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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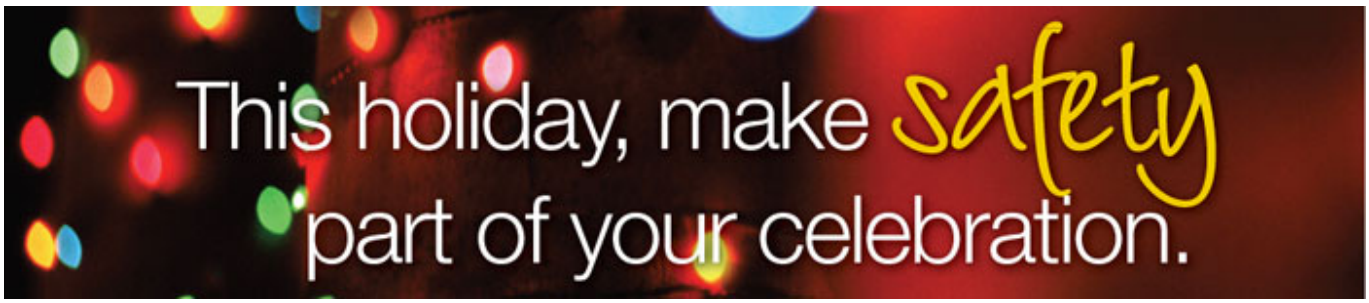
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State Police Extend Holiday Safety Tips



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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Update Name Released Troopers Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash – Ardentown

Ardentown, Delaware – The Delaware State Police have identified the name of the pedestrian who died in a crash on December 21, 2019, as 46-year-old Kristi Smith of Woodbury, New Jersey.

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit and anyone with information regarding the incident are asked to contact Cpl/1 M. Calio by calling 302-365-8483.

Troopers Investigating a Fatal Pedestrian Crash – Ardentown

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DSP S.O.A.R. Searching For Wanted Sex Offender

Dover, DE- The Delaware State Police Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration Unit (S.O.A.R) is currently looking for the following wanted sex offenders after they either failed to register or re-register their current address. If anyone knows the location of these subjects, they are asked to call 302-672-5306. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com/

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Homeless Sex Offender Notification

Dover, Delaware – The following are not wanted. These are Homeless Sex Offender Public Notifications. If you have information that any of the listed subjects are occupying a residence, please call 302-672-5306. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

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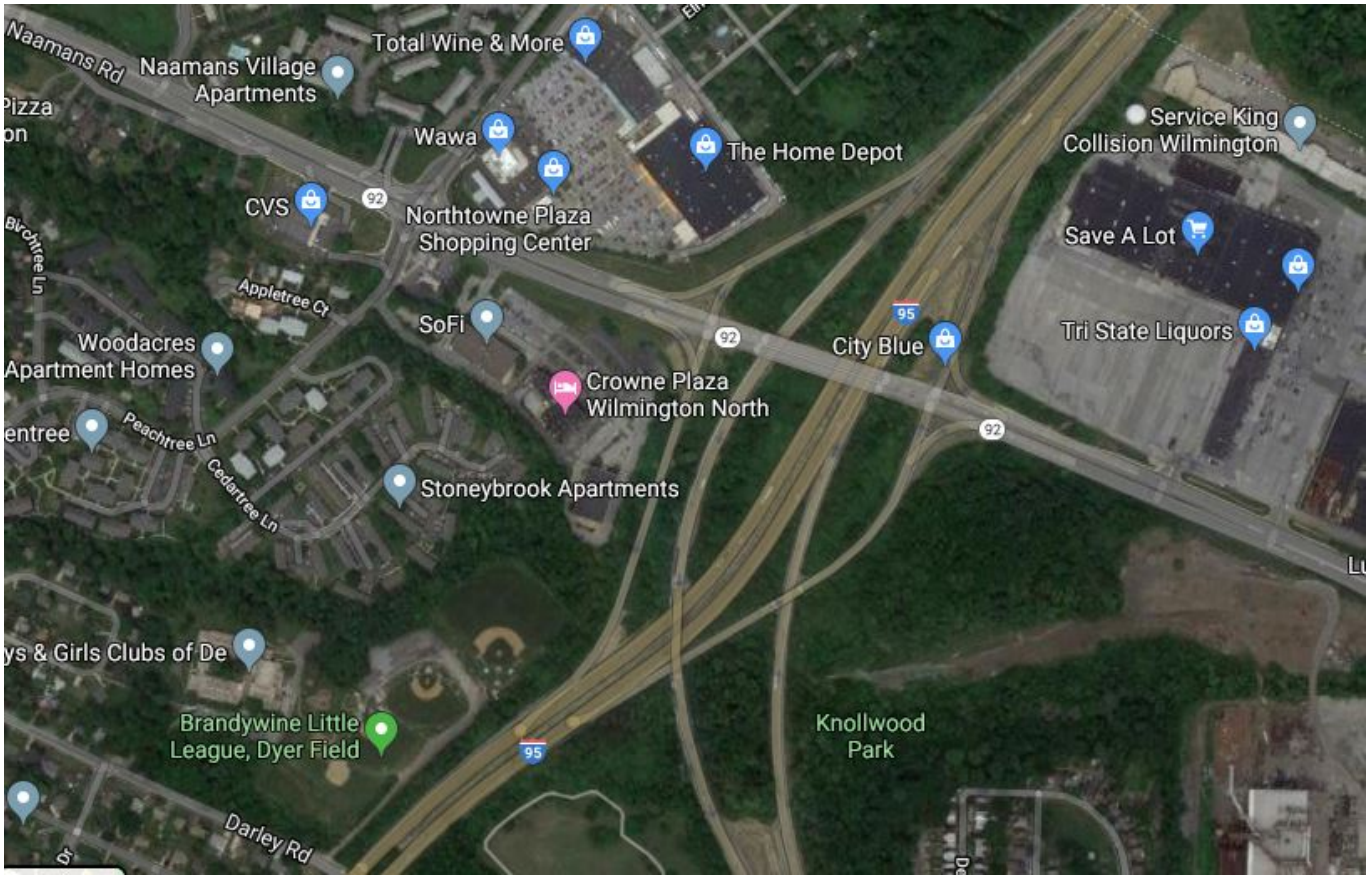
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Troopers Investigating a Fatal Pedestrian Crash – Ardentown



Ardentown, Delaware – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a crash involving a pedestrian that occurred early this morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 1:52 a.m., Saturday, December 21, 2019, on I-95 southbound southwest of Naamans Road, east of Ardentown, Delaware. A 2016 Chevrolet Trax, operated by a 36-year-old male of Bear, was traveling southbound on I-95 in the left lane south of Naamans Road. A female pedestrian was in the right through lane and attempted to move towards the median as the vehicle approached her location on I-95. The vehicle was unable to avoid the collision and struck the pedestrian with the front bumper.

The vehicle continued to travel and struck the guardrail on the east edge of the road before coming to a stop just south of the pedestrian. It is undetermined at this time why the pedestrian was on I-95.

The pedestrian was pronounced deceased at the scene. She was not wearing any reflective clothing or carrying a flashlight at the time of the collision and was wearing dark clothing. The pedestrian has not been identified at this time and impairment is unknown.

The operator of the Trax was properly restrained and did not sustain any injuries. Impairment on his behalf was not a factor in the crash.

I-95 Southbound in the area of the collision was closed for approximately three hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

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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 gas station that occurred late Thursday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 11:55 p.m., Thursday, December 19, 2019 at the Exxon gas station, located at 5301 Concord Pike. Two male suspects, one of which was brandishing a large knife, confronted an employee and a bystander as they were at the sales counter and demanded cash. The employee turned over cash from the register and the second victim turned over cash that was on his person. After obtaining the money both suspects fled in an unknown direction. Neither victim were injured as a result of the incident.

Suspect #1 was described as a black male, wearing a red jacket, dark pants and had a cloth concealing his face. Suspect #2 was described as a black male, wearing all dark clothing and in possession of a knife.

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 Offer Prevention Tips Due To Recent Vehicle

Break-ins

New Castle County– Over the course of the last week, the Delaware State Police have investigated a series of thefts of property from ***vehicles which were parked in child care facility parking lots***. This recent location trend is not widespread however the sudden increase in incidents specific to these locations was notable. These thefts involved vehicles that were both locked and unlocked. There was also a re-occurrence of thefts from vehicles parked at fitness clubs, which was a trend in prior months.

While some thefts do involve forced entry into a locked vehicle the vast majority of thefts are from unlocked cars. And in the incidents involving forced entry, it was determined that something of value was visible inside the vehicle. By simply locking your doors and keeping any and all property out of plain view you can significantly lessen the chances of being victimized.

These safeguards should always be in place but even more so during this holiday shopping season when thieves anticipate recently purchased gifts to be stored in vehicles.

With this information in mind we are again offering the following prevention and awareness tips:

- Keep the doors of your vehicles locked at all times and windows shut.
- Do not leave items of value in your vehicle. This includes purses, wallets, credit cards, electronics, checkbooks, money, SS card, loose change, documents and paperwork with your personal information listed.
- Store valuable tools inside your residence. If needed daily for work, create an easy system to load and unload, such as using storage containers to transport.
- Lock your glove box, which should only store your

registration and insurance cards. Do not store your vehicle title in the glove box. Store it in a safe place in your residence.

- Do not leave items that have a perceived value, such as a laptop case with no laptop.
- Clear the vehicle of all clutter and personal items. This can give the general impression that other property of value may be within the vehicle.
- Do not keep a spare vehicle key hidden in the same vehicle. Do not store or house keys or other keys in your vehicle.
- If possible, keep your vehicle parked under a lighted area that you can check on from your residence.
- If you have a surveillance security system, include your vehicles in the angle of your camera. If you locate a suspicious subject on your property, in the area of your vehicles, do not confront them, call 911 immediately.

And finally, be a good witness for your neighbors, co-workers and fellow citizens, as you would want them to do the same for you. Pay attention and be aware of what is going on in your neighborhood, and other places that you frequent throughout the course of your day such as the parking lots of local businesses, your workplace, parks, etc.

If you See Something-Say Something, by reporting all suspicious activity to your local law enforcement agency, call 9-1-1.

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Update Name Released Troopers Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash-Milford

Milford- The Delaware State Police have identified the name of the pedestrian who died in a crash on December 18, 2019, as 55-year-old **Fred L. Drew Jr.** of Dover, DE.

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit.

Troopers Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash-Milford

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Troopers Investigating Parking Lot Robbery – Wilmington

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police are investigating a robbery that took place in the parking lot of a Concord Pike business that occurred Wednesday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 9:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 18, 2019 in the parking lot of the Pep Boys, located at 2904 Concord Pike, Wilmington. A 36 year old male and a 33 year old female were seated in their vehicle in the parking lot of the Pep Boys while performing minor maintenance. Two male suspects one of which was armed with a handgun approached the vehicle and began banging on the passenger side door attempting to make forcible entry. The female was able to exit the vehicle and fled unharmed. The armed suspect entered the vehicle via the passenger door and began physically assaulting the male victim while demanding the contents of his pockets. The victim complied with the demand and turned over an undisclosed amount of cash. Both suspects then fled on foot into a wooded area behind the business. The male victim refused medical treatment for minor injuries sustained during the incident.

The suspects were described as black males wearing all dark clothing.

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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