

Dagsboro Woman Arrested on Criminal and Traffic Charges Following Car Accident - Millsboro

Millsboro- Delaware State Police arrested 41-year-old **Vera E. Curtis** of Dagsboro on criminal and traffic charges following a traffic accident on Thursday, October 15, 2020.

At approximately 3:35 p.m., a trooper conducting proactive patrol on School Lane, Millsboro, observed an individual outside a vehicle in the eastbound lanes of travel on School Lane. The trooper stopped to check on the individual's welfare and discovered the Kia Forte he was operating was stopped for a traffic light when it was hit from behind by a Ford Fusion. The trooper contacted the operator of the Fusion, who was later identified as Curtis. Also, in the vehicle with Curtis was three juveniles. A computer inquiry determined Curtis had several warrants out for her arrest for failing to appear for court. She was taken into custody, and a criminal investigation ensued. An inventory search of her vehicle was conducted before being towed, and located in Curtis' car were the following items:

- Approximately .987 grams of heroin
- Four Buprenorphine Naloxone film packets
- Drug paraphernalia

Curtis was transported to Troop 7, where she was charged with the following crimes:

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (felony)
- Endangering the Welfare of a Child (3 counts)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

- Driving While Suspended
- Driving a Vehicle Under the Influence of Drug
- Failure to Have Insurance Identification in Possession

Curtis was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #3 and issued a \$5,700.00 unsecured bond for the charges.

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Delaware State Police Attempting to Locate Dover Man Wanted for Felony Weapon Charges- Dover

Dover- Delaware State Police are attempting to locate 36-year-old **Dustin L. Ellsworth** of Dover on felony weapon charges.

On October 15, 2020, at approximately 9:46 p.m., Delaware State Police responded to a residence on Steel Road, Dover, for a reported disorderly subject. Through their investigation, troopers determined Dustin confronted individuals in a vehicle parked outside the home with a Remington 12 gauge shotgun. Dustin cycled a round in the weapon and shouted, "you scared now" at the car before it fled the area. Before troopers arrived on the scene, Dustin also fled the area in an unknown direction.

Dustin is wanted on the following charges:

- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony (felony)
- Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited (felony)
- Possession of Ammunition by a Person Prohibited (felony)

Anyone with information regarding Dustin's location should contact Tpr. A. Carter with Delaware State Police Troop 3 by calling 302-697-4454, emailing Anthony.J.Carter@delaware.gov or calling 911. 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 Death Investigation Following Boating Accident- Bear

Bear- Delaware State Police are conducting a death investigation following a boating accident on October 15, 2020.

At approximately 11:59 a.m., DNREC Fish and Wildlife Natural Resources Police and surrounding New Castle County Fire Departments were dispatched to Lums Pond located at 3125 Red

Lion Road, Bear, for a water rescue. The initial reports indicated two men had fallen out of a boat and were in the water. Upon arrival at the scene, the two men were unable to be located. Delaware State Police responded to the scene to assist with the investigation. Through investigative measures, troopers determined a 63-year-old male from Newark and a 65-year-old male acquaintance from Bear were traveling in a boat when, for unknown reasons, the two men fell in the water. A boater nearby attempted to rescue the men but was unsuccessful.

Delaware State Police Scuba Unit responded to Lums Pond to assist with the search and located both males in the water. They were pronounced deceased at the scene. The victim's names are being withheld pending the notification of next of kin.

DNREC Fish and Wildlife Natural Resources Police are investigating the boat accident.

This incident remains under investigation. Anyone with information regarding the incident should contact Delaware State Police Cpl/D. Patterson at Delaware State Police Troop 2 by calling 302-834-2620 or emailing David.Patterson@delaware.gov.

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Troopers Investigating a Stabbing Incident – Wilmington

Wilmington- The Delaware State Police are investigating a report of a stabbing incident that occurred yesterday morning.

The incident occurred on October 14, 2020, at approximately 9:55 a.m., when Troopers responded to North Maryland Avenue, Wilmington, for a report of a stabbing. Upon arrival, Troopers located a 50-year-old male victim from Wilmington with a stab wound to the leg. Further investigation indicated

that the victim engaged in an altercation with an unknown male subject. During the verbal altercation the suspect proceeded to stab the victim once in the leg.

The victim was transported to a local area hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

There is no suspect information at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Troop 2, Criminal Investigations Unit at 302-834-2630. 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 #2- Victim Name Released* Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Collision- Glasgow**

Glasgow— Delaware State Police have identified the name of the individual who died in a crash on October 8, 2020 on westbound Pulaski Highway at LaGrange Parkway, as 66-year-old **Nathaniel Milton** of Newark, DE. Milton was pronounced deceased at the scene.

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

[*UPDATE* Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Collision- Glasgow](#)

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Troopers Seek Public's Assistance With Information on Home Invasion- Smyrna

Smyrna– The Delaware State Police are investigating a home invasion that took place at a Smyrna area residence Friday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 10:52 p.m., Friday, October 9, 2020, at a residence located on Wheatleys Pond Rd., Smyrna. Upon arrival, it was reported that a suspect made forced entry into the home and was confronted by the 87 year-old homeowner/victim. The victim had a handgun and extended towards the suspect. However, the suspect was able to take the gun away from the victim, and fled the scene on foot in an unknown direction.

The victim was not injured from the incident.

The suspect is described as an unknown male dressed in all dark clothing.

This investigation is ongoing, and anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Detective Weinstein of the Troop 3 Criminal Investigations Unit by calling 302-698-8443.

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Update- Victims Identified **Delaware State Police** **Investigating Shooting** **Incident- New Castle**

New Castle- Delaware State Police are releasing the names of the victims who were involved in a shooting incident on October 2, 2020 as 30-year-old Malik X. Miller of Wilmington and 28-year-old Tymir Mason of Wilmington.

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

Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact Detective D. Grassi of the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit at 302-365-8441. 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>.

[*Update* Delaware State Police Investigating Shooting Incident- New Castle](#)

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***Update #2- Victim
Identified* Delaware State**

Police Investigating Homicide Investigation- Dover

Dover- Delaware State Police are releasing the name of the victim who was involved in the shooting incident on October 2, 2020 as 21-year-old **Shakur A. Burrage** from Dover, DE.

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

Anyone with information in reference to this incident, they are asked to contact Detective J. King at 302-741-2821. 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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Bridgeville Man Arrested by Troopers on Criminal and Traffic Charges- Bridgeville

Bridgeville- Delaware State Police arrested 18-year-old **Fredrick Norwood** of Bridgeville on criminal and traffic charges following an incident Sunday night.

On October 11, 2020, at approximately 9:10 p.m., troopers responded to Deer Forest Road, Bridgeville, for a report of a black Chevrolet Silverado driving erratically on the roadway. Troopers contacted the 65-year-old male victim, who advised the Silverado was doing burnouts on the road in front of his residence. As he was observing the pickup truck, he used a flashlight he was holding to identify the operator, at which time the vehicle began sliding towards him. In response, the victim threw the flashlight at the rear bumper, and the truck traveled approximately 50 yards down the roadway before stopping. The operator, later identified as Norwood, looked out the truck window and questioned the victim if he threw something at the truck. The victim then heard what appeared to be the sound of a shotgun being cocked inside the vehicle before the operator drove away and continued traveling around the area. During their investigation, troopers determined the vehicle, and Norwood was located on Cedar Corner Road, Bridgeville. Upon contact with Norwood, a strong odor of alcoholic beverages was detected. Also observed in plain view inside the Silverado was a 20 gauge shotgun and 12 gauge double-barrel shotgun. One slug was found in the chamber of the 20 gauge shotgun. Beer cans were also observed in the bed and interior of the truck.

Norwood was taken into custody without incident and transported to Troop 5, where the investigation continued. Norwood was charged with the following crimes:

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony (2 counts- felony)
- Aggravated Menacing (felony)
- Reckless Endangering 1st Degree (felony)
- Possession of a Firearm While Under the Influence (2 counts)
- Unlawfully Loaded Firearm (2 counts)
- Driving Under the Influence
- Reckless Driving
- Failure to have Required Insurance
- Failure to have License in Possession

Norwood was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #3 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on a \$51,703.00 cash bond.

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National Prescription Drug Take-Back Initiative- October 24, 2020

Delaware – On **Saturday, October 24, 2020** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Delaware State Police has partnered with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to schedule their National Take-Back Initiative (NTBI). This is a great opportunity for those who missed the previous events, or who have subsequently accumulated unwanted, unused, and expired prescription drugs, to safely dispose of those medications. This is an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

DEA will also accept vaping devices and cartridges at any of its drop off locations during Take Back Day. It is important to note that DEA cannot accept devices containing lithium ion batteries. If batteries cannot be removed prior to drop-off, DEA encourages individuals to consult with stores that recycle

lithium ion batteries.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

The locations for planned disposal monitored by the Delaware State Police will be at the following:

New Castle County:

- Delaware State Police Troop 2, 100 Corporal Stephen J. Ballard Way, Newark, DE 19702
- Delaware State Police Troop 9, 414 Main Street, Odessa, DE 19730

Kent County:

- Delaware State Police Troop 3, 3759 South State Street, Camden, DE 19934

Sussex County:

- Delaware State Police Troop 4, 23652 Shortly Road, Georgetown, DE 19947
- Delaware State Police Troop 5, 9265 Public Safety Way, Bridgeville, DE 19933
- Delaware State Police Troop 7, 18006 Coastal Highway, Lewes, DE 19958

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs

or about the October 24th Take Back Day event, and to find year-round collection sites near you go to [DEA's official Take Back Day website.](#)

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