Troopers Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash-Milford

Milford- The Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal crash involving a pedestrian that occurred yesterday.

The incident occurred on December 18, 2019 at approximately 5:40 p.m., when a 2009 Dodge Ram 1500 was traveling westbound on Milford-Harrington Highway, west of Williamsville Road. A pedestrian was attempting to cross Milford-Harrington Highway, towards a small strip mall/parking lot. The operator observed the pedestrian within the roadway and attempted to brake but was unable to avoid the collision. The front of the Dodge Ram struck the pedestrian, causing the pedestrian to be projected forward and come to rest on the pavement.

The operator of the Dodge Ram, a 19-year-old male from Harrington, DE, was properly restrained and remained on scene. He did not sustain injury.

The pedestrian, a 55-year-old male from Dover, DE, was not carrying a light or utilizing a designated crosswalk. He transported to the Sussex Bayheath Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. His name is being withheld at this time pending the notification of next of kin.

Milford-Harrington Highway, west of Williamsville 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.

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Troopers Investigating Liquor Store Robbery – Wilmington

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police are investigating an armed robbery that took place at a Wilmington area liquor store on Tuesday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 8:29 p.m., Tuesday, December

17, 2019 at Deep Liquors, located at 3802 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington. Two male suspects, who both had their faces concealed, entered the business and confronted two employees. Suspect #1 who was in possession of a handgun, ordered one of the victims at gunpoint to lay on the floor and ordered the second victim to open the register. The victim's complied and the suspects then removed an undisclosed amount of cash from the register. The suspect's also removed alcohol and tobacco products from the display before fleeing eastbound towards the City of Wilmington. Neither victim was injured as a result of the incident.

Suspect #1 was described as a black male, 18-30 years of age, wearing all dark clothing to include a fabric covering his face.

Suspect #2 was described as a black male, 18-25 years of age, also wearing all dark clothing to include a fabric covering his face.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective b. McDerby of the Troop 2 Robbery Unit by calling 302-365-8436.

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Troop 7 Announces the Opening of Its New Location-Sussex County

Sussex County- The Delaware State Police announces the opening of its new Troop 7 location.

The new Troop 7 is currently located at **19444 Mulberry Knoll Road, Lewes** and will open its doors to the public on December 18, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. The old facility located at 18006 Coastal Highway, Lewes will no longer be open to service the public after tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.

Should you need to contact Troop 7 for a non-emergency please call 302-644-5020 and all emergencies dial 9-1-1.

A formal open house of the facility is forthcoming and further details will be released when they become available.

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Troopers Investigating Armed Robbery -Wilmington

Wilmington (19804)– The Delaware State Police are investigating an armed robbery that took place at a Metro PCS store earlier today.

The incident occurred on December 15, 2019 at approximately 3:34 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the Metro PCS located at 107 N. Maryland Avenue, Wilmington for a report of a robbery. Upon arrival, Troopers made contact with two employees who advised that a subject entered the store displaying a knife. The suspect ordered one employee to lay on the ground, while demanding cash from the other employee. The employee turned over an undisclosed amount of cash prior

to the suspect fleeing the scene. The employees were not injured as a result of this incident.

The suspect was described as a Hispanic male armed with 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 at 302-834-2620. 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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Homeless Sex Offender Notification

Dover– The following subjects are not wanted. This is a Homeless Sex Offender Public Notification. If you have information that 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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Troopers Investigating Home Invasion-Dover

Dover— The Delaware State Police are investigating a home invasion that occurred early Thursday morning.

The incident occurred on December 12, 2019 at approximately 12:09 a.m., when Troopers were dispatched to Mast Circle, Dover for a report of a home invasion. Upon arrival, Troopers met with 21-year-old female resident and a 24-year-old male resident. It was learned that the two victims were in the living room of the residence when two subjects forced entry through the front door armed with handguns. The suspects held the victims at gunpoint and demanded cash and firearms. The suspects fled the residence after obtaining two handguns and cash. The victims along with three juveniles who were inside the residence during this incident were not injured.

The suspects were described as black males, with their faces covered and armed with handguns.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Troop 3, Criminal Investigations Unit, Detective Buzzuro at (302) 698-8502. 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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TRAFFIC ADVISORY Northbound Lane of St. Georges Bridge (RT 13) Closed

St. Georges- The Delaware State Police currently have the northbound lanes of Rt 13 at St. Georges Bridge closed due to police activity.

Motorist are encouraged to avoid the area and seek alternate routes of travel.

For updated road closure information log onto: http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel_advisory/index.shtml#advi

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Update #2-Victim's Name Released State Police Investigating Shooting Incident-Harrington

Harrington- The Delaware State Police are releasing the name of the victim that died as a result of a shooting that occurred on December 11, 2019 in the unit block of Diamond Court, Harrington as 37-year-old **Robert J. White** of Harrington, DE.

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

If anyone has any information in reference to this case, they are asked to please contact the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit, Detective Grassi at 302-365-8441. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

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Troopers See Increase in Catalytic Converter Thefts

The Delaware State Police have recently noticed a rise in the theft of catalytic converters from vehicle exhaust systems. Honda CRV's are the most common vehicle type being targeted right now, however several thefts have occurred involving various other makes and models as well.

The majority of theses thefts have occurred in large public parking lots to include retail locations, health care facilities and business parks. There is no specific time frame for the thefts as the incidents have occurred during the daytime as well as during the overnight hours.

The Appeal of Catalytic Converters

The reason is the value of the metals used in the manufacturing of the catalytic converters. Catalytic converters contain platinum, rhodium, and palladium. The metals are expensive, and thieves sell the converters to scrap yards. It can cost you on average up to $2000 to replace a catalytic converter, and it is illegal to drive your car without one. The resulting gap in your exhaust system also makes the car run poorly until it is fixed.

Thieves look for easy targets when it comes to catalytic converter theft, and a few simple steps help make your car or SUV a less likely target.

Symptoms of Converter Theft

You'll notice a loud rumbling or roaring sound as soon as you turn on the engine if your catalytic converter is missing. This noticible sound gets louder when you accelerate. Since

the exhaust is not working properly, the vehicle also drives rougher than usual, often with a sense of sputtering as you change speed. Go to the back of the car and look underneath. The catalytic converter is a round canister that connects two pieces of piping in the exhaust. You will see a gap in the middle of your exhaust if the converter is missing, and you will likely see signs of the piping being cut away.





Preventing Catalytic Converter Theft

Always park in well-lit areas when possible. If you have a personal garage, keep your car in the garage with the door closed when the vehicle is not in use. Park close to a building entrance or to the nearest access road when parking in a public lot. This is due to the increased amount of pedestrian traffic in those areas.

Security devices are available that attach to the converter, making it harder to steal. Having the converter welded to the car frame also makes it more difficult to remove. If you have a security system on your car, calibrate it so vibration sets it off. This ensures the alarm activates if a thief tries to saw off the converter.

Video surveillance around your garage or driveway is also useful if you have the budget for it. Engrave your VIN number onto your catalytic converter to make it easier to identify in case it does get stolen.

See Something – Say Something

Despite all prevention methods the reality is that these thefts as well as other crimes do occur. If prevention is unsuccessful the next best tool to combatting criminal

activity is the reliance on victims and witnesses to report crimes in a timely manner and to provide as many investigative leads as possible.

Specific to catalytic converter thefts our community members are asked to be aware while walking in public and specifically while in large parking lots. If you see, or in these cases hear anything, (since power tools and saws must be used during the commission of the theft), alert someone immediately, either by calling 911 or notifying on-site security.

Be a good neighbor by being a good witness.

Anyone who believes they may have information related to these types of thefts are asked to contact the Troop 2 Criminal Investgations Unit by calling 302-365-8565.

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Troopers Investigating Robbery-Georgetown

Georgetown- The Delaware State Police are investigating a robbery that occurred yesterday afternoon.

The incident occurred on December 11, 2019 at approximately 3:20 p.m., when a 41-year-old female victim was walking on Donovans Road in the area of N. Bedford Street, Georgetown, and approached by two unknown males. The male suspects struck the victim with an unknown object causing her to fall to the ground. The suspects then took the victim's purse that she was carrying and proceeded to flee the area on foot. The victim sustained minor injury and was treated and released from the Nanticoke Memorial Hospital.

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

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact Troop 4, Detective Wideman at 302-752-3832. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

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