Troopers Arrest Suspect for Strong Arm Robbery- Newark

Newark – The Delaware State Police have arrested a Newark man for a strong armed robbery that took place on April 10, 2020 in the parking lot of Royal Farms, located at 1551 Pulaski Hwy, Newark, yesterday morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 11:21 a.m. as the 71 year old victim was sitting in her vehicle parked in the rear of Royal Farms parking lot. The defendant later identified as 20 year old, **Knowledge Thomas** of Newark, approached the victim's vehicle on the driver side in an attempt to get her to roll down her window. The victim did not comply and Thomas walked to the passenger side of the vehicle and opened the unlocked front passenger door. Thomas reached in and grabbed the victim's purse and a struggle ensued causing an injury to the victim's upper extremity. Thomas ultimately fled with the purse on foot. The victim refused medical treatment for her injury.

On April 11, 2020 at a little after 10:00 a.m., a Trooper on routine patrol in the area of Royal Farms, observed a subject fitting the description of Thomas' exiting the subdivision of Sparrow Run on foot. Troopers attempted to make contact with Thomas who fled on foot. After a brief foot pursuit, Thomas was apprehended and transported to Troop 2 where he was arrested and charged with Robbery 1st Degree (felony) and Resisting Arrest. He was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court and was released on $20,100.00 unsecured bond.

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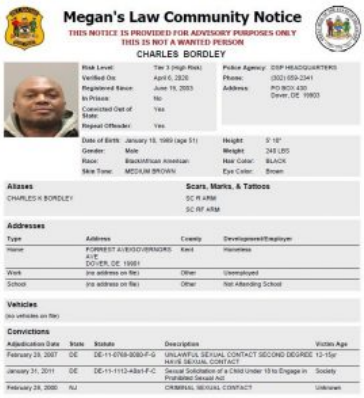
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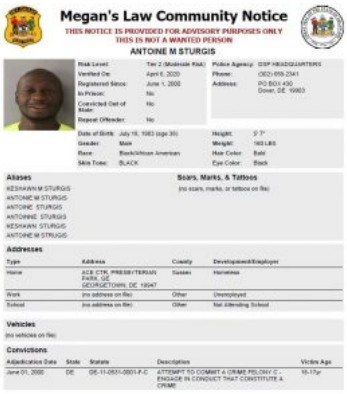
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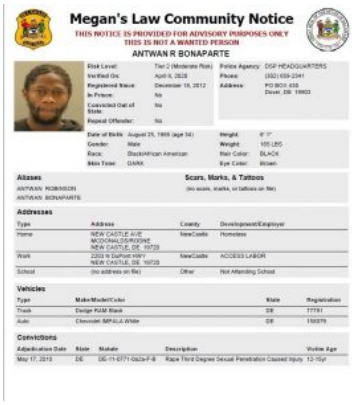
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Homeless Sex Offender Notification

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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Troopers Arrest Greenwood Man for Attempted Burglary-Greenwood

Greenwood- The Delaware State Police have arrested a 35-year-old, **Roy G. Murray 3rd** of Greenwood, for attempted burglary and related charges.

The incident occurred on April 8, 2020 at approximately 11:27 a.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the 6000 block of Hickman Road, Greenwood, for an attempted burglary. The investigation revealed Murray was located hiding outside of the residence by one of the victims wearing camo clothing and a face mask. As a second victim exited the residence, Murray confronted the victim with a bow and arrow by pulling the bow back and aiming it at the victim. Both victims fled back into the residence and were able to close and lock the door behind them. Murray followed and attempted to gain entry by kicking the door several times before fleeing the area on his bicycle. Also inside the residence during the incident were two other individuals, including a child.

Troopers searching the area discovered a male matching the description of Murray riding a bicycle. The suspect failed to stop on command and after a brief foot pursuit was taken into custody. In his possession when taken into custody, Murray had a knife concealed in his pocket and the bow was recovered next to Murray.

None of the victims in this incident knew Murray and no one was injured during the incident.

Murray was transported to Troop 5 where he was charged with the following:

- Attempted Burglary First Degree (felony)

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony (2 counts)
- Aggravated Menacing (felony)
- Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony (felony)
- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon (felony)
- Resisting Arrest
- Criminal Trespass Third Degree

He was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and committed to Sussex Correctional Institute on $152,501 cash bond.

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Troopers Investigating Shooting- Newark

Newark– The Delaware State Police are investigating a shooting that took place at a Newark area residence late Monday night.

At approximately 11:00 p.m., Monday, April 6, 2020, Troopers responded to the 2000 block of Sunset Lake Rd. in Newark in reference to a shooting. Upon arrival they located a 33 year old male inside the residence who had sustained a single gunshot wound to his torso. He was subsequently transported to an area hospital where he is being treated for the gunshot wound.

The initial investigation has determined the male victim was home alone when he heard a knock at the door. When he opened the door he observed two male subjects standing outside the residence and one shot him.

The only suspect information known at this time is the one suspect is believed to be white male and the other is believed to be a black male. No clothing or vehicle description is known at this time.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Detective H. Carroll of the Troop 2 Criminal Investigations Unit by calling 302-365-8467.

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 Shots Fired Incident-Felton

Felton– The Delaware State Police are investigating a shots fired complaint that occurred last evening.

The incident occurred on April 6, 2020 at approximately 11:00 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the 1300 block of Barney Jenkins Road, Felton for reports of shots being fired. Upon arrival, numerous shell casings were located lying in the middle of the roadway. It was also discovered that a

residence had been struck numerous times by gun fire, and appeared that two rounds had entered through the front of the house. Contact was made with three residents who were inside the house during this incident, all who were uninjured.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Troop 3, Criminal Investigations Unit, Detective Nash 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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Update-Suspects Charged-Troopers Investigating Shots Fired Incident – Millsboro

Millsboro– The Delaware State Police have charged three suspects after they falsely reported a shooting incident.

The incident occurred on April 6, 2020 at approximately 2:00 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the area of Lynch Road and Daisey Road, Millsboro, for a report of shots being fired. Upon arrival, three individuals were located inside of a vehicle, including; a 22-year-old female of Laurel, 18-year-old **Brandon Jones** of Selbyville, DE and 20-year-old **Tycere S. Bryant** of Laurel. Bryant was found to be suffering from a gunshot wound. The initial statements provide to the police by all three individuals, indicated that a vehicle had driven by them and fired a shot as Bryant was standing outside the vehicle where he was subsequently struck. Bryant was transported to the Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, Maryland, with non-life threatening injuries. Also present in the vehicle during this incident was the female's one year old child who did not sustain injury.

Further investigation revealed that the shooting had occurred with inside the vehicle. All three individuals later changed their statements indicating that there was handgun inside of the vehicle when it was accidently discharged by Jones and struck Bryant. A .45 caliber handgun was later located behind Bayshore Church near a ditch off of Lynch's Road.

Both Jones and the 22-year-old female where transported back to Troop 4 where they were charged with the following:

Brandon Jones:

- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony
- Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited Causes Injury or Death of Another Person
- Assault Second Degree
- Reckless Endanger First Degree (3 counts)
- Making False Statement/Filing False Report

Jones was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on $120000.00 cash only bond.

The 22-year-old female was charged with Making False Statement/Filing False Report (misdemeanor). She was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and released on $1000.00 unsecured bond.

Upon Bryant's release from the hospital, he will be charged with the following:

- Possession of a Firearm or Ammunition by a Person Prohibited (Felony)
- Making False Statement/Filing False Report

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Troopers Investigating Shots Fired Incident – Millsboro

Millsboro- The Delaware State Police are currently investigating a shots fired complaint.

The incident occurred on April 6, 2020 at approximately 2:00 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the area of Lynch Road and Daisey Road, Millsboro, for a report of shots being fired.

There is heavy police activity in the area and motorist should expect delays and seek alternate routes of travel.

The investigation is in it's early stages with further information being released as it becomes available.

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Troopers Conduct Weekend Checkpoints to Continue Engagement with Out of State Travelers – Sussex County

Sussex County – The Delaware State Police conducted multiple checkpoints over the course of the weekend throughout Sussex County, as a measure to enforce Governor Carney's order restricting out of state travelers entry into Delaware. The checkpoints occurred between approximately 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., both days, and rotated between roadways which had been identified as having a high volume of out of state travelers.

The seventh modification of the Governor's State of Emergency Declaration specifically addresses the requirement for out-of-

state persons traveling in to the State of Delaware to self-quarantine for 14 days. This order authorizes any Delaware law enforcement officer to stop a vehicle driving within the state simply because it is displaying an out-of-state tag. This authorization does not apply to vehicles traveling on I-95, I-295, or I-495.

On Saturday the checkpoints took place on Plantation Rd. south of John J. Williams Hwy., Coastal Hwy. southbound at Rt. 1A, and northbound Coastal Hwy., south of Bethany. A total of 1,507 vehicles passed through the three checkpoints with 1,284 being Delaware vehicles and 223 being from out of state.

On Sunday the checkpoints took place on Rt. 113 in the area of Rt. 20, south of Millsboro, Rt. 24 in the Long Neck area and again on northbound Coastal Hwy. south of Bethany. A total of 1126 passed through the checkpoints on this day, 872 from Delaware and 254 from out of state.

As vehicles proceeded through the checkpoints, those displaying out of state tags were stopped, and the driver was then asked limited questions related to their recent travel and purpose for entering Delaware. The driver was then informed of the Governor’s declaration and explicitly advised that if they are coming into Delaware from out-of-state, they are required by law to self-quarantine for 14 days or immediately return to their home state.

The interactions with both the Delawareans who passed through the check-point, as well as the out of state drivers who were stopped, were productive and non-confrontational. Those being stopped were appreciative in being made aware of the Governor’s order and what the requirement was. During the interactions the Troopers stressed that the primary purpose of the stop was to inform and to educate as opposed to it being a criminal enforcement initiative, although violating the order does constitute a criminal offense. There were no citations issued or arrests made during the two day operation.

Directed patrols throughout the state are expected to continue. The purpose of the patrols and checkpoints is to achieve voluntary compliance with the order, through education and awareness. These stops are intended to serve the public welfare by helping to prevent and contain the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

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Troopers Investigating Armed

Robbery – Newark

Newark – The Delaware State Police are investigating an armed robbery that occurred at a Newark area pizzeria Friday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 8:57 p.m., Friday, April 3, 2020 at Hotspot Pizza, located at 1127 Churchman's Rd., Newark. A male suspect who was brandishing a handgun entered the business and confronted two employees at the sales counter. The suspect then removed a tip jar from the counter before fleeing on foot to the rear of the business. Neither employee was injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a white male wearing all dark clothing and in possession of a handgun.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective C. Hevelow of the Troop 2 Robbery Unit by calling 302-365-8471.

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Troopers Conduct Checkpoint to Engage Out of State Travelers – Claymont

Claymont – The Delaware State Police conducted a checkpoint Friday morning at Naaman's Rd. and Society Dr., in the area of Northtown Plaza, as a measure to enforce Governor Carney's order restricting out of state travelers entry into Delaware.

On Thursday evening Troopers also conducted directed patrols on non-interstate roadways in the Claymont area which had been identified as having a large volume of out of state travelers.

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authorization does not apply to vehicles traveling on I-95, I-295, or I-495.

As vehicles passed through the check-point, which ran from approximately 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., those with out of state tags were stopped with the driver being asked limited questions related to their recent travel and purpose for entering Delaware. The driver was then informed of the Governor's declaration and explicitly advised that if they are coming into Delaware from out-of-state, they are required by law to self-quarantine for 14 days or immediately return to their home state.

Delaware State Police Troop 1 Commander, Captain John Laird, who oversaw the operation, advised that the interactions that his Troopers had with both the Delawareans who passed through the check-point, as well as the out of state drivers who were stopped, were productive and non-confrontational. Those being stopped were appreciative in being made aware of the Governor's order and what the expectation was. During the interactions the Troopers stressed that the primary purpose of the stop was to inform and to educate as opposed to it being a criminal enforcement initiative, although violating the order does constitute a criminal offense. There were no citations issued or arrests made during the operation, which saw approximately 500 vehicles proceed through the checkpoint.

Directed patrols throughout the state will continue. The purpose of the patrols and checkpoints is to achieve voluntary compliance with the order through education and awareness. These stops are intended to serve the public welfare by helping to prevent and contain the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

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