

Troopers Will Continue to Answer Your Calls

Dover – This message is to assure you that the men and women of the Delaware State Police will continue to fulfill our mission during this challenging time, which is ***To enhance the quality of life for all Delaware citizens and visitors, by providing professional, competent and compassionate law enforcement services,*** through appropriate responses and enforcement.

This includes full uninterrupted initial responses to emergency calls for service to include criminal investigations, motor vehicle crashes and other public safety related issues.

The health and well-being of our Troopers as well as our community is our top priority as we continue to serve and protect, during this unprecedented event. We will continue to follow the guidelines set forth by the Delaware Department of Public Health (DPH), the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the World Health Organization (WHO).

We have also implemented temporary changes to operations at some of our facilities, to ensure we are compliant with social distancing guidelines.

We will continue to monitor the situation and take appropriate actions by following the guidelines that are set forth to protect public health and safety.

The Delaware State Police will continue to serve our communities.

Log on to: **dhss.delaware.gov** for updated information regarding the coronavirus pandemic.

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***UPDATE #2- Victim Succumbs to Injuries* Troopers Investigating Serious Crash, E. Chestnut Hill Rd. in the area of Todd Estates – Newark**

Newark – The Delaware State Police are identifying 66 year old Linda D. Marple of Newark as the driver of a Chevy Cavalier that was involved in a crash that occurred at approximately 6:17 a.m., Friday, March 20, 2020, on E. Chestnut Hill Rd. at Pearson Dr., in the area of Todd Estates. Marple was admitted

to the Christiana Hospital on the date of the incident and succumbed to her injuries on Saturday, March 21, 2020.

Click on the following links to view related releases:

[*TRAFFIC ADVISORY-Newark* Troopers on Scene of Serious Motor Vehicle Crash, E. Chestnut Hill Rd. in the area of Todd Estates](#)

[*UPDATE* Troopers Investigating Serious Crash, E. Chestnut Hill Rd. in the area of Todd Estates – Newark](#)

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to contact Sgt. D. Alexander of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8484.

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>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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Troopers Investigating Knifepoint Robbery – Wilmington

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police are investigating the knifepoint robbery of a Wilmington area Walgreens pharmacy that occurred Saturday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 8:45 p.m., Saturday, March 21, 2020 at the Walgreens-Chestnut Run, located at 1710 Faulkland Rd. A male suspect confronted an employee behind the sales counter while brandishing a knife and demanded money from the register. The employee complied with the demand and turned over an undisclosed amount of cash to the suspect who then fled on foot. The employee was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a light skinned male, 18-30 years of age, 5'10"-6'1" tall with a thin build, wearing a light colored hooded sweatshirt.

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.

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Troopers Investigating Stabbing – Dover

Dover – The Delaware State Police are investigating a stabbing that occurred early this morning on S. State St. in Dover.

The initial investigation has determined that at approximately 1:42

a.m., Saturday, March 21, 2020 a 35 year old Dover man was walking along S. State St. in the area of Lebanon Rd., after leaving the Royal Farms. As he was walking he was approached by a male subject, that he did not, who began yelling at him. The suspect then proceeded to stab the victim in the upper torso with an unknown object. After the assault the suspect fled on foot. The victim was treated at Bayhealth Kent Campus for a single stab wound to his upper torso.

The suspect was described as a black male, wearing a dark shirt, light colored pants and a dark colored hat.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to contact Trooper M. Keane at Troop 3 by calling 302-697-4454.

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***UPDATE #2 Victim Identified* Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash Involving a Pedestrian – Rt. 40 at Perch Creek**

Newark- The Delaware State Police have identified 21 year old Tatiyana Clark of New Castle as the pedestrian who was struck and killed in a crash that occurred at approximately 8:08 p.m., Wednesday, March 18, 2020 on Rt. 40 in the area of Perch Creek, Newark.

Click on the following links to view related releases:

[*TRAFFIC ADVISORY* Rt. 40. Closed at Perch Creek Drive due to a Crash Involving a Pedestrian](#)

[*UPDATE* Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash Involving a Pedestrian – Rt. 40 at Perch Creek](#)

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DSP S.O.A.R. Searching For Wanted Sex Offenders

Dover – The Delaware State Police Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration Unit (S.O.A.R) is currently looking for the following wanted sex offenders after they either failed to register or re-register their current address. If anyone knows the location of these subjects, 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/>

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Homeless Sex Offender Notification

Dover— The following subjects are 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. 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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***UPDATE* Troopers Investigating Serious Crash, E. Chestnut Hill Rd. in the area of Todd Estates – Newark**

Newark – The Delaware State Police are continuing to investigate a serious motor vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 6:17 a.m., this morning, Friday, March 20, 2020, on E. Chestnut Hill Rd. at Pearson Dr., in the area of Todd Estates.

The initial investigation has determined that a 2003 Chevy Cavalier, operated by a 66 year old Newark woman, was traveling eastbound on E. Chestnut Hill Rd. (Rt. 4) in the right lane, proceeding towards the intersection with Pearson Dr. A 2014 Acura MDX, operated by a 55 year old Elkton, MD woman, was traveling eastbound on E. Chestnut Hill Rd. in the left lane, behind the Chevy. The Acura accelerated past the Chevy at which time the Chevy then changed lanes to follow behind the Acura. The Chevy then proceeded to drift to the

left into the center grass before returning to the left lane at which time it accelerated and struck the rear of the Acura.

After the initial impact the driver of the Chevy lost control with her vehicle overturning on to its roof, coming to rest in the middle of the intersection. The Acura also came to rest in the intersection.

The driver of the Chevy who was not properly restrained was transported to the Christiana Hospital in critical condition.

The driver of the Acura, who was properly restrained, was not injured.

Impairment does not appear to be a contributing factor in the crash.

Traffic on E. Chestnut Hill Rd. was restricted for approximately 3 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

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***UPDATE* Troopers Investigating Serious Crash I-95 at Churchman's Marsh – Newark**

Newark – The Delaware State Police are continuing to investigate a serious motor vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 4:42 a.m., this morning, Friday, March 20, 2020 on I-95 northbound in the area of Churchman's marsh.

The initial investigation has determined that a 2019 Freightliner

tractor trailer, operated by a 34 year old Port Republic NJ man, was traveling in the center right lane of northbound I-95, slowing down due to stopped traffic further north. A 2006 Mazda 3, operated by a 20 year old Wilmington man, was also traveling northbound I-95, when he failed to stop and struck the rear of the tractor trailer. After impact both vehicles came to a rest in the roadway.

The driver of the tractor trailer, who was properly restrained was not injured.

The driver of the Mazda, who was also properly restrained, was transported to the Christiana Hospital with serious injuries. He was cited for Failure to Remain in a Single Lane and Expired Registration.

I-95 northbound was closed for approximately 4.5 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

Click on the following link to view the original release:

[*TRAFFIC ADVISORY* I-95 Northbound Closed at Churchman's Marsh Due To Crash Involving a Tractor Trailer](#)

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State Bureau of Identification Dover Office Temporarily Changes Operating Procedures

Dover – The Delaware State Police State Bureau of Identification (SBI), remains open and ready to serve the public during the Coronavirus outbreak. However, to remain consistent with current public health guidelines, we are reducing visitor traffic at our main office, located at **655 South Bay Road, Suite 1 B, Dover**, in an attempt to safeguard our employees and those we serve.

Effective Monday, March 23, 2020, our Dover location will change operations from a walk-in facility to appointment only. Appointments may be scheduled by calling: 302-739-2528.

THIS CHANGE DOES NOT APPLY TO SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION. YOU ARE ADVISED TO CONTINUE TO REPORT AS REQUIRED.

SBI operations at our New Castle County (Troop 2) location, as well as the Sussex County (Thurman Adams State Service Center) location, remain unchanged. Both these locations are by appointment only.

We thank the public for cooperating with these guidelines and ask that individuals visiting our customer service centers follow these recommendations:

- Take advantage of using hand sanitizer, available at our customer service windows, before conducting any transaction.
- Use a credit card for any transaction to limit the amount of hand-to-hand contact.
- Keep at least six feet of space between fellow customers and do not crowd.

We will continue to provide updates regarding operations as the situation evolves.

For updated information you can always visit our website at: <https://dsp.delaware.gov/obtaining-a-certified-criminal-history>

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