

# Troopers Investigating Serious Crash- Bridgeville

**Bridgeville**– The Delaware State Police are investigating a serious crash involving a single vehicle that occurred last evening.

The incident occurred on January 23, 2020 at approximately 11:20 p.m., when a 2019 International Box Truck was traveling eastbound on Federalsburg Road approaching the intersection with Barnes Road. As the operator approached this intersection, he encountered a stop sign with post lying in the middle of the eastbound lane of travel within the intersection. To avoid this sign, the operator swerved causing the truck to strike a ditch and overturn.

The operator of the box truck, a 32-year-old male from Seaford, DE was transported to the Nanticoke Memorial Hospital with serious injuries.

The eastbound lane of Federalsburg Road was closed for approximately 4 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

Through further investigations it was determined that the stop sign did not sustain damage and appeared to have been pulled from its posted location and intentionally thrown in the roadway prior to this crash. The Delaware State Police, Troop 5 have been made aware of two other signs being removed from the ground and placed either in the roadway or on the shoulder. All three incidents have occurred in the area of Bridgeville west of US 13.

The Delaware State Police are asking anyone that has information in reference to this crash or the removal of the signs in the Bridgeville area to please contact Troop 5, TFC. K. Marvel at 302-337-8253. 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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# **Delaware State Police Troop 7 to Host 2019 “Year In Review” - Lewes**

**Lewes-** The Delaware State Police Troop 7 will be hosting its annual meeting to provide the public with its 2019 “Year in Review”.

The event is scheduled for **Monday, February 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** in Troop 7’s Community Room located at **19444 Mulberry Knoll Road, Lewes**. The conversation will focus on providing the community with a better understanding of how Troop 7 functions and the duties and responsibilities those Troopers handle on a daily basis. Topics will include a review of the rates of crime, crashes and investigative clearances in Eastern Sussex County in 2019, and how enforcement plans have adjusted for 2020.

**The meeting is open to the public and all are welcome and encouraged to attend. It is a great opportunity for the community to obtain a better understanding of how the Delaware State Police are working to ensure public safety in the areas where we all live, work, and travel.**

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## **\*UPDATE #2\* Troopers Seek Public's Assistance In Fatal Hit and Run Crash Involving Pedestrian-Georgetown**

**Georgetown-** The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a fatal hit and run crash involving a pedestrian in which the striking vehicle fled the scene and are seeking the public's assistance.

The incident occurred on Monday, December 23, 2019, at approximately 8:11 p.m., when an unknown vehicle was traveling westbound on Zoar Road west of Fieldwood Drive and struck 44-year-old Katrina M. Hudson, of Millsboro, who was on foot within the westbound travel lane of Zoar Road. The suspect vehicle continued traveling westbound on Zoar Road and fled the scene in an unknown direction. Hudson was pronounced deceased at the collision scene.

The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is asking anyone that has information in reference to this crash or information regarding the striking vehicle that left the

scene to please contact Troop 7, Cpl./1 A. Mitchell at (302)-703-3267. 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\***                      **Troopers** **Investigating Fatal Crash** **Involving a Tractor Trailer –** **Claymont**

*Claymont* – The Delaware State Police are continuing to investigate a fatal motor vehicle crash involving a tractor trailer that occurred Thursday morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 8:30 a.m., Thursday, January 23, 2020 on Governor Printz Blvd. in the area of Hillside Rd., Claymont. A 2019 Kenworth tractor trailer, operated by a 55 year old Whitehall, Maryland man, was travelling northbound on Governor Printz Blvd., when it crossed the center median and continued across the southbound lanes. The tractor trailer then proceeded to travel off the roadway striking a utility pole and a fence located on private property in the 7700 block of Governor Printz Blvd.

The driver was transported to the Wilmington Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The initial investigation indicates that a suspected medical event is the cause of the crash. Identification is pending notification of next of kin.

Southbound Governor Printz Blvd. was closed for approximately 3.5 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

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## **Delaware State Police Phone Number Used in Spoofed Phone Number Scam**

**Dover** – The Delaware State Police are issuing the following advisory in response to a recent phone scam trend involving a “spoofed phone number”.

The Delaware State Police have recently been made aware of multiple incidents in which individuals have received phone calls from a Delaware State Police issued number. Only the

number appears on the caller ID, and if that number is looked up, it shows that it is a valid Delaware State Police phone number.

Caller ID spoofing is when a caller deliberately falsifies the information transmitted to your caller ID display to disguise their identity as well as appearing as an official organization or entity. Spoofing is often used as part of an attempt to trick someone into giving away valuable personal information so it can be used in fraudulent activity or sold illegally

During these most recent calls the recipient is told that a family member has been in an accident and needs money wired to them due to being injured, for payment of a traffic ticket or for bail. The scammers can be very convincing playing on the emotional vulnerability of the victim.

The Delaware State Police will never request payment for fines, traffic tickets or bail. All these transactions are conducted by the respective court systems and never over the phone. Electronic payments are also never requested via phone for court matters.

If someone is calling regarding a family member, do not offer any personal information about yourself or the family member. Immediately attempt to contact the family to verify their status on your own. Indicators of scam calls are threats, orders to not hang up and other statements about immediacy.

**The Federal Communications Commissions has provided the following tips to avoid spoofing scams:**

You may not be able to tell right away if an incoming call is spoofed. Be extremely careful about responding to any request for personal identifying information.

- Don't answer calls from unknown numbers. If you answer

- such a call, hang up immediately.
- If you answer the phone and the caller – or a recording – asks you to hit a button to stop getting the calls, you should just hang up. Scammers often use this trick to identify potential targets.
  - Do not respond to any questions, especially those that can be answered with “Yes” or “No.”
  - Never give out personal information such as account numbers, Social Security numbers, mother’s maiden names, passwords or other identifying information in response to unexpected calls or if you are at all suspicious.
  - If you get an inquiry from someone who says they represent a company or a government agency, hang up and call the phone number on your account statement, in the phone book, or on the company’s or government agency’s website to verify the authenticity of the request. You will usually get a written statement in the mail before you get a phone call from a legitimate source, particularly if the caller is asking for a payment.
  - Use caution if you are being pressured for information immediately.
  - If you have a voice mail account with your phone service, be sure to set a password for it. Some voicemail services are preset to allow access if you call in from your own phone number. A hacker could spoof your home phone number and gain access to your voice mail if you do not set a password.
  - Talk to your phone company about call blocking tools they may have and check into apps that you can download to your mobile device to block unwanted calls. Information on available robocall blocking tools is available at [fcc.gov/robocalls](https://www.fcc.gov/robocalls).

<https://www.comparitech.com/blog/vpn-privacy/robocalls-analysis/>

This information was provided through the Federal

Communications Commissions website located at:

<https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/spoofing-and-caller-id>

Many of these scams are difficult to investigate. They will target persons of all age groups. The Delaware State Police is asking citizens to remember the tips previously mentioned in order to not become a victim of one of these scam artists.

If you suspect you have been a victim of this scam, please contact your local law enforcement agency. 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\* Crash Involving Tractor Trailer has Gov. Printz Blvd. Closed – Claymont**

*Claymont* – The Delaware State Police are currently on scene of a serious motor vehicle crash involving a tractor trailer that occurred at approximately 8:30 a.m. this morning.

As a result of the crash, southbound Governor Printz Blvd. is closed in the area of Fairfield Rd.

Motorists are advised to avoid the area and seek alternate routes of travel. For road closure and traffic condition updates log on to: [http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel\\_advisory/index.shtml#advisories](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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# Investigating Shots Fired Incident-Felton

*Felton-* The Delaware State Police are continuing to investigate a shooting incident that occurred on Sunday.

The incident occurred on January 19, 2020 at approximately 5:58 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the 1300 block of Barney Jenkins Road, Felton, for a report of multiple shots being fired. It was learned that a 19-year-old female had been struck by gunfire and privately transported to a local area hospital.

Further investigation into this incident revealed that a fight was communicated via social media due to an ongoing feud. Approximately 15-25 individuals responded to Barney Jenkins Road to witness the fight. A verbal altercation ensued between the 19-year-old female victim and another 19-year-old female. Subsequently multiple fights occurred when a black male wearing a disguise brandished a firearm and discharged multiple rounds. The 19-year-old female was struck by gunfire and remains in critical condition. There were no other injuries reported as a result of this incident.

The case continues to remain under investigation and anyone with information is asked to please contact the Delaware State Police Troop 3, Major Crimes Unit, Detective R. Wright 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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## **Troopers Investigating Armed Robbery – Wilmington**

**Wilmington** – The Delaware State Police are investigating an armed robbery that took place on Marsh Rd. in north Wilmington, early Monday morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 2:00 a.m., Monday, January 20,

2020, on Marsh Rd., just north of Zebley Rd. A 40 year old male was walking along Marsh Rd. after his vehicle became disabled due to a flat tire, when he was approached by a male suspect. The suspect produced a handgun and demanded that the victim turn over the contents of his pockets, while also threatening him with bodily harm. The victim turned over an undisclosed amount of cash to the suspect who then fled on foot. The victim was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a white male, 5'10" tall, with a heavy build, wearing a light colored coat and a cloth covering his face.

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 Shots Fired Incident – Dover

**Dover-** The Delaware State Police are investigating a shots fired incident that occurred earlier this morning in Kent Acres, Dover.

The incident occurred on January 21, 2020 at approximately 1:40 a.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the unit block of Steele Road, Kent Acres, Dover for a report of shots fired. Upon arrival, Troopers met with the occupants who advised that they while they were sleeping, they were awoken by gunshots. Further investigation revealed that unknown suspect(s) had fired at the residence, striking the exterior with approximately 17 rounds. There were four occupants in the residence ranging from ages 52-15. There were no reports of any injuries as a result of this incident.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Troop 3, Major Crimes Unit Detective T. Ford 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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## **Troopers Attempting to Identify Domino's Pizza Burglary Suspect**

**Newark** – The Delaware State Police are investigating a pair of burglaries at Newark area Domino's Pizza locations and are asking for the public's help in identifying one of the suspects.



The first burglary occurred between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. on Tuesday December 31, 2019 at the Domino's located at 12 Polly Drummond Hill Rd., Polly Drummond Shopping Center in Newark. In this incident three suspects made forcible entry to the business through the rear door and then successfully accessed a safe, making off with an undisclosed amount of cash.

During the overnight hours of Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> into Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> a second burglary occurred at the Domino's located at 20 Salem Village Square in Newark. In this incident forcible entry was again made through the rear door of the business, however no cash or other property was taken.

Through various investigative measures detectives were able to determine that the incidents are linked and that at least three suspects are involved. Two of the suspects can only be described as wearing all dark clothing, to include a cloth concealing their faces. One of the suspects, who is pictured in the attached surveillance images from the Polly Drummond location, has a tattoo on his left hand. No other images are available at this time.

Anyone who believes they may have information regarding the pictured suspect or these incidents are asked to contact Detective B. Harris of the Troop 2 Criminal Investigations Unit by calling 302-365-8410.

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