

# State Police Arrest Newark Teen for Smoke Shop Burglaries

Delaware State Police have arrested a 17-year-old male from Newark, Delaware, for burglary and related offenses following two burglaries at The Smoke Shop in Newark.

On September 23, 2025, at approximately 4:00 a.m., troopers responded to The Smoke Shop, located at 13 Salem Village Square in Newark, for a report of a burglary. Investigating troopers discovered that an unknown male suspect, wearing a facemask, forced entry into the business and stole a significant number of electronic cigarettes and related products valued at approximately \$2,000.

On September 24, 2025, at approximately 4:00 a.m., troopers again responded to The Smoke Shop for a burglary, similar in nature to the one that occurred the day before. Investigating troopers learned that an unknown suspect forced entry into the business and again stole a significant number of electronic cigarettes and related products valued at approximately \$2,000.

Through investigative means, detectives identified the 17-year-old as the suspect in both burglaries and obtained a warrant for his arrest.

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On September 30, 2025, the 17-year-old was arrested and taken to Troop 2, where he was charged with the crimes listed below, arraigned by New Castle County Family Court, and released on a \$5,000 unsecured bond.

- Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony (Felony) – 2 counts

- Burglary 3rd Degree (Felony) – 2 counts
  - Possession of Burglar Tools Involving Unlawful Entry (Felony) – 2 counts
  - Theft (Felony) – 2 counts
  - Criminal Mischief – 2 counts
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# State Police Arrest Teen Following Pursuit in Stolen Vehicle

Delaware State Police arrested a 17-year-old male of Wilmington, Delaware, on multiple gun and drug charges after leading troopers on a vehicle pursuit in Wilmington on Monday.

On September 29, 2025, at approximately 1:00 p.m., members of the Delaware State Police [Highway Safety Unit \(HSU\)](#) saw a Kia Sportage traveling northbound on South Walnut Street, near Rogers Road. A computer check revealed the Kia had been reported stolen out of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. When troopers attempted a traffic stop, the driver refused to stop and continued northbound.

The suspect committed multiple traffic violations, including running red lights and speeding through several streets in the City of Wilmington, before merging onto I-95 southbound toward Newark. For the safety of the public, troopers discontinued the pursuit.

The Delaware State Police Aviation Section kept the Kia in sight from above. A short time later, the vehicle crashed in a private parking lot near North College Avenue and West Cleveland Avenue in Newark. After crashing, the driver fled on

foot, discarding a loaded handgun and magazine during the chase. Troopers were made aware of his location and took him into custody on East Cleveland Avenue without further incident.

A search of the suspect revealed approximately 50.7 grams of suspected marijuana and 2.77 grams of suspected crack cocaine. The recovered handgun did not have a serial number and was determined to be untraceable.

The teenager, who has prior felony convictions, was taken to Troop 2, where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Possession of Ammunition for a Firearm by a Person Under 21 (Felony)
- Possession of an Undetectable Firearm (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm if Previously Convicted of a Violent Felony (Felony)
- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon (Felony)
- Disregarding a Police Officer's Signal (Felony)
- Possession of an Untraceable Firearm (Felony)
- Receiving Stolen Property (Felony)
- Possession of Marijuana Other Than a Personal Use Quantity
- Resisting Arrest
- Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Criminal Mischief
- Other Related Traffic Offenses

He was arraigned by the New Castle County Family Court and committed to the Department of Services for Children, Youth, & Their Families on a \$125,500 Cash Bond.

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# Delaware State Police Arrest Magnolia Man for Manslaughter Following Fatal Shooting

The Delaware State Police have arrested 23-year-old **Chase Washington**, of Magnolia, in connection with a [fatal shooting](#) that occurred Tuesday evening in Magnolia.

On September 30, 2025, at approximately 7:30 p.m., troopers responded to a residence in the 800 block of Millchop Lane in Magnolia, after receiving a report of a shooting. When troopers arrived, they discovered a 20-year-old woman suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim was transported to an area hospital where she was pronounced dead. The victim's identity is being withheld until her family is notified.

Due to the nature of the incident, the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit responded and assumed the investigation. A preliminary investigation revealed that Washington, an acquaintance of the victim, was in the residence with her while he was handling a loaded handgun in a reckless manner. As a result, the handgun discharged, striking the victim.

Washington was taken into custody and transported to Troop 3, where he was charged with the offenses listed below, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 7, and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on a \$100,000 cash bond.

- Manslaughter Recklessly Cause the Death of Another Person (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)

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# **\*Update – Victim Identified\*** **State Police Investigating** **Fatal Crash on I-95 in Newark**

Delaware State Police have identified 46-year-old **George Sensenig**, of Peach Bottom, Pennsylvania, as the man who died in the [fatal crash](#) in Newark on Monday afternoon.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this incident. Troopers ask anyone who witnessed the crash or has relevant information to contact Sergeant J. Jefferson at (302) 365-8484. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of a crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and need 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 at 1-800-VICTIM-1 (1-800-842-8461). You may also email the Victim Services Unit at [DSP\\_VictimServicesMail@delaware.gov](mailto:DSP_VictimServicesMail@delaware.gov).

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**Delaware State Police**

# **Announces Promotion of Captain Robert F. Wallace to the Rank of Major**

Colonel William D. Crotty, Superintendent of the Delaware State Police, is proud to announce the promotion of Captain Robert F. Wallace to the rank of Major, assigned as the Executive Staff-Administrative Officer at Headquarters.

In his new role, Major Wallace is responsible for overseeing the agency's administrative and support functions, including Human Resources, the Training Academy, the Firearms Training Unit, Budget and Fiscal Control, Purchasing and Supply, Transportation, Building Maintenance, and Victim Services. He also works closely with state agencies to ensure effective and fiscally responsible personnel management.

Major Wallace brings over 27 years of diverse law enforcement experience to the Executive Staff. He most recently served as the Director of the Delaware Information and Analysis Center (DIAC), the state's designated fusion center, where he led multi-agency intelligence-sharing efforts and managed the operations of the Real-Time Crime Center in support of the State Police Enhanced Analytic Response, a data-driven strategy used to combat crime. Prior to that, he served as the Troop Commander of Troop 2, where he facilitated capital improvements and coordinated law enforcement response to critical infrastructure events.

Throughout his career, Major Wallace has held numerous leadership positions, including assignments in the Office of Strategic Development, the High-Tech Crimes and Gang Units, the Division of Gaming Enforcement, and the Kent County Drug Unit. He also served in leadership roles as a Lieutenant at both Troops 6 and 9. He has represented Delaware State Police

in high-level security operations during Presidential visits and has been instrumental in developing agency policy, revising promotional processes, and enhancing coordination of cyber and homeland security.

Major Wallace is a graduate of the FBI National Academy Session #279. He holds a Master of Science in Public Safety Leadership and Administration from Arizona State University and a Bachelor of Science in Law and Justice from The College of New Jersey. He served on several interagency committees, including the Delaware Homeland Security Advisory Council, the Cyber Security Advisory Council, and the FIFA 2025/2026 Intelligence and Threat Analysis Group.

From field operations to policy and planning, Major Wallace's depth of experience and strategic mindset continue to strengthen the Delaware State Police's ability to serve with professionalism, preparedness, and purpose. We congratulate him on his well-deserved promotion and thank him for his continued service to the citizens of Delaware.

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## **State Police Investigating Shooting in Wilmington**

Delaware State Police are investigating a shooting that occurred in Wilmington Tuesday night.

On September 23, 2025, at approximately 7:30 p.m., troopers, with the assistance of the Wilmington Police Department, responded to the 3500 block of Miller Road for a report of shots fired involving a dark color sedan and a group of individuals. The preliminary investigation revealed an occupied vehicle at a nearby business was hit by gunfire.

There are no reported injuries.

Surveillance video and images are not available.

The Troop 2 Criminal Investigations Unit continues to investigate this incident. Detectives are asking anyone who witnessed this incident or has information regarding this case to contact Detective J. Lucyk by calling 302-365-8446. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

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## **\*Update – Victim Identified\* State Police Arrest Driver for Vehicular Homicide Following Fatal Crash Investigation**

Delaware State Police have identified 44-year-old **Rasheeva Moore**, of New Castle, as the woman who died in the [fatal motorcycle crash](#) in Bear on Sunday morning.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction

Unit continues to investigate this crash. Troopers ask anyone who witnessed the crash or has relevant information to contact Corporal K. Oakes at (302) 365-8483. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

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## **State Police Investigating Fatal Crash on I-95 in Newark**

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal single-vehicle crash that occurred on Monday afternoon on Interstate 95 in Newark.

On September 29, 2025, at approximately 2:30 p.m., an unloaded Freightliner dump truck was traveling southbound on I-95 in the center-left lane, approaching the Churchmans Road overpass. For reasons still under investigation, the driver abruptly braked and swerved to the left, causing the truck to crash into the center concrete median.

The driver, a 46-year-old man from Peach Bottom, Pennsylvania, was not wearing a seatbelt and was ejected from the vehicle during the crash. He was taken to an area hospital where he was later pronounced dead. His name is being withheld until

his family is notified.

The three left lanes of Interstate 95 southbound were [closed](#) for approximately three hours while members of the Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit investigated and cleared the roadway.

The investigation remains ongoing. Troopers ask anyone who witnessed the crash or has relevant information to contact Sergeant J. Jefferson at (302) 365-8484. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

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## **State Police Arrest Two Dover Men Following Pursuit in Stolen Vehicle**

Delaware State Police have arrested 18-year-old **Kenneth Seward** and 19-year-old **Jaziah Wilson**, both from Dover, Delaware, on multiple charges, and are searching for 20-year-old **Makhai Miller**, also from Dover, Delaware, following a pursuit in a stolen vehicle on Friday night.

On September 27, 2025, at approximately 10:00 p.m., a trooper on patrol in Dover saw a stolen silver Mitsubishi Outlander turning off POW/MIA Parkway and accelerating at a high rate of speed southbound on South Dupont Highway. The Mitsubishi then made a U-turn and traveled northbound on South Dupont Highway, again at a high rate of speed. When the trooper tried to pull the Outlander over, it sped away. During the pursuit, the Outlander drove in a reckless manner and a high rate of speed on several Dover area streets and roads. After coming to a stop in Capital Park, the three occupants in the vehicle ran away. Troopers searched the area and ultimately located two of the occupants, identified as Kenneth Seward and Jaziah Wilson. They were taken into custody without further incident. During a search of the Outlander, troopers found a loaded AR-style rifle with a high-capacity magazine, and property belonging to the third occupant, identified as Makhai Miller. Troopers have obtained a warrant for Miller's arrest and are working to locate him.

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Seward was arrested and taken to Troop 3, where he was charged with the crimes listed below, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 7, and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on a \$66,500 cash bond.



- Possession of Large Capacity Magazine During Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm or Ammunition by a Person Prohibited – Prior Violent Crime or Felony (Felony) – 2 counts
- Receiving Stolen Property Over \$1,500 (Felony)
- Conspiracy 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (Felony)
- Resisting Arrest

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Wilson was arrested and taken to Troop 3, where he was charged with the crimes listed below, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 7, and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on a \$54,500 cash bond.



- Possession of Large Capacity Magazine During Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm or Ammunition by a Person Prohibited – Prior Violent Crime or Felony (Felony) – 2 counts
- Receiving Stolen Property Over \$1,500 (Felony)

- Conspiracy 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (Felony)
- Resisting Arrest

Anyone with information as to Miller's whereabouts is asked to contact DSP Troop 3 by calling 302-698-4454. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

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## **Detectives Investigating Shots Fired on Jack Markell Trail**

Delaware State Police Troop 2 Criminal Investigations Unit are investigating a shots fired incident that occurred on the Jack Markell Trail in New Castle early Friday morning.

On September 26, 2025, at approximately 12:00 a.m., troopers responded to the Jack Markell Trail, in the area of Robinson Drive and West Minuit Drive, New Castle, for a report of shots fired. Upon arriving, troopers, with assistance of New Castle County Police Department, located spent shell casings on the trail behind a residence on Robinson Drive. The preliminary investigation revealed that after the shots were heard, an unknown person was seen riding eastbound on the trail, away from the area, on a motorbike.

There are no reported injuries or other property damage at this time. There is no further information available for the suspect(s) at this time. Surveillance video and images are not available.

The Troop 2 Criminal Investigations Unit continues to investigate this incident. Detectives are asking anyone who witnessed this incident or has information regarding this case to contact Detective J. Lucyk by calling 302-365-8446. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

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