Troopers Investigating Armed Robbery – Newark

Newark – The Delaware State Police are investigating an armed robbery that occurred early this morning at a Newark area Royal Farms.

The incident occurred this morning, December 26, 2019, at approximately 1:50 a.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the Royal Farms located at 2812 Pulaski Hwy, Newark, for a report of an armed robbery. Upon arrival, Troopers made contact with an employee who advised a white male approached the cash register and displayed a black handgun from his waistline. The employee opened the register and the suspect reached over the counter and removed an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect fled the store in an unknown direction. The employee was not injured as a result from the incident.

The suspect was described as a white male approximately 30-40 years of age, wearing a black knit hat and jacket.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged 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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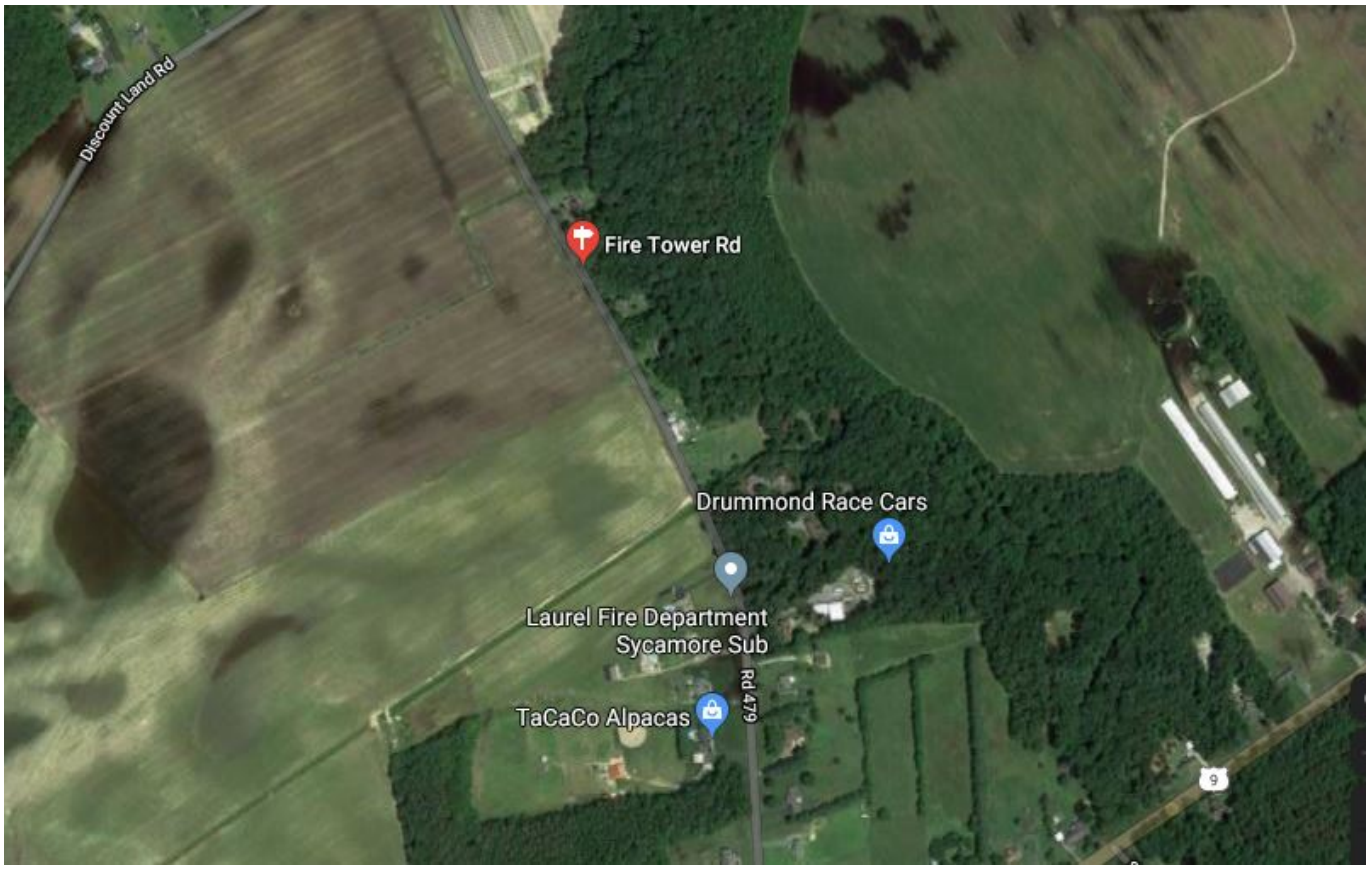
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Update Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash – Laurel



Laurel, Delaware – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a single-vehicle fatal crash that was reported earlier this evening east of Laurel, Delaware.

The incident was reported on Wednesday, December 25, 2019, at approximately 5:02 p.m., when a Ford F-150 pickup truck was traveling northbound on Fire Tower Road at a high rate of speed attempting to negotiate a moderate left curve. The vehicle failed to maintain the curve causing the right-side tires to exit the east edge of the roadway into the grass. The pickup truck then struck a large standing tree head-on. The catastrophic impact of the tree penetrated completely through the engine compartment and into the 2nd-row seating area, trapping the driver. The vehicle burst into flames upon impact and was completely consumed by fire. At this time, the only known vehicle information is that it is a Ford F-150, later model, extended cab, and possibly silver. The VIN # and registration are currently unknown.

The unknown operator of the Ford F-150 pickup truck was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Fire Tower Road in the area of the crash was closed for approximately 2.5 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit. Please call Troop 5 Bridgeville at 302-337-1090 for any information about this crash.

TRAFFIC ADVISORY Troopers Investigating Serious Crash – Laurel

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Update Name Released Troopers Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash – Georgetown

Georgetown, Delaware – The Delaware State Police have identified the name of the pedestrian who died in a crash on Monday, December 23, 2019, as 44-year-old Katrina M. Hudson of Millsboro, Delaware.

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit and anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Cpl/1 A. Mitchell at 302-703-3267.

UPDATE Troopers Investigating Fatal Hit and Run Crash Involving Pedestrian – Georgetown

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TRAFFIC ADVISORY Troopers Investigating Serious Crash – Laurel

Laurel, Delaware – The Delaware State Police are currently on scene of a serious motor vehicle crash involving a single vehicle that occurred at approximately 5:03 p.m., today, December 25, 2019, on Fire Tower Road between Discount Land Road and County Seat Highway (SR 9) east of Laurel.

As a result of the crash and ongoing investigation, the area of the crash may be closed. Motorists are advised to use caution and seek alternate routes of travel.

For updated road closure and traffic 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 Fatal Hit and Run Crash Involving Pedestrian – Georgetown

Georgetown, Delaware – The Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal hit and run crash involving a pedestrian in which the striking vehicle fled the scene.

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 a 44-year-old female of Millsboro. The pedestrian 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.

The pedestrian was pronounced deceased at the collision scene. She was dressed in dark clothing and there are no street lights in the area where the collision occurred. At this time, it is unknown if alcohol was a factor in this collision.

Zoar Road was closed for approximately five hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

The Delaware State Police 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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Traffic Advisory Troopers Investigating Serious Crash Involving Pedestrian – Georgetown

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Troopers Investigating Shooting – Newark

Newark – The Delaware State Police are investigating a shooting that occurred at approximately 9:01 p.m., Monday, December 23, 2019, in the parking lot of the Christiana Skating Rink, located at 801 Christiana Rd., Newark.

The initial investigation has determined that a 15 year old male who had just exited the skating rink, was walking through the parking lot, towards an awaiting vehicle which was his ride home. As he was walking an unknown suspect fired multiple rounds from an unknown firearm, resulting in the 15 year old victim sustaining two gunshot wounds to his lower extremities. The victim was transported to the Christiana Hospital by private vehicle where he was treated for a non-life threatening injury. There were no other reported injuries as a result of the incident and no known suspects at this time.

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

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective A. Lloyd of the Troop 2 Major Crimes Unit by calling 302-365-8411.

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Traffic Advisory Troopers Investigating Serious Crash Involving Pedestrian – Georgetown

Georgetown, Delaware – The Delaware State Police are on the scene of a serious motor vehicle crash involving a pedestrian that occurred at approximately 8:11 p.m., Monday, December 23, 2019, on Zoar Road east of Lawson Road in the area of Fieldwood Farms, Georgetown.

As a result of the crash, lanes are closed. Motorists will experience delays in the area and are advised to seek alternate routes of travel.

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

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Troopers Investigating Knifepoint Gas Station Robbery – Wilmington

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police are investigating the knifepoint robbery of a Concord Pike (US 202) gas station that occurred Monday morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 10:55 a.m., this morning, Monday, December 23rd, 2019 at the Exxon gas station, located at 5301 Concord Pike. A black male armed with a small knife entered the business and approached a clerk standing behind the register. The male pointed the knife at the clerk who in turn opened the register and fled out of the store. The suspect removed an undisclosed amount of cash from the register and fled out of the rear of the business in an unknown direction. The clerk was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a black male with a light complexion, wearing a black jacket with its hood up and in possession of a small knife.

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 Shooting Incident – Dover

Dover, Delaware – The Delaware State Police are currently investigating a shooting incident that occurred during the overnight hours.

The preliminary investigation has determined the incident occurred on Monday, December 23, 2019, at approximately 1:15 a.m., as troopers were dispatched to North Governors Boulevard, in Capital Park, Dover for a shooting. During the same time, a report was received of a subject with gunshot wounds had arrived at a local area hospital. It was learned this subject was confirmed as the victim, 24-year-old male of Dover, in the shooting in Capital Park.

The investigation revealed two male victims were in a parked vehicle on North Governors Boulevard when an unknown suspect walked by and started shooting at the vehicle. The victims were able to exit the vehicle to get away from the suspect. The shooting victim was then transported to the hospital for his injuries. The other male subject in the vehicle was not injured.

The suspect has not been identified at this time.

The investigation is active and ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Troop 3, Detective S. Ryan 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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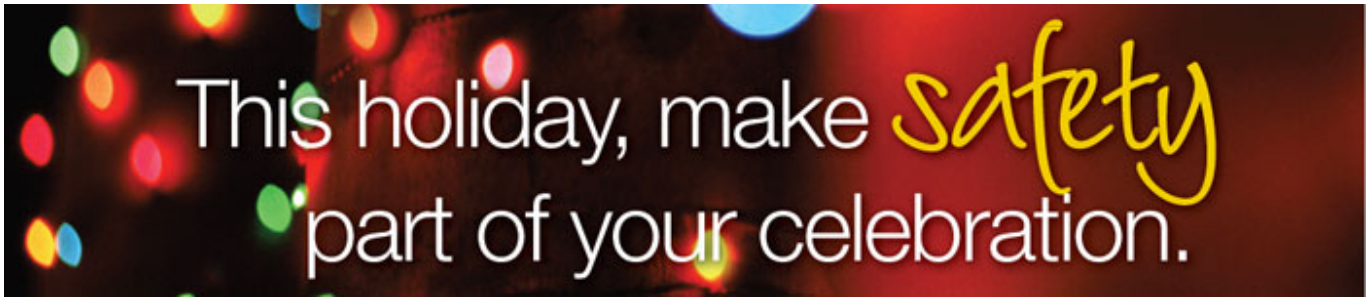
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State Police Extend Holiday Safety Tips



On behalf of our Superintendent, Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr., and the men and women of the Delaware State Police, we would like to extend our best wishes for everyone to have a safe and happy holiday season. Your family and home safety are always on our minds and we must work together for a safer Delaware. Troopers kindly offer safety tips throughout the year but specifically during the holiday season.

Please take the time to secure your home and lock all windows and doors when leaving for any length of time. Even while you

are home, we recommend that you keep your house secure. Close the blinds and drapes and do not keep any gifts or valuable items in view. Set timers for lights. If a person knocks at your door and you don’t recognize them, don’t feel obligated to open your door. Teach your children not to open the door to anyone prior to your knowledge. Inform a trusted neighbor or dependable person to watch your house when you travel during the holidays. During the holiday is an excellent time to get to know your neighbors. Neighbors watch out for neighbors and help keep a watchful eye out for suspicious activity to make communities stronger and safer. Mail should be stopped or arrangements for a trusted neighbor or friend to pick up when you are away from home for a period of time.

While shopping we suggest you lock your vehicle and hide valuables, preferably in the trunk or locked compartment. Stay alert to your surroundings and take a moment to glance around for possible suspicious persons, vehicles or situations. Prior to getting into your vehicle take a look inside and around before entering. When in crowded places, be alert for potentially suspicious activity. Never leave personal belongings unattended. As an added precaution, make sure you have a record of all your credit card numbers in a secure place at home. Try to shop with friends, there is safety in numbers. Teach your child to go to a trusted adult or store clerk and ask for help in case your child is separated from you. Teach children to stay close to you at all times while shopping. Never allow children to make unaccompanied trips to the restroom. Children should never be allowed to go to the car alone and they should never be left alone in the car. Teach children their full name, address and telephone number to give to police officers or mall security. Teach children to immediately inform you if a stranger is bothering them.

More people are moving to online shopping. The Internet does have risks so it is essential to take steps to safeguard yourself when shopping online. It is suggested that you make

sure you have a form of security (firewall, anti-virus and anti-spyware) installed and updated with the most current information before shopping online. Also, keep your operating system and Web browser up-to-date. Before you enter your personal and financial information for an online transaction, look for signs that the site is secure. This includes a closed padlock on your Web browser's address bar or a URL address that begins with shttp or https. This indicates that the purchase is encrypted or secured. Never use unsecured wireless networks to make an online purchase.

Many people celebrate the season by attending holiday parties with family and friends. Enjoy these gatherings responsibly so this time of happiness does not become a time of tragedy. Don't drink then drive, get a ride with someone who is responsible and sober. It is recommended that you prearrange transportation if you plan on consuming alcoholic beverages. We can never be too cautious, too ready or too mindful. Please share this information with family, friends, and neighbors.

The Delaware State Police wishes you a safe, happy and peaceful holiday season.

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