became disabled in the left lane of northbound Route 1. The operator of the Civic exited the vehicle and stood in the left lane. At the time, a 2014 Honda Accord was traveling northbound Route 1 in the left lane approaching the I-95 overpass. The front of the Accord struck the front of the Civic and then struck the pedestrian.

The pedestrian/operator of the Civic was pronounced deceased at the scene. His name is being withheld at this time pending the notification of next of kin.

The operator of the Accord, a 54-year-old female from Townsend, DE was transported to an area hospital with minor injuries.

At the time of the collision there was steady rainfall and limited lighting in the area. The pedestrian was not wearing reflective material and was not carrying a flashlight.

State Route 1 northbound was closed for approximately 2 hours while the collision was investigated and cleared.

The investigation is ongoing, and anyone with information regarding the crash should contact Det. Forester of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8485. 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- Middletown**

Middletown – Delaware State Police are on the scene of a serious motor vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 1:38 p.m., Thursday, December 24, 2020, on Marl Pit Road east of Summit Bridge Road.

As a result of the crash, Marl Pit Road between Summit Bridge Road and Cedar Lane Road is closed. 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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Delaware State Police Investigating Robbery Involving Stabbing- Wilmington

Wilmington– The Delaware State Police are investigating a robbery that occurred in the parking lot of Exxon gas station located at 5301 Concord Pike, Wilmington, last night.

On December 23, 2020, at approximately 6:18 p.m., Troopers responded to a fight in the parking lot. Upon arrival Troopers contacted a 27-year-old male victim from Allentown, PA who advised while changing a tire in the parking lot, an unknown white male suspect approached him and asked for money. After the victim denied having any money, the suspect displayed a knife and removed the victim's wallet from his jacket. The victim fought back against the suspect but was stabbed in the hand during the altercation. Additionally, the suspect attempted steal the victim's vehicle, but was unsuccessful. Prior to fleeing the area on foot, the suspect slashed both driver side tires on the victim's vehicle.

The victim refused medical treatment at the scene.

The suspect is described as a white male approximately 5'8"-5'10" tall.

Anyone with information regarding this incident or suspect should contact Cpl. Galiani with the Delaware State Police Troop 1 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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