Troopers Conducting Death Investigation after Body Found in Delaware River-Delaware City

Delaware City – Troopers are currently conducting a death investigation after a body was discovered floating in the Delaware River on Tuesday afternoon.

At approximately 2:27 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17, 2020, troopers responded to Bayview Beach, Delaware City, for a body floating in the area of the rocks of the Delaware River between S. New Road and the historic lighthouse.

The adult male was removed from the scene and turned over to the Delaware Division of Forensic Science to confirm the deceased's identity and perform an autopsy to determine the cause and manner of death.

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Traffic Stop Leads to Drug Arrest – Lewes

Lewes – The Delaware State Police have arrested 20 year old **Timmarus Perry** of Lewes, DE on felony drug and weapon charges as a result of a traffic stop in the area of Ward Ave and Lewes-Georgetown Highway on Wednesday afternoon.

On Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at approximately 3:45 p.m. Troopers were conducting a criminal investigation at a residence on the 17000 block of Ward Ave and observed a suspect matching their description walk out of a residence and attempt to drive away in a white sedan. Troopers performed a traffic stop and made contact with the operator, Timmarus Perry. Troopers smelled an odor of marijuana emitting from inside the vehicle and took Perry into custody. A probable cause search was conducted and Perry was found to in possession of 4.35 grams of crack cocaine, 1.07 grams of marijuana, a large fixed blade knife, and over $100 in suspected drug proceeds.

Perry was transported to Troop 7 and charged with the following:

- Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance
- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon
- Failure to Comply with Taking Photos and Fingerprints
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Possession of Marijuana
- Criminal Mischief

Perry was arraigned by the Justice of the Peace Court #2 and released on his own recognizance.

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Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Motor

Vehicle Crash- Delaware City

Delaware City- The Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash involving two vehicles that occurred at approximately 5:20 p.m., on June 16, 2020, on River Road (RT 9) at Hamburg Road.

A 2020 Jeep Compass operated by an 85-year-old female from New Castle, was traveling eastbound on Hamburg Road, approaching River Road (Rt. 9). A 2016 Dodge Ram 2500 operated by a 42-year-old female from Delaware City was traveling southbound on Rt. 9, approaching Hamburg Road. The Jeep Compass had stopped at the posted stop sign but then attempted to turn left towards northbound Rt.9 entering into the path of the Dodge Ram resulting in the front center of the Dodge Ram striking the left front side of the Jeep Compass. As a result of the collision, the Jeep Compass spun in a clockwise direction, coming to rest south of the initial impact. The Dodge Ram was redirected after the collision and traveled off the east edge of the roadway, coming to rest on the east side of the road.

Both operators were properly restrained and transported to a nearby hospital after the collision. The operator of the Jeep sustained injuries she was unable to recover from and died on Wednesday, June 17, 2020. The operator of the Dodge was treated for non-life-threatening injuries and released.

As a result of the crash, RT 9 at Hamburg Road was closed for approximately 3 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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Delaware State Police Memorial Vandalized- Dover

Dover- The Delaware State Police are currently investigating an incident in which the Delaware State Police Law Enforcement Memorial was vandalized.

The incident occurred sometime between the overnight hours on June 15, into June 16, 2020, when the Delaware State Police Memorial was spray painted with the words "BLACK LIVES MATTER". The memorial is located on the Delaware State Police Headquarters complex.

The memorial is dedicated to those Troopers who gave their lives in the line of duty by making the ultimate sacrifice for the safety and protection of our citizens. With each fallen Officer's name engraved in the memorial as a remembrance, it stands as a place of reflection for surviving family members, friends, loved ones and fellow Troopers to pay tribute. Our sincerest thoughts and prayers go out to the surviving family members, who are heartbroken by this act. Any vandalism to such an important memorial is appalling and unacceptable.

The Delaware State Police are committed to finding the person(s) responsible and are seeking the public's assistance. Anyone that has information in reference to this incident is asked to contact Troop 3, Property Crimes Unit, Detective Baker at 302-697-4454. 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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Troopers Investigating Serious Crash Involving Two Pedestrians-Milton

Milton- The Delaware State Police are investigating a crash involving two pedestrians that occurred late yesterday afternoon.

The incident occurred on June 14, 2020, at approximately 5:24 p.m., when a 2019 Volvo XC60 was traveling northbound on Fisher Road negotiating a moderate left curve just south of US 9, Lewes Georgetown Hwy. Two female pedestrians were walking southbound along the edge of the northbound travel lane in the same vicinity. One pedestrian was walking on the asphalt and slightly ahead of the other who was walking in the grass area. The operator failed to see them and subsequently struck the pedestrian that was walking in the asphalt. It is unknown at this time if both pedestrians were struck by the vehicle or the second female was struck by the other pedestrian after the initial impact.

The 29-year-old female pedestrian was from Lewes, DE. She was transported to the Kent Bayhealth Hospital with critical injuries.

The 33-year-old female pedestrian was from Rehoboth Beach, DE. She was transported to the Beebe Medical Center where she was treated and released with non-life threatening injuries.

The operator of the Volvo, a 63-year-old male from Lewes, DE, was properly restrained and did not sustain injury.

Fisher Road south of US 9 was closed for approximately 3 hours

while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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

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ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE ROBBERY SUSPECT*- Lewes

The Delaware State Police are seeking the public’s assistance with locating Erika A. Morris. Erika is wanted in connection to a strong-armed robbery that occurred Saturday, June 13, 2020, at approximately 2:00 p.m. at Weis grocery store located at 17232 North Village Main Blvd., Lewes.