Pursuit Leads to Theft Apprehension- Ocean View

Ocean View- The Delaware State Police have apprehended 30-year-old **Bryan Denegal** of Dover, DE after he stole items from several vehicles and led police in pursuit.

The incident occurred on February 3, 2020 at approximately 10:59 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the 30000 block of Teal Court, Ocean View, for a report of a theft in progress. Upon arrival, Troopers made contact with a victim who advised he witnessed a suspect, Bryan Denegal, enter his vehicle and proceed to take items. The victim approached Denegal, when Denegal took off running towards his vehicle, a 2007 black Chevy Cobalt.

A black Chevy Cobalt was observed driving westbound on Waterway Drive, with the driver matching the description of the suspect (Denegal). A traffic stop was initiated when Denegal failed to stop and continued to flee, traveling at a high rate of speed and committing multiple traffic violations. Denegal continued onto Island Drive, where he drove onto the front yard of a residence and almost struck a 53-year-old male resident who was outside. Denegal continued to flee and struck a concrete fence pole and then proceeded to drive onto the front yard of a residence on Teal Court, causing minor damage to the yard. While still continuing to flee, Denegal struck a mailbox on Marlington Road. Denegal continued traveling south on Cedar Neck Road at speeds exceeding the posted speed limit, when he lost control of the vehicle and collided with a telephone pole and a tree. Denegal was not properly restrained and was ejected from the vehicle.

Upon contact with Denegal, the Trooper observed a strong odor of alcohol. Denegal was transported to the Beebe Medical

Center with non-life threatening injuries.

A search of Denegal's vehicle was conducted and multiple stolen items from vehicles in the area were recovered.

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

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony
- Reckless Endanger First Degree
- Reckless Endangering Second Degree
- Disregarding a Police Officer Signal
- Theft (4 counts)
- Leaving the Scene of Property Collision Accident (4 counts)
- Criminal Mischief
- Driving a Vehicle Under the Influence
- Multiple traffic related offenses

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TROOPERS ATTEMPTING TO IDENTIFY A BURGLARY SUSPECT-WILMINGTON

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police is investigating a burglary that occurred in early January, and is asking for the public's assistance in identifying the suspect.

During the early morning hours of January 6, 2020, the pictured suspect made gained entry into Concord Smokeland, located at 2907 Concord Pike, Wilmington and removed various tobacco products.

The suspect appears to be a male wearing a hooded sweatshirt, dark pants, Nike sneakers, and carrying a dark backpack.

Anyone with information regarding the suspect's identity or whereabouts are asked to contact Det. B. Harris at Troop 2 by calling 302-365-8410.

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TROOPERS PROVIDE GUIDELINES REGARDING ONLINE AUTO SALES

With the rise of online auto sales from sources such as Craigslist and Facebook Marketplace, the Delaware State Police Auto Theft Unit is receiving a rising number of consumer concerns from individuals who have purchased vehicles and have experienced problems with documents such as titles and ownership papers.

With this in mind, the Auto Theft Unit would like to inform the public of the following guidelines when dealing with possible "not so reputable" sellers.

* Always make sure you know exactly who you're dealing with, and make sure they have a title to the vehicle in their name. Ask to examine the title before any money exchanges hands. Check the front and the back of the title, and make sure the VIN (vehicle identification number) of the vehicle exactly matches the title. Also, ensure the title has not been signed over to other persons already. If there's other persons or businesses listed on the back, the title will not be able to be transferred to a new owner without additional documentation, if at all.

* If the person you're negotiating with states that he is "affiliated" with an auto dealer, you should be conducting all business with that person at that dealership. So called "street corner" deals and parking lot deals are a bad omen and should be avoided.

* There are several on-line sources to check the history of any vehicle you are considering to purchase. One such source is www.NICB.org (National Insurance Crime Bureau). On their main page, at the lower left, is a section called "VinCheck". There, you can enter the VIN of a vehicle and determine if it's listed as "stolen" or if it's been listed as a salvage vehicle. This service is free to the public, but there are many others, such as "Carfax", that charge a fee for a more detailed report.

* If you decide to make a purchase of a vehicle, make sure that you receive a properly endorsed title and a Bill of Sale that contains the following information: Date of purchase, the purchase price, the seller's full name, address and telephone, your name and address and a full description of the vehicle including the VIN. Both the seller and the purchaser

should sign the bill of sale. If the seller cannot deliver a title to you at the time of transfer, DO NOT complete the purchase.

* Special note regarding salvage vehicles, as listed on the title/certificate. There are many laws and state regulations regarding the re-titling of salvage vehicles. If the vehicle in question has already been repaired, it is most likely the current owner's responsibility to obtain a new title to the vehicle before transfer to a new owner. If you do decide to purchase a salvage vehicle that has not been repaired, then you are required to make the necessary repairs to the vehicle before you can obtain a new title to the vehicle, and the vehicle MUST be inspected by the DSP Auto Theft Unit PRIOR to the titling process. (See the DE DMV web page for salvage vehicle procedures)

* Special note regarding trailers. Make sure a VIN is clearly visible on the trailer. Most trailers will have a manufacturer's label with pertinent data about the trailer, including the VIN. Make sure the owner has a title to the trailer in their name. If they do not, it is their responsibility to obtain a title prior to transfer, as it is unlawful to sell a vehicle without a title. If any of these issues become apparent when shopping for a trailer, it is best to avoid the purchase.

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DELAWARE STATE POLICE ANNOUNCES THE 2020 CAMP BARNES APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications for Camp Barnes will be available online or at any Delaware State Police Troop on March 1st 2020. Applications can be downloaded at the camp's website www.campbarnes.net starting March 1st. Dates for the camp and camp orientation dates will be included with the application and listed on the website.

Camp Barnes is a recreational summer camp that is run and operated by the Delaware State Police. Camp Barnes is an overnight camp that is FREE to those attend. Children between the ages of 10-13, who are residents of the State of Delaware, are eligible to apply.

Some of the many activities campers participate in throughout the week include the following:

* Swimming in an Olympic size pool

* Kayaking in Millers Creek

* Archery

* Basketball

* Soccer

* Lacrosse

* Arts and Crafts

* Nature Walk

* Fishing/Crabbing

* Talent Show

* Camp Olympics

Camp Barnes has a staff of 16 counselors (eight male and eight female). All Counselors are required to submit to a criminal background and are interviewed prior to being hired. The staff also includes one on site nurse, one head cook, and one assistant cook. A Delaware State Trooper will be on duty at all times when the camp is in session.

Camp Barnes is NOT a boot camp or intended for youth with behavior or disciplinary problems.

It is encouraged that all parents get an updated physical for their children as soon as possible, because spots fill up quickly. Campers will not be assigned a week until an up-to-date physical is received.

If you have any questions please contact Cpl/3 Shawn Hatfield at 302-752-3834, or at James.Hatfield@delaware.gov

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

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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.

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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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