Delaware State Police Arrest Lewes Man on a Weapon Charge After Traffic Stop- Lewes

Lewes- Delaware State Police arrested 37-year-old **Adam J. Briggs** of Lewes on a weapon charge following a traffic stop Monday.

On January 4, 2021, at approximately 1:25 PM, a trooper on routine patrol on Coastal Highway in the area of Janice Road observed a silver Cadillac Deville operating on the roadway with illegal window tint. A traffic stop was initiated on the vehicle in the parking lot of Slipper Shell Way, and contact was made with the operator and sole occupant, Adam J. Briggs. A strong odor of burnt marijuana was detected coming from inside the vehicle's interior, and a criminal investigation ensued. Through the investigation, the following items were located:

- 1- loaded .45 caliber Springfield Armory XDM semi-automatic pistol
- 1- loaded magazine with 13 .45 caliber bullets
- Approximately .85 grams of marijuana

Briggs was taken into custody without incident. He was transported to Troop 7, where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon (Felony)
- Possession of Marijuana (Civil Violation)
- Operating a Vehicle With Improper Window Tinting

Briggs was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #2 and released on a $4,150.00 unsecured bond.

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Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Crash-Clayton

Clayton– Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 6:08 p.m., Monday, January 04, 2021, on Arthursville Road north of Shorts Corner Road.

The initial investigation has determined a 2004 Ford F-150, operated by a 38-year-old male from Smyrna, DE, was traveling northbound Arthursville Road north of Shorts Corner Road, when it crossed over the southbound lane and lost control off the shoulder of the roadway. The Ford struck several fence posts which caused the vehicle to rotate. The Ford continued traveling off the south shoulder of Arthursville Road until

the front of the vehicle struck a tree. The collision with the first tree caused the Ford to rotate clockwise and the driver side of the vehicle struck a second tree.

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

Arthursville Road was closed for approximately 4 hours while the collision was investigated and cleared.

The investigation is ongoing, and anyone with information regarding the crash should contact Det. Booth of the Troop 3 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-698-8451. 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 Multi-vehicle Collision- Frankford

Frankford- Delaware State Police are investigating a multi-vehicle fatal motor vehicle collision that occurred early Monday morning at the intersection of DuPont Boulevard and Lazy Lagoon Road.

On January 4, 2021, at approximately 6:44 AM, a 2018 Subaru CrossTrek, operated by a 68-year-old female of Frankford, was traveling westbound on Lazy Lagoon Road approaching the intersection of DuPont Boulevard. For unknown reasons, the Subaru attempted to cross through the intersection while an unknown vehicle was traveling northbound on DuPont Boulevard passing by. As a result, the front of the Subaru struck the right side of the unknown vehicle within the left travel lane of northbound DuPont Boulevard. The force of the impact caused the Subaru to rotate 180 degrees before coming to rest within the northbound lanes of DuPont Boulevard. After the collision, the unknown vehicle fled the scene and continued traveling northbound on DuPont Boulevard.

After the collision, a 2011 Lexus RX350 operated by a 61-year-old male of Selbyville approached the scene traveling northbound on DuPont Boulevard. It came to a complete stop in

the roadway in the left travel lane. The 61-year-old male of Selbyville and a male passenger of Selbyville exited the Lexus to help the Subaru operator who was disabled in the roadway. A 2020 Acura RDX operated by a 61-year-old female of Berlin, MD, was approaching the scene traveling northbound in the left travel lane of DuPont Boulevard. As the Acura reached the scene, the front of the vehicle struck the rear of the Lexus that was stopped in the left travel lane causing the Lexus to travel in a northwesterly direction while rotating counterclockwise. The Acura entered into the crossover between the northbound and southbound travel lanes, where it came to a final rest within the northbound travel lane of DuPont Boulevard, just south of the Subaru.

After the second collision, a 2002 Ford Explorer operated by a 67-year-old male of Ocean City, MD, approached the scene traveling northbound on DuPont Boulevard. Upon reaching the collision scene, the front of the Ford struck the left side of the Acura that was disabled within the left travel lane of northbound DuPont Boulevard. As a result of the impact, the Acura was forced in a northeasterly direction where the right side struck the left side of the Subaru, causing both vehicles to exit the northbound travel lanes and come to rest on the northbound shoulder of DuPont Boulevard. After impact, the Ford entered the grass median and struck a roadway sign before coming to rest in the median.

As the Subaru and Acura were traveling across the roadway, they collided with the Subaru operator and occupants of the Lexus. They had all exited their vehicles and were in the roadway.

The operator of the Subaru sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene. Identification is pending notification to next of kin.

The operator of the Lexus was transported to an area hospital by ambulance and admitted in critical condition.

The passenger of the Lexus was transported to an area hospital by ambulance with minor injuries.

The operator of the Acura was transported to an area hospital by ambulance with serious injuries.

The operator of the Ford was transported to an area hospital by ambulance with minor injuries.

This collision remains an active and ongoing investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information should contact Detective K. Argo 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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Delware State Police Investigating Shooting Incident – Newark

Newark- Delaware State Police are investigating a shooting incident that occurred early this morning that left one man wounded.

The incident occurred on January 1, 2021, at approximately 12:16 a.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the Red Roof Inn located at 415 Stanton Christiana Road, Newark, in reference to a shooting. Investigation has determined a 29-year-old male from New Castle, had a verbal exchange with four unknown male suspects in the parking lot as he was walking to his car. As the victim drove away from his parking spot, all four suspects began shooting at the victim's vehicle striking it numerous times. The victim was struck by one bullet in the chest. He drove to the neighboring Royal Farms where a clerk rendered aid until troopers arrived. The victim was transported to an area hospital and treated for a gunshot wound.

There is no suspect information at this time and no other reported injuries.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective Conway with Delaware State Police Troop 2 Criminal Investigative Unit by calling 302-365-8427. 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 S.O.A.R. Searching for Wanted Sex Offenders- Dover

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 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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Homeless Sex Offender Notification- Dover



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THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED FOR ADVISORY PURPOSES ONLY
THIS IS NOT A WANTED PERSON

JESSIE HONTZ

Risk Level:	Tier 3 (High Risk)	Police Agency:	DSP HEADQUARTERS
Verified On:	December 28, 2020	Phone:	(302) 659-2341
Registered Since:	December 14, 2005	Address:	PO BOX 430 Dover, DE 19903
In Prison:	No		
Convicted Out of State:	No		
Repeat Offender:	Yes		
Date of Birth:	May 17, 1991 (age 29)	Height:	5' 8"
Gender:	Male	Weight:	194 LBS
Race:	WHITE	Hair Color:	BLACK
Skin Tone:	LIGHT	Eye Color:	Blue

Aliases
JESSIE C HONTZ

Scars, Marks, & Tattoos
SCR ARM
TAT NECK

Addresses

Type	Address	County	Development/Employer
Home	CLAYTON STREET WILMINGTON, DE 19805	NewCastle	Homeless
Work	(no address on file)	Other	Unemployed
School	(no address on file)	Other	Not Attending School

Vehicles
(no vehicles on file)

Convictions

Adjudication Date	State	Statute	Description	Victim Age
April 28, 2005	DE	DE-11-0770-0a3b-F-C	Rape Fourth Degree Sexual Penetration Victim Less Than 16 Years Old	1-11yr
July 10, 2013	DE	DE-11-0777-A0e3-F-B	Sex Off. USC/Against a Child - Underlying Sexual Off. is a Class B Felony	12-15yr

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.ttp://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

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Delaware State Police Charge Viola Man With Attemped Murder After Officer Involved Shooting –

Viola- Delaware State Police arrested 28-year-old **Ronald Cochran** of Viola, for attempted murder and related charges following an officer involved shooting incident Wednesday night.

On December 30, 2020, at approximately 5:32 p.m., troopers were dispatched to 201 East Evens Drive, Viola in reference to a disorderly subject with a gun. Upon arrival, troopers located a witness at the residence who advised the suspect, Ronald Cochran, was inside the bathroom of the residence with a gun stating he was going to shoot up the place. Troopers gave commands to Cochran through an open exterior door to exit the residence, but he fled up the stairs to the second story.

Cochran then climbed out of a second story window onto the roof of the first floor and fired two gunshots towards two troopers on scene. Both troopers, a five year veteran trooper and a one year of service trooper returned fire. Cochran made his way to west side of the residence where he jumped to the ground and ran to the front of the residence. Once at the front of the residence, Cochran pointed his weapon at a third trooper who was covering the front of the residence. The three years of service trooper then fired a round towards Cochran. Cochran fled to a residence approximately 100 yards

from 201 East Evens Drive and laid on the porch of the residence suffering from gunshots wounds to the upper extremities.

Troopers quickly responded to that residence and rendered first aid to Cochran. Upon contact, troopers discovered Cochran was still in possession of a .40 caliber handgun. Cochran suffered gunshot wounds to the right bicep and right shoulder. He was treated and released from an area hospital.

No troopers were injured in the incident.

Cochran was released from the hospital and transported to Delaware State Police Troop 3, where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Attempted Murder 1st Degree (felony) – 2 counts
- Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited (felony)
- Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Felony (felony) – 3 counts
- Reckless Endangering 1st Degree

Cochran was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #7 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on an $168,000.00 cash bond.

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Troopers Conducting Criminal Investigation East Evens Road – Viola

Viola– Delaware State Police are currently conducting a criminal investigation in the area of the 200 block of East Evens Road, Viola. As a result, there will be a heavy police presence in the area. There is a road closure on East Evens Road, starting at Turkey Point Road and ending at Route 13.

The investigation is in the early stages and further updates will be released at a later time.

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Update- Suspect Arrested Troopers Seeking Public's Assistance Locating Dover Man for Weapon Charges- Townsend

Townsend- The Delaware State Police have arrested 29-year-old **Andrew Parsons** of Dover, for Reckless Endangering and related charges.

The incident occurred on December 18, 2020, at approximately 5:23 p.m., when troopers responded to Union Church Road for an incident involving a gun. The investigation determined Parsons engaged in a verbal argument with a 46-year-old male victim at the residence. As the male began walking away from the argument, Parsons fired a single round into the ground several feet from the subject. Parsons then fled the scene.

On December 28, 2020, troopers located Parsons at a residence on Gravesend Road, Smyrna, DE. Parsons was taken into custody without incident and transported back to back to Troop 2 where he was charged with the following:

- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm Within Ten Years of Prior Conviction (Felony)

- Reckless Endangering 1st Degree (Felony)

Parsons was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #2 and committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on $45,000 cash bond.

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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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