

# Wilmington Woman Arrested after Striking Ex-boyfriend with Vehicle- New Castle

**New Castle**— The Delaware State Police have arrested 44-year-old **Tara Woodward** of Wilmington after she struck her ex-boyfriend with her vehicle and fled the scene.

The incident occurred on April 27, 2020, at approximately 1:59 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to Wawa, located at 117 S. DuPont Highway, New Castle, about a report of a pedestrian struck by a motor vehicle. Upon arrival, Troopers made contact with the 32-year-old male victim who advised he was involved in a verbal domestic with Woodward while sitting in Woodward's 2001 Chevrolet Silverado in the parking lot of Wawa. The argument escalated, and Woodward told the victim to get out of her vehicle. As he exited the vehicle and walked across the parking lot, Woodward accelerated her vehicle and began driving directly toward the victim. The victim feared for his safety and began running across the parking lot when the front bumper of Woodward's vehicle struck his lower body, causing him to fall to the ground and sustain minor injuries.

While fleeing the scene, Woodward failed to stop at the red light at the intersection of Hares Corner in front of 100 South Dupont Highway, New Castle Delaware, and collided with a 2017 Nissan Altima. After the collision, she failed to stop at the accident scene and fled Northbound on North Dupont Highway.

On April 28, 2020, Woodward was taken into custody and transported to Troop 2 where she was charged with the following crimes:

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony

- Aggravated Menacing (Felony)
- Leaving the Scene of a Property Collision Accident
- Failure to Provide Information at Collision Scene
- Failure to Have Required Insurance
- Failure to Stop At a Red Light

Woodward was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and committed to the Delores J. Baylor Womens Correctional Institution on \$55,000.00 cash only bond.

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# Troopers Investigating Robbery of Gas Station - Wilmington

**Wilmington** – The Delaware State Police are investigating the robbery of a Wilmington area gas station that occurred early Tuesday morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 7:09 a.m., Tuesday, April 28, 2020, at the BP Gas Station, located at 3507 Miller Road, Wilmington. A male suspect confronted an employee at the sales counter and demanded money while implying he had a handgun in his waistband. The employee complied with the demand and turned over an undisclosed amount of cash to the suspect, who then fled on foot in an unknown direction. The employee was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a male wearing dark-colored clothing.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Troop 2 Robbery Unit by calling 302-365-8566.

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\* Death Investigation Ruled a Homicide-Harrington**

***Harrington-*** The Delaware State Police Homicide Unit is continuing to investigate the death that has been ruled a homicide, of a male victim after he was found lying unresponsive in the roadway.

The incident occurred on April 24, 2020 at approximately 1:10 a.m., when Troopers were dispatched to Killens Pond Road, between Sandbox Road and Bloomfield Road, Harrington, when a passerby reported a subject lying in the roadway. Upon arrival a 40-year-old male was located unresponsive in the roadway and transported to the Sussex Bayhealth Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

The victim, identified as **John W. Groff**, 40, of Lincoln, DE was turned over to the Delaware Division of Forensic Science where an autopsy was performed and the cause and manner of death was determined to be a homicide sustained from two gunshot wounds to the upper body.

The investigation continues to remain active and ongoing.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is 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 or via the internet at <http://delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

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## **\*UPDATE\* Notification of Police Activity- Newark**

**Newark** – On April 27, 2020, at approximately 6:09 p.m. the Delaware State Police responded to the 700 block of E. Chestnut Hill Rd., for a report of loud bangs. As precautionary measures, Troopers and Special Operations Response Team responded out of an abundance of caution for the residents and community. Further investigation determined the incident was not criminal in nature, and only a verbal domestic had occurred. There were no injuries as a result of this incident.

The area of E. Chestnut Hill Rd. (Rt. 4) was closed in both directions between Augusta Dr. and Salem Church Rd. for approximately six hours as a result of the investigation. The roadway is now open.

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## **Notification of Police Activity – Newark**

**Newark** – The Delaware State Police are currently conducting an investigation in the 700 block of E. Chestnut Hill Rd., Newark. At this time the incident is contained to a specific residence, however as a precautionary measure E. Chestnut Hill Rd. (Rt. 4) has been closed in both directions between Augusta Dr. and Salem Church Rd. Citizens will notice a police presence in the vicinity and are asked to avoid the area. The investigation is active and ongoing with further details being released as they become available.

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# **\*UPDATE- Suspect Identified and Arrested\* Troopers Attempt to Identify Commercial Burglary Suspect- Laurel**

*Laurel*– The Delaware State Police and Laurel Police Department have identified and arrested, 41-year-old **Carlton Robinson**, formerly of Lake Wales, Florida, currently reported as homeless, wanted in connection with commercial burglaries.

The Delaware State Police and Laurel Police Department were investigating commercial burglaries that occurred on April 22, 2020. Troopers initially were dispatched at 1:00 a.m. to Reese's Liquor Store, located at 30231 Sussex Highway, Laurel, for a burglary. At 3:31 a.m., the Laurel Police Department was dispatched to a second burglary, which occurred at Exxon, located in the town limits of Laurel at 30341 Sussex Highway.

Through investigative measures, the two police departments identified Robinson. On April 27, 2020, Robinson was taken into custody by Laurel Police Department. He was transported back to Laurel Police Department where he was charged with the following:

- Burglary 3rd (2 counts)
- Theft Under \$1500 (2 counts)
- Criminal Mischief Under \$1000 (2 counts)
- Failure to Obey an Emergency Order

Robinson was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on \$3,750.00 secure bond.

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## **Shots Fired Complaints Lead to Arrest of Georgetown Man-Georgetown**

**Georgetown-** The Delaware State Police have arrested 23-year-old **Jeff T. Cotonon-Ramos**, of Georgetown on weapon charges stemming from multiple shots fired complaints.

The incident occurred on April 26, 2020 at approximately 7:20 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the area of Briarwood

Road, Georgetown, in reference to a shots fired complaint. Upon arrival, Troopers made contact with a resident who stated they heard gunshots from their residence and saw a blue in color Toyota Corolla traveling on Briarwood Road. A second report of shots fired was then reported in the area of Shingle Point Road. A Trooper observed a blue Toyota Corolla with registration tags matching those provided by a witness traveling northbound on Sand Hill Road approaching Sand Hill Lane. A traffic stop was initiated and contact was made with the driver, a 24-year-old male of Georgetown, and passenger Jeff Cotonon-Ramos. An odor of alcohol was detected and a DUI investigation ensued.

Further investigation led to the discovery of a Glock 19 firearm along with 9mm round casings on the passenger's side floor of the vehicle. Both the driver and **Cotonon-Ramos** were taken into custody without incident and transported back to Troop 4. There were no reports of injuries or anything being struck as a result of this incident.

**Cotonon-Ramos** was charged with the following:

- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon A Firearm (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm while under the influence
- Disorderly Conduct
- Fail to Obey an Emergency Order

Cotonon-Ramos was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on \$5500.00 secured bond.

The 24-year-old male was charged with misdemeanor offenses including the following:

- Driving a Vehicle Under the Influence
- Fail to Obey an Emergency Order
- Conspiracy Third Degree

He was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and

committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on \$3000.00 cash only bond.

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## **Troopers Investigating Attempted Robbery-Lincoln**

*Lincoln-* The Delaware State Police are investigating an attempted robbery that occurred last evening at a residence in the Cedar Village Mobile Home Park.

The incident occurred on April 26, 2020 at approximately 9:50 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to a residence on Major

Street, Lincoln, for a report of an attempted robbery. Upon arrival, Troopers met with a 20-year-old male resident who advised that two unknown subjects knocked on his front door. When the victim answered the door, the subjects asked him if he had any drugs. When the victim indicated that he did not, a physical altercation ensued at the front door.

The suspects then proceeded to kick the front door in an attempt to enter the residence. The suspects were unable to gain entry and fled the scene. The victim was not injured as a result of this incident.

The suspects were described as two black males, one who spoke with a Haitian accent.

The case continues to remain under investigation and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to please contact Troop 4, Major Crimes Unit, Detective Mills at 302-856-5850. 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 Shoplifting Turned Robbery – Wilmington**

*Wilmington* – The Delaware State Police are investigating a shoplifting turned robbery that occurred at a Wilmington area grocery store on Saturday morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 9:19 a.m., Saturday, April 25, 2020 at the ACME grocery store, located at 1308 Centerville Rd., Wilmington. A male suspect filled a shopping cart with merchandise and then exited the store without paying. When confronted in the parking lot by store employees, who asked the suspect for payment or a return of the merchandise, he displayed a knife and refused to comply. The

suspect then fled the parking lot in a black, KIA Soul. The employees were not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a black male, 20-25 years of age, 5'8"-5'10" tall, 140-150 lbs., wearing a dark colored shirt and jeans.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Trooper Raza at Troop 6 by calling 302-633-5000.

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# DSP S.O.A.R. Searching For Wanted Sex Offender

**Dover** – The Delaware State Police Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration Unit (S.O.A.R) is currently looking for the following wanted sex offender 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/>

This offender is currently wanted for charges that may or may not be related to sex offenses.  
If you have any information concerning this offender, please contact your local law enforcement agency.

THOMAS ANTHONY [Return to Search Results](#)



**Registration Information**

DOB Last4:	7412 (Fictional Page)
Verified On:	08/04/11 09:36
Registered Since:	08/04/11 09:36
In Prison:	No
Convicted Out of State:	No
Repeat Offender:	No

**Police Agency of Jurisdiction**

Police Agency:	DELPOL 2 (STATE POLICE)
Address:	220 LANSANWOOD AVENUE NEWARK, DE 19702
Phone:	302643000

**Identification Information**

Birth Date:	August 11, 1971 (age 44)	Height:	5' 11"
Gender:	Male	Weight:	160 lbs
Race:	Black/African American	Eye Color:	Brown
Hair Color:	Black	Hair Color:	Black

**Scars, Marks, & Tattoos**

Type	Description
TAT L ARM	
TAT R ARM	
TAT L LEG	
TAT R LEG	

**Aliases**

THOMAS ANTHONY J
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SMITH, THOMAS
THOMAS, SCOTT
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**Addresses**

Type	Address	County	Development/Employer
Home	1000 Carlislewood Place Newark, DE 19702	NewCastle	(None)
Work	1000 Carlislewood Place Newark, DE 19702	NewCastle	NOT EMPLOYED
Other	(No address on file)	Other	Not Addressing Survey

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