

Update **Troopers** **Investigating Single Vehicle** **Fatal Crash-Bridgeville**

Bridgeville- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is currently investigating a single vehicle fatal crash that occurred last evening.

The incident occurred on February 3, 2020 at approximately 7:40 p.m., when a 2007 Chevrolet Colorado, pickup truck was traveling eastbound on Seashore Highway (SR 404) just west of Polk Road. For unknown reasons, the operator exited the south edge of the roadway and struck a mailbox. After impact, the truck continued to travel along a ditch bank where it struck a culvert pipe causing the truck to overturn.

The operator of the truck, a 34-year-old male from Greenwood, DE was not properly restrained and pronounced deceased at the scene. The victim's name is being withheld at this time pending the notification of next of kin.

Seashore Highway in the area of Polk Road 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.

[*Traffic Advisory* Troopers Investigating Serious Crash-Bridgeville](#)

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***Traffic Advisory* Troopers Investigating Serious Crash-Bridgeville**

Bridgeville- The Delaware State Police are currently on scene of a serious crash that occurred at approximately 7:39 p.m. on February 3, 2020

As a result of this crash, Seashore Highway in the area of Polk Road, Bridgeville is closed at this time.

Motorist should expect traffic delays and avoid the area if

possible.

For updated traffic conditions and road closure information log onto

http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel_advisory/index.shtml#advisories

The investigation is in the early stages with further details being released as they become available.

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***UPDATE* Troopers Investigating Serious Crash, I-95 Southbound in the Area of Otts Chapel Rd. – Newark**

Newark– The Delaware State Police are investigating a serious motor vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 9:48 a.m., Monday, February 3, 2020 on Interstate 95 (southbound) in the area of Otts Chapel Rd., Newark.

The investigation has determined that a 2009 Peterbilt truck, pulling a flatbed trailer and operated by a 51 year old male from York, PA was traveling southbound on Interstate 95 in the center lane of travel. A 2019 Ford van, operated by a 44 year old male from Berlin, MD., was traveling southbound on

Interstate 95 in the center lane behind the Peterbilt truck. A 2010 Freightliner box truck, operated by a 42 year old male from Bowie, MD., was traveling southbound on Interstate 95 in the center lane behind the van. The box truck struck the van in the rear with its' front end. The impact pushed the passenger van to the left, where it subsequently came to rest in the left lane of southbound Interstate 95. The box truck proceeded southbound and struck the trailer of the Peterbilt. The impact pushed the box truck on top of the trailer, where it came to rest. The Peterbilt subsequently came to a controlled stop in the center lane of southbound Interstate 95.

The driver of the Peterbilt tractor trailer, who was properly restrained, sustained minor injuries.

The driver of the Ford van, who was properly restrained, sustained serious injuries and was transported to Christiana Hospital.

The driver of the Freightliner box truck sustained non-life threatening injuries and was transported to Christiana Hospital. He was charged with Inattentive Driving and Failure to have an Insurance Card in Possession.

I-95 southbound was closed for approximately 6.5 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

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***Traffic Advisory-Newark* I-95 Southbound Closed at Rt. 896 Due to Crash Involving Tractor Trailer**

Newark – The Delaware State Police are on scene of a crash involving a tractor trailer that occurred at approximately 9:48 a.m., Monday, February 3, 2020, on I-95 southbound, south of the toll plaza, in the area of the Otts Chapel Rd. overpass.

As a result of the crash I-95 southbound is closed, and is expected to be closed for an extended period of time.

For updated road closure information and traffic conditions log on to:
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Troopers Attempting to Identify Burglary Suspect – Bear

Bear – The Delaware State Police are investigating a pair of burglaries that occurred in mid-January, and are asking for the public's assistance in identifying the suspect.

During the overnight hours of Monday, January 13 into Tuesday, January 14, 2020, the pictured suspect made forcible entry into the yard of Best Bear Auto Sales located at 710 Pulaski Hwy. After gaining access into the yard, the suspect attempted to steal a vehicle, however his attempt was interrupted by a passer-by and he fled without obtaining any property.

After fleeing Best Bear Auto Sales the suspect then gained entry onto the property of Foley CAT, located at 720 Pulaski Hwy. Once on the property the suspect broke into multiple

vehicles, making off with an assortment of stolen property.

Anyone with information regarding the suspect's identity or whereabouts are asked to contact Cpl. J. Dempsey at Troop 2 by calling 302-365-8510.

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 Shooting – Georgetown

Georgetown- The Delaware State Police are investigating a shooting that took place earlier this morning.

The incident occurred on February 1, 2020 at approximately 3:56 a.m., when EMS was dispatched to the 100 block of Garden Circle, Georgetown for an unknown medical emergency. Upon arrival, EMS located a 39-year-old female in an orange Toyota Tacoma suffering from what appeared to be a gunshot wound. The victim was transported by EMS to the Sussex Bayhealth Hospital and later transferred to the Christiana Hospital in serious condition.

Upon the Troopers arrival at Garden Circle, the orange Toyota Tacoma in which the victim was located by EMS remained on scene. Inspection of the vehicle revealed that the front side passenger window sustained damage consistent with a gunshot.

There is no suspect information at this time.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Troop 4, Detective Wideman 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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***TRAFFIC ADVISORY* Troopers Investigating Crash – New Castle**

New Castle (19720) – The Delaware State Police are currently on scene of a crash that occurred on February 1, 2020 at approximately 10:53 a.m., on southbound SR 141 in the area of Airport Road, New Castle.

As a result of the crash, the ramp from southbound SR 141 to Airport Road is closed. Motorist are advised to use caution and avoid the area if possible. Expect traffic delays.

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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.

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Registration Information (Homeless)

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Risk Level: | Tier 2 (Moderate Risk) |
| Verified On: | November 14, 2019 |
| Registered Since: | March 14, 2012 |
| In Prison: | No |
| Convicted Out of State: | No |
| Repeat Offender: | No |

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

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|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Police Agency: | DSP HEADQUARTERS |
| Address: | PO BOX 430 Dover , DE 19903 |
| Phone: | 3026592341 |

Identification Information

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|-------------|-----------------------|---------|----------|
| Birth Date: | May 10, 1989 (age 30) | Height: | 6' 1" |
| Gender: | Male | Weight: | 175 lbs. |

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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 Investigating Armed Robbery at Beauty Supply Store – New Castle

New Castle (19720)-The Delaware State Police are investigating a robbery that took place at a New Castle, DE Beauty Supply Store last evening.

The incident occurred on January 29, 2020 at approximately 6:41 p.m., when Troopers responded to the D'Paradise Beauty Supply store located at 323 S. Dupont Highway, New Castle, in reference to an armed robbery. Upon arrival contact was made with the business owner who advised that a male suspect had walked out of the store with merchandise he had not paid for. The owner proceeded to run after the suspect and upon exiting the store, the suspect turned around and pointed a black handgun at him. There were no injuries as a result of this incident.

The suspect was described as a black male wearing a light colored sweatshirt and jeans.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to

contact the Troop 2 Robbery Unit at 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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