TRAFFIC ADVISORY Troopers Investigating Crash Involving a Pedestrian – Kirkwood Highway



Wilmington, Delaware – The Delaware State Police are currently on scene of a crash involving a pedestrian that occurred at approximately 4:19 p.m., Friday, January 10, 2020, on Kirkwood Highway eastbound east of Saint James Church Road.

As a result of the crash, the center and the left lane of Kirkwood Highway is closed with traffic only getting by on the right lane.
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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Troopers Offer Tips to Help Avoid Being Scammed by Fake Social Security Calls

According to the Social Security Administration in the last year, Social Security phone scams have skyrocketed, becoming the #1 type of fraud reported to the Federal Trade Commission and to Social Security.

Similar to other types of telephone scams, the scammers are trying to trick you into giving them your personal information and money. Don’t be fooled!

Scammers pretend they’re from Social Security. The number you see on caller ID may even look like an official government number but it is not. The caller may say there is a problem with your Social Security number or account. They may ask you to give them personal information like your Social Security Number or bank account. They may tell you to fix the problem or to avoid arrest you must pay a fine or fee using retail gift cards, pre-paid debit cards, wire transfers, or cash.

These calls are **not** from the Social Security Administration.

The following tips will help you avoid falling victim to one of these scams by being able to better identify a fake call.

Social Security will NOT:

- Threaten you.
- Tell you that your Social Security Number has been or might be suspended.
- Call you to demand an immediate payment.
- Ask you for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
- Require a specific means of debt repayment, like a pre-paid debit card, a retail gift card, or cash.
- Demand that you pay a Social Security debt without the ability to appeal the amount you owe.
- Promise a Social Security benefit approval, or increase, in exchange for information or money.
- Request personal or financial information through email, text messages, or social media.

Social Security WILL:

- Sometimes call you to confirm you filed for a claim or to discuss other ongoing business you have with them.
- Mail you a letter if there is a problem.
- Mail you a letter if you need to submit payments that will have detailed information about options to make payments and the ability to appeal the decision.
- Use emails, text messages, and social media to provide general information (not personal or financial information) on its programs and services if you have signed up to receive these messages.

If you receive a suspicious call from someone alleging to be from Social Security, please:

- Hang up right away.
- Never give your personal information, money, or retail gift cards.
- Report the scam at oig.ssa.gov/ to Social Security's law

enforcement team at the Office of the Inspector General (OIG).

To help reduce these types of fraud, Commissioner Andrew Saul and Inspector General Gail S. Ennis have also announced the launch of a new online form to report Social Security phone scams.

Please share this information with your family and friends.

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State Police Assist in Shooting Investigation-Delmar

Delmar- The Delaware State Police are assisting the Delmar Police Department in investigating a shooting incident that occurred last evening.

The incident occurred on January 8, 2020 at approximately 8:32 p.m., when the Delmar Police Department responded to the 11000 block of Buckingham Drive, Delmar, DE in reference to a female being struck by gunfire. Further investigation revealed that the female victim was standing at the front door to her residence, attempting to enter when she was struck by rounds.

The Delmar Police Department requested the assistance of the Delaware State Police. Detectives collected one projectile from the front porch of the residence and another projectile is known to have entered the residence from the direction of the roadway.

The 56-year-old female victim sustained two non-life threatening gunshot wounds and was transported to a local area hospital.

There is no suspect information at this time.

The case continues to remain under investigation and anyone with information is asked to please contact the Delmar Police Department at 410-896-3131 or the Delaware State Police, Troop 4, Detective M. Doughty at 302-752-3794. 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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Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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Troopers Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash-Rehoboth Beach

Rehoboth Beach- The Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal crash involving a pedestrian that occurred last evening.

The incident occurred on January 8, 2020 at approximately 8:02 p.m., when a 2019 GMC Terrain was traveling northbound on Coastal Highway in the left lane just north of Munchy Branch Road. A pedestrian was believed to be crossing the highway in an easterly direction. For an unknown reason, the pedestrian stepped from the median into the path of the GMC. The operator was unable to perceive the pedestrian, who was wearing dark clothing and not using a light. As a result, the left front of the GMC struck the pedestrian in the left lane.

The operator of the GMC, a 29-year-old female from Rehoboth Beach, DE was properly restrained, remained on scene and was not injured.

The pedestrian, a 68-year-old female from Rehoboth Beach, DE was transported to the Beebe Medical Center where she was pronounced deceased. Her name is being withheld at this time pending the notification of next of kin.

Coastal Highway northbound had partial lane closures 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.

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Troopers Investigating Carjacking – North Wilmington

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police are investigating a carjacking that took place in the parking lot of an Edgemoor area liquor store on Tuesday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 10:15 p.m., Tuesday, January 7, 2020 in the parking lot of Edgemoor Liquors, located at 4823 Governor Printz Blvd., Wilmington. A 20 year old female was in the front passenger seat of a vehicle waiting for her sister, who was inside the business. As she was waiting, two male subjects entered the vehicle, one in the driver's seat and one in the rear passenger's seat, and ordered her out of the vehicle. After the victim exited the suspects fled in the vehicle, northbound on I-495. The victim was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspects could only be described as black males, 17-20 years of age.

The vehicle is a 2012 Hyundai Elantra bearing Delaware tag 225413.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

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 Robbery of Fairfax Area Gas Station

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police are investigating the robbery of a Fairfax area gas station that occurred late Tuesday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 11:55 p.m., Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at the Circle K gas station, located at 1801 Concord Pike, Wilmington. A male suspect confronted an employee at the sales counter and demanded money, while implying that he had a weapon. The employee complied with the demand and turned over an undisclosed amount of cash to the suspect who then fled on foot northbound on Concord Pike. The employee was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a white male, 5'10" tall, average build, wearing a dark colored jacket and jeans. No weapon was displayed, only implied.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

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UPDATE #2-Victim Identified Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash Involving a Pedestrian – New Castle

New Castle – The Delaware State Police have identified 20 year old Lavon Stewart of Wilmington, as the pedestrian who was struck and killed in a crash that occurred at approximately 6:46 a.m., Tuesday, January 7, 2020 on Christiana Rd. (DE Rt. 273) west of Churchman's Rd., New Castle.

Click on the following links to view related releases:

TRAFFIC ADVISORY Troopers Investigating Crash Involving a Pedestrian – Christiana Rd. at Churchman's Rd. New Castle

UPDATE Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash Involving a

Pedestrian – New Castle

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Cpl. J. Forester of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8485.

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UPDATE Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash Involving a Pedestrian – New Castle

New Castle – The Delaware State Police are continuing to investigate a fatal motor vehicle crash involving a pedestrian that occurred at approximately 6:46 a.m., Tuesday, January 7, 2020 on Christiana Rd. (DE Rt. 273) west of Churchman's Rd., New Castle.

The initial investigation has determined that a 2017 Chevy Colorado, operated by a 50 year old New Castle man, was travelling westbound on Christiana Rd., in the left lane, west of Churchman's Rd. A 20 year old Wilmington man, was attempting to cross Christiana Rd. from the north to the south on foot when he proceeded directly into the path of the Chevy. The front end of the Chevy struck the male victim, throwing him to the ground in the left lane of travel where he came to rest. After the collision the Chevy came to a controlled stop and remained at the scene.

The male pedestrian was transported to the Christiana Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. It was determined that the pedestrian was wearing all dark, non-reflective clothing, was not carrying a light and was not utilizing a marked crosswalk. Impairment on his behalf is undetermined at this time. Identification is pending notification of next of kin.

The driver of the Chevy, who was properly restrained, was not injured. Neither impairment nor speed are deemed as contributing factors on his behalf.

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Pedestrian – Christiana Rd. at Churchman's Rd. New Castle

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Troopers Investigating Attempted Strong Arm Robbery – New Castle

New Castle – The Delaware State Police are investigating an attempted strong arm robbery that took place in the parking lot of the Manor Park Shopping Center on Monday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 7:50 p.m., Monday, January 6, 2020 in the parking lot of the Manor Park Shopping Center located at 1401 N. DuPont Hwy., New Castle. A 39 year old female had just exited the Dollar General Store and walked to her vehicle which was parked in the lot. As she arrived at her vehicle she was approached by a male suspect on a bicycle who demanded money. As the victim began to retrieve money from inside her vehicle the suspect grabbed her by the neck with both hands. The victim began to scream at which time a passerby intervened, causing the suspect to flee on the bicycle without obtaining any money. The victim was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a heavy set black male, approximately 50 years of age, wearing all dark clothing and riding a blue bicycle.

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Update-Name Released- State Police Investigating an Officer Involved Shooting-Milford

Milford- The Delaware State Police has released the name of the male who was fatally wounded on January 5, 2020 at Silver Lake Estates Apartments, Milford, as 27-year-old **Brandon D. Roberts** of Dover, DE.

This incident continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident, they are asked to contact Detective J. King at 302-741-2821. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

State Police Investigating an Officer Involved Shooting-Milford

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