Troopers Investigating Robbery of New Castle Pharmacy

New Castle – The Delaware State Police are investigating the robbery of a New Castle area pharmacy that occurred Sunday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 8:16 p.m., Sunday, May 3, 2020 at the Rite Aid pharmacy, located at 2034 New Castle Avenue. A male suspect approached an employee at the sales counter, implied that he was armed with firearm and demanded cash from the register. The employee turned over an undisclosed amount of cash to the suspect who then fled on foot. No weapon was displayed, only implied. The employee was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a black male, 5'10"-6'1" tall, 185-200 lbs., wearing all dark clothing to include a fabric concealing his face.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

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

http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com

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UPDATE Troopers Investigating Serious Crash at Intersection of Lighthouse Rd. and Salty Way Dr.- Selbyville

Selbyville – The Delaware State Police are investigating a serious crash involving a bicyclist that occurred at approximately 1:52 p.m., Saturday, May 3, 2020, at the intersection of Lighthouse Rd. and Salty Way Drive, Selbyville.

The initial investigation has determined a 1997 Nissan pickup truck, operated by a 30-year-old Frankford man, was traveling eastbound on Lighthouse Road, approaching Salty Way. A 69-

year-old Selbyville woman, who was riding a bicycle, traveling eastbound on Lighthouse Road, within the designated westbound bicycle lane, for unknown reasons crossed over Lighthouse Road directly into the path of the Nissan pickup truck. The operator of the pickup truck was unable to avoid the collision, and the left front of the vehicle collided with the right side of the bicycle within the eastbound lane of Lighthouse Road. After the impact, the operator of the Nissan pickup truck came to a controlled stop and within the eastbound travel lane.

The bicyclist was transported to the Christiana Hospital with serious injuries.

The driver of the Nissan pickup truck was not injured.

The eastbound travel lane of Lighthouse Road was closed for approximately 3.0 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

The investigation is ongoing, and anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Cpl/1 A. Mitchell at Troop 7 by calling 302-644-5020.

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Traffic Stop Leads to Drug Arrests- Rehoboth Beach

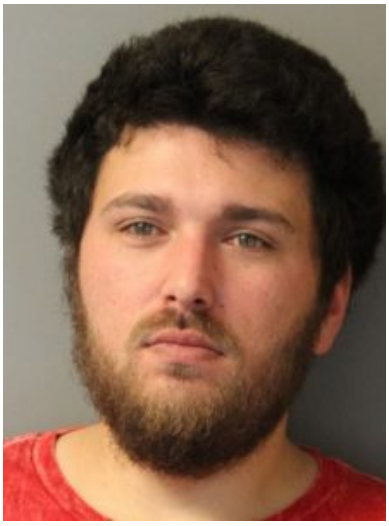
Rehoboth Beach- The Delaware State Police have arrested three suspects after a traffic stop led to the discovery of drugs.

The incident occurred on Friday, May 1, 2020, at approximately 10:48 a.m., when a Trooper observed a light blue Jeep Cherokee fail to stop at a stop sign on Holland Glade Road at Coastal Highway. A traffic stop was initiated, and contact was made with the occupants of the vehicle, operator, **30-year-old Zachary Caras** and passengers, **48-year-old Anthony Didomenicis**, and **35-year-old Suzanne Talbot**, all from Lewes. Through investigative measures and numerous criminal indicators observed during the traffic stop, the occupants were asked to exit the vehicle. Located in Caras' right front pocket and the vehicle was drug paraphernalia. Drug paraphernalia was also located in a bag Talbot had in her possession with two bundles of heroin concealed on her person inside her clothing. Located in Didomenicis' right cargo pocket were two bundles of heroin, drug paraphernalia, and $1,164.00 USC suspected of being proceeds from drug sales. A total of approximately .42 grams of heroin was seized from the traffic stop.

Caras, Didomenicis, and Talbot were transported to Troop 7, where they were each charged and arraigned by Justice of the

Peace Court.

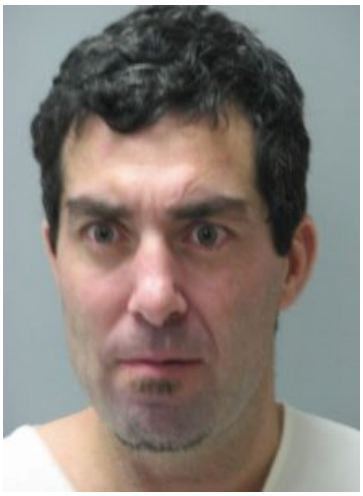
Caras was charged with the following crimes and released on a $2,801.00 unsecured bond.



(Picture from 2018)

- Conspiracy 2nd Degree (felony)
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Failure to Obey Emergency Order
- Failure to Stop at Stop Sign

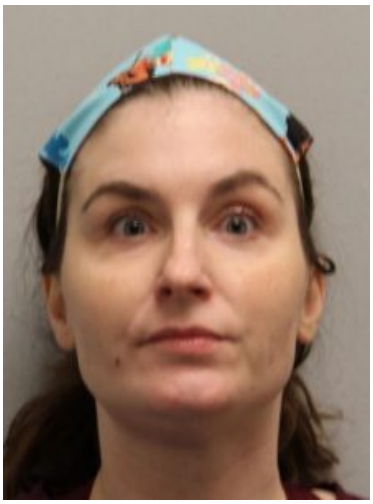
Didomenicis was charged with the following crimes and released on a $4,800.00 unsecured bond.



(Picture from 2013)

- Possession With Intent to Deliver Controlled Substance (felony)
- Conspiracy 2nd Degree (felony)
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Fail to Obey Emergency Order

Talbot was charged with the following crimes and released on a $4,800.00 unsecured bond.



- Possession With Intent to Deliver Controlled Substance (felony)
- Conspiracy 2nd Degree (felony)
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Failure to Obey Emergency Order

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TRAFFIC ADVISORY Road Closure- Summit Bridge Road- Middletown

The Delaware State Police are currently on the scene of a crash that caused damage to a utility pole on Summit Bridge Road. As a result, all lanes Northbound and Southbound of Summit Bridge Road between Armstrong Corner Road and School House Road will be closed for an extended period of time.

Motorists will experience delays in the area and are advised to seek alternate routes of travel.

For updated traffic conditions and road closure information, log on to http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel_advisory/index.shtml#advisories.

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TRAFFIC ADVISORY Troopers on Scene of Serious Crash at Intersection of Lighthouse Rd. and Salty Way Dr.-

Selbyville

Selbyville – The Delaware State Police are currently on the scene of a motor vehicle crash involving a pedestrian that occurred at approximately 1:52 p.m, Saturday, May 2, 2020, at the intersection of Lighthouse Rd. and Salty Way Dr., Selbyville.

As a result of the crash, Lighthouse Rd. has been reduced to one lane. Traffic is getting by; however, motorists are advised to avoid the area and seek alternate routes of travel.

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Wilmington Man Arrested After Crashing Into Residence-Millsboro

Millsboro– The Delaware State Police have arrested a Wilmington man for his 3rd Offense Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol after he crashed his vehicle into a residence.

The incident occurred on Friday, May 1, 2020, at approximately 8:15 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to East Wind Drive, Millsboro, for a red Mercedes Benz that crashed into a residence. Upon arrival, Troopers made contact with the driver, 54-year-old John S. Ruello, and an odor of alcohol was detected, which led to a DUI investigation.

The investigation revealed Ruello was traveling southbound on Long Neck Road, and for unknown reasons he crossed the center line. The vehicle traveled off the roadway to the left, over an embankment and eventually struck a residence on East Wind Drive. The impact of the front center of Ruello's vehicle striking the deck of the residence, caused the deck to collapse and damage a vehicle parked in the driveway. Ruello was transported to Beebe Hospital for a laceration to his head.

Ruello was charged with the following:

- 3rd Offense Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol
- Failure to Drive in Proper Lane and Direction

He was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and issued $2,001.00 bond.

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Traffic Stop Leads to Arrest of Smyrna Man for Theft of Construction Materials-Millsboro/Lewes

Millsboro/Lewes- The Delaware State Police have arrested Michael Irwin, 45, 0f Smyrna, DE, in connection with multiple thefts from construction sites.

Since the end of April 2020, Troopers began investigating reports of thefts from construction sites in developments under construction in the Millsboro and Lewes area.

On April 29, 2020, at approximately 11:20 p.m., Troopers were on routine patrol in the area of Tributary Boulevard, Millsboro, when they observed a black Ford Ranger pulling a trailer traveling with no lights on. A traffic stop was

conducted, and contact was made with the operator who was identified as Irwin. Through further investigation, Troopers determined Irwin was driving under the influence of alcohol and was taken into custody. In clear view in the bed of the trailer, Troopers observed construction packaging that were consistent with materials that have been reported stolen. It was determined through investigative measures the property in Irwin's possession was stolen.

Irwin was transported to Troop 4 where he was processed and charged with the following crimes:

- 3rd Offense DUI (felony)
- Improper Lights
- Driving While Suspended
- Failure to have Insurance in Possession
- Failure to have Registration in Possession
- Theft over $1500.00
- Theft under $1500.00
- Trespass 3rd Degree (2 counts)
- Failure to Obey an Emergency Order

He was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Court and was committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on $2,503.00.

Detectives with Troop 4 Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) continue to investigate this case, and additional charges could be filed against Irwin pending the result of their investigation. Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact Detective D. Yencer or Detective P. Taylor at Troop 4 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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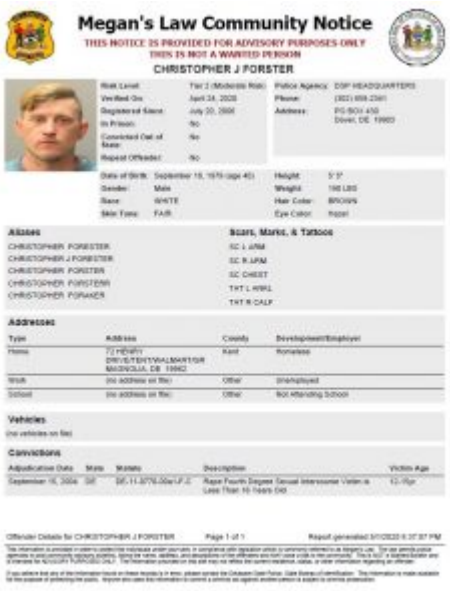
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Homeless Sex Offender Notification

Dover— The following subjects 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. Anyone with information in reference to the whereabouts of Robert Simmons is asked to please contact Detective M. Bailey at 302-943-1560. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333,

via the internet at http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.





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Camp Barnes Canceled for Summer 2020

Dover – Out of an abundance of caution the Delaware State Police have canceled all sessions of Camp Barnes for the Summer of 2020. The health and safety of the campers as well as our staff have led us to make this unfortunate but necessary decision.

Applications for the Summer of 2021 will be available on March 1, 2021. For more information regarding Camp Barnes log on to: campbarnes.net

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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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