

***Update Name Released* Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Crash Involving Bicyclist- Wilmington**

Wilmington– Delaware State Police have identified the name of the of the individual who died in a crash while riding a bicycle on September 29, 2020, at the intersection of Philadelphia Pike and Bellevue Parkway, Wilmington, as 16 year-old of Wilmington, DE.

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

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***Update* Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Crash Involving Bicyclist- Wilmington**

Wilmington– Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash involving a bicyclist that occurred at approximately 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 29, 2020, at the intersection of Philadelphia Pike and Bellevue Parkway.

The initial investigation has determined a 2012 Hino box truck operated by a 49 year-old male from Prospect Park, PA, was stopped in the left turn lane of northbound Philadelphia Pike. The traffic signal displayed a green arrow and the box truck proceed to turn left onto Bellevue Parkway. At the same time, a bicyclist was riding northbound along the southbound lanes of Philadelphia Pike. As the box truck completed its left turn, the bicyclist struck the driver side of the vehicle.

The operator of the bicycle, a 16 year-old male from Wilmington, was not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash, and was pronounced deceased at the scene. His name is being withheld at this time pending the notification of next of kin.

Southbound Philadelphia Pike was closed for approximately 2.5 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

The investigation is ongoing, and anyone with information regarding the crash should contact Det. Calio of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8483.

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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- Suspect Information**

Released* Delaware State Police Investigating Multiple Thefts from Vehicles- Smyrna

Smyrna- Delaware State Police is continuing to investigate thefts from vehicles in the Smyrna area. On September 28, 2020, at approximately 3:50 a.m., an unknown suspect entered unlocked vehicles in the Twin Willows Development and stole personal property.

The suspect is described as a white male, long black or brown hair possibly braided, black hooded sweatshirt, a surgical mask on his forehead, and a dark-colored mask covering his nose and mouth.

Anyone with information regarding these incidents should contact Detective J. Lloyd with Delaware State Police Troop 3 Criminal Investigative Unit at 302-698-8503 or by emailing Jessica.Lloyd@delaware.gov. 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 Fatal Crash Involving Bicyclist- Wilmington**

- Delaware State Police are on the scene of a fatal motor vehicle crash involving a bicyclist that occurred at approximately 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 29, 2020, on Bellevue Parkway in the area of Philadelphia Pike.

As a result of the crash, southbound Philadelphia Pike is closed from Silverside Road to Bellevue Parkway. 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 Armed Robbery- Laurel

Laurel- Delaware State Police are investigating an armed robbery that occurred Monday night on 4th Street, Bridgeville.

Delaware State Police are investigating a robbery that occurred at approximately 12:08 a.m. on September 29, 2020. The investigation revealed a 20-year-old male was in his residence and caught two male suspects attempting to break into his step-father's white Toyota Camry and neighbor's Toyota Corolla, which were parked outside. The victim confronted the suspects when he was pistol-whipped by one of

the suspects and his wallet containing an undisclosed amount of money was removed from his front pant pocket. The victim yelled for his 28-year-old family member to come outside. When the family member exited the residence, he threw his cellphone at the suspect, striking him. The suspect then pointed a handgun at the family member before fleeing the area on foot. During that same time, the second suspect was looking through the neighbor's Corolla before fleeing on foot in an unknown direction. The victim was treated at the scene by emergency medical services for his injury.

The first suspect is described as a black male wearing dark-colored shorts and a dark-colored shirt.

The second suspect is described as a black male wearing dark-colored shorts and a dark-colored hoodie.

There is no video surveillance available at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact Detective C. Simpson with Delaware State Police Troop 4 Criminal Investigative Unit by calling 302-752-3855 or emailing Charles.W.Simpson@delaware.gov.

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***UPDATE* Delaware State Police Dispatch Centers Experiencing Interruption in 911 Phone Service- Delaware**

Delaware- Delaware State Police Dispatch Centers are now operational and 911 calls are being received. If you call 911 and receive a busy signal or recorded message, callers are

encouraged to text 911 and type your emergency in the message field or utilize the non-emergency telephone numbers.

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**Delaware State Police
Dispatch Centers Experiencing
Interruption in 911 Phone**

Service- Delaware

Delaware- Delaware State Police Dispatch Centers are currently experiencing a state wide interruption in service. Anyone attempting to call 911 either by cellphone or landline will experience a busy signal. At this time the issue is being addressed and it is unknown how long the 911 phone service will be unavailable. If you need to report an emergency, you are encouraged to text 911 and type your emergency in the message field.

An update will be provided once additional information is available.

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Delaware State Police

Investigating Multiple Thefts from Vehicles- Smyrna

Smyrna, DE– Over the course of the past several weeks, troopers have investigated multiple thefts of property from ***vehicles parked in the Smyrna area.***

The Delaware State Police would like to remind everyone these safety tips to help you avoid becoming a victim.

- Keep the doors of your vehicles locked at all times and windows shut.
- Do not leave items of value in your vehicle. This includes purses, wallets, credit cards, electronics, checkbooks, money, SS card, loose change, documents and paperwork with your personal information listed.
- Store valuable tools inside your residence. If needed daily for work, create an easy system to load and unload, such as using storage containers to transport.
- Lock your glove box, which should only store your registration and insurance cards. Do not store your vehicle title in the glove box. Store it in a safe place in your residence.
- Do not leave items that have a perceived value, such as a laptop case with no laptop.
- Clear the vehicle of all clutter and personal items. This can give the general impression that other property of value may be within the vehicle.
- Do not keep a spare vehicle key hidden in the same vehicle. Do not store or house keys or other keys in your vehicle.
- If possible, keep your vehicle parked under a lighted area that you can check on from your residence.
- If you have a surveillance security system, include your vehicles in the angle of your camera. If you locate a suspicious subject on your property, in the area of your

vehicles, do not confront them, call 911 immediately.

And finally, be a good witness for your neighbors and fellow citizens, as you would want them to do the same for you. Pay attention and be aware of what is going on in your neighborhood and community.

If you See Something-Say Something, by reporting all suspicious activity to your local law enforcement agency, call 9-1-1.

Anyone with information regarding these incidents should contact Det. K. Diaz with Delaware State Police Troop 3 Criminal Investigative Unit by calling 302-698-8426 or emailing, Kelly.diaz@delaware.gov. 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 arrest Felton man after attempting to run over victims with his car- Felton

Felton- Delaware State Police arrested 28-year-old **Hector M. Amaro Cruz** of Felton on felony criminal charges following an incident Sunday evening.

On September 27, 2020, at 6:13 p.m., Delaware State Police responded to Sandlewood Court, Felton, for a reckless endangering incident. The investigation revealed that Cruz was driving a 1997 Toyota Corolla on Sandlewood Court while a 28-year-old male acquaintance and 6-year-old male were riding their bicycles on the road. As Cruz approached the individuals, he began driving straight toward them and accelerated in an attempt to strike them. Cruz was unsuccessful in hitting the victims, at which time he exited the vehicle with a bat and attempted to strike the 28-year-old. A struggle ensued, and the victim was able to gain control of the bat, at which time, Cruz produced a kitchen knife and attempted to stab the victim. The victim was uninjured, but Cruz tried to strike the victims two more times with his vehicle as they fled the area. On the final attempt, the 28-year-old male had to jump in the air and walked across the vehicle as it passed by. He was not injured.

Cruz was taken into custody and transported to Troop 3, where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony (felony)
- Reckless Endangering 1st Degree (2 counts- felony)
- Menacing

Cruz was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #7 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on a \$20,500.00 bond.

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Traffic Stop Leads to

Discovery of Stolen Property and Drugs- Felton

Felton- Delaware State Police arrested 19-year-old **Michael T. Nickles** of Dover for criminal and traffic charges following a traffic stop on September 24, 2020.

At approximately 2:08 p.m., a B0L0 was broadcasted for a beige passenger car traveling at a high rate of speed and passing vehicles on the shoulder of the roadway northbound on US 13 in the Felton area. A trooper in the area of US 13 and Canterbury Road observed a beige Toyota Avalon operating at a high rate of speed passing vehicles. The trooper activated his emergency lights, and the Avalon swerved to the shoulder of the roadway and stopped directly behind the patrol vehicle. The operator, later identified as Nichols, quickly exited the Avalon and began acting disorderly on the road's shoulder before complying with the troopers' command to reenter his vehicle. The troopers' investigation revealed Nickles was passing cars on the shoulder of the roadway, braking suddenly in front of vehicles, traveling at a high rate of speed, failed to stop at a red light, and backed up on the highway. It was also discovered Nickles was driving with no insurance, which resulted in an inventory search of the vehicle conducted before being towed. During the search, the following items were discovered:

- 13 units of assorted cannabis-infused candies
- 18 units of THC cartridges weighing approximately 7.03 grams
- \$995.00 in suspected drug proceeds
- Drug paraphernalia
- Six Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) Signs

Nickles was taken into custody without incident and transported to Troop 3, where he was charged with the

following crimes:

- Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Felony)
- Theft under \$1,500
- Receiving Stolen Property
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Aggressive Driving
- Disorderly Conduct
- Failure to have Required Insurance
- Failure to have Registration Card in Possession
- Speeding in Excess of 55 MPH
- Failure to Stop at Red Light
- Passing on the Right
- Failure to Signal
- Improper Backing
- Failure to Report Change of Address

Nickles was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #2 and released on a \$4,407.00 unsecured bond.

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