Update State Police Investigating Shooting Incident- Harrington

Harrington– The Delaware State Police Homicide Unit is continuing to investigate a shooting that occurred last evening.

The incident occurred on December 11, 2019 at approximately 6:30 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the unit block of Diamond Court, Harrington, to assist the Harrington Police Department for a report of shooting. Further investigation revealed that a 37-year-old male victim had just left his residence on foot when he was shot by an unknown subject within close proximity to his residence.

The victim sustained a single gunshot wound and was transported to a local area hospital where he was pronounced deceased. His name is being withheld at this time pending the notification of next of kin.

At the request of the Harrington Police Department, the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit assumed the investigation.

There is no suspect information at this time.

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.

State Police Investigating Shooting Incident- Harrington

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UPDATE-Victim Identified Troopers Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash – Newark

Newark – The Delaware State Police have identified 31 year old Sherry White of Newark, as the pedestrian who was killed in a crash that occurred at approximately 8:52 p.m., Tuesday, December 10, 2019 on DE Rt. 273 (Christiana Rd.) in the area of Harmony Rd., Newark.

Click on the following link to view the original release:

Troopers Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash – Newark

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Cpl. J. Breen of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8486.

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State Police Investigating Shooting Incident- Harrington

Harrington– The Delaware State Police are currently on scene of a shooting incident that occurred earlier this evening.

Preliminary information has determined that the incident occurred on December 11, 2019 at approximately 6:30 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the unit block of Diamond Court, Harrington, to assist the Harrington Police Department for a report of shooting. Upon arrival, it was determined that a male subject had been shot and was transported to a local area hospital.

The investigation is in it's early stages with further information being released as it becomes available.

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TRAFFIC ADVISORY Train Derailment Causes Multiple Road Closures – Montchanin

Montchanin – At approximately 2:18 p.m., Wednesday, December 11, 2019 a freight train derailed in the area of Montchanin Rd. and Adams Dam Rd. There were no injuries associated with

the incident.

As a result of the derailment the following intersections and roadways have been closed: Montchanin Rd. at Rockland Rd., W. Rockland Rd. at Adams Dam Rd. and Montchanin Rd. at Kirk Rd. Limited access will be made available for local traffic only.

The roadways are expected to be closed for an extended period of time while the train cars are uprighted and necessary repairs are completed.

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

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Troopers Investigating Shore Stop Robbery- Milford

Milford- The Delaware State Police are investigating a robbery of a Milford, DE Shore Stop that occurred last evening.

The incident occurred on December 10, 2019 at approximately 8:29 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the Shore Stop located at 1885 Bay Road Milford, for a report of a robbery. Upon arrival, Troopers met with a male employee who advised that a subject approached him with their hand in the pocket of their sweatshirt and asked for "everything" he had. The suspect obtained an undisclosed amount of cash prior to fleeing the area on foot. No weapon was displayed and no direct threat was ever made by the suspect. The employee did not sustain injury.

The suspect was wearing a disguise covering their face and a dark colored hooded sweatshirt.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact Troop 3, Criminal Investigative Unit, Detective Beck at 302-698-8527. 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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Troopers Investigating Attempted Armed Robbery of Liquor Store-Frederica

Frederica– The Delaware State Police are investigating the attempted armed robbery of a Liquor Store and are seeking the public's assistance in identifying the pictured suspect.

The incident occurred on December 5, 2019 at approximately 7:29 p.m., when Troopers responded to the JC Liquor Mart, located at 7615 Old Beach Road Frederica, for a report of a robbery. Upon arrival, Troopers met with a 71-year-old male employee who advised that the suspect entered the store wearing a ski mask. The employee immediately confronted the

suspect when the suspect displayed what appeared to be a handgun. The suspect then proceeded to strike the victim with the handgun. The suspect and victim engaged in a tussle. The suspect subsequently fled the area on foot without obtaining any money or merchandise. The victim sustained minor injury and declined medical treatment.

The suspect was described as black male, approximately 6’02’’ tall and at least 200 lbs. He was wearing a ski mask, gloves, a dark green puffy winter jacket with fur lining on the hood and jean pants.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident or the suspects identity they are asked to contact Troop 3,Criminal Investigative Unit, Detective Beck at 302-698-8527. 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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Troopers Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash – Newark

Newark – The Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal crash involving a pedestrian that occurred at approximately 8:52 p.m., Tuesday, December 10, 2019 on DE Rt. 273 (Christiana Rd.) in the area of Harmony Rd., Newark.

The initial investigation has determined that a 2018 Mazda 3, operated by a 21 year old Bear man, was traveling westbound on Rt. 273 west of the intersection with Harmony Rd. in the left lane. A 31 year old Newark woman was crossing the westbound lanes of Rt. 273 from north to south on foot and proceeded directly into the path of the Mazda at which time she was struck. After impact the pedestrian was thrown into the eastbound lanes of Rt. 273 where she came to rest. The Mazda came to a stop and remained at the scene.

The female was transported to the Christiana Hospital where she was pronounced deceased. The investigation determined that at the time of the incident she was wearing dark clothing with no reflective

material, not carrying a light and not utilizing a marked crosswalk. Impairment on her behalf is undetermined at this time. Identification is pending notification of next of kin.

A 31 year old male subject who was crossing the roadway along with the female victim was not injured.

The driver of the Mazda who was properly restrained, was not injured. Impairment on his behalf is not a factor in the crash.

Rt. 273 was closed between Harmony Rd. and Brownleaf Rd. for approximately 3 hours, while the scene was investigated.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Cpl. J. Breen of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8486.

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Delaware State Police Issues Scam Alert Advisory

Delaware- The Delaware State Police are issuing a scam alert advisory when selling items online.

Fake checks drive many types of scams – like those involving phony prize wins, fake jobs, mystery shoppers, online classified ad sales, and others. In a fake check scam, a person you don't know asks you to deposit a check – sometimes for several thousand dollars and usually for more than what you are owed – and wire some of the money back to that person. The scammers always have a good story to explain the overpayment – they're stuck out of the country, they need you to cover taxes or fees, you need to buy supplies, or something else. But by the time your bank discovers you've deposited a bad check, the scammer already has the money you sent, and you're stuck paying the rest of the check back to the bank.

**This information was provided by the Federal Trade Commission
at https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2018/09/anatomy-fake-check-scam **

Here's how the scam works:

- The buyer offers to purchase the product being sold, but at the last minute makes up an excuse why he needs to

write the check for more money than the cost of the item and asks the seller to wire (Western Union / Money Gram) the excess money back to the buyer.
- The seller agrees, deposits the check, wires the money and ships the goods or physically gives them to the buyer.
- A week or so later, the seller's bank tells him the check bounced because it was a fake, so the seller's bank account now owes the bank for the amount, AND the police may arrest the seller (for check fraud, counterfeiting, etc.)

This scam works because most people believe that a cashier's check is as good as cash. That's clearly not true if it is a counterfeit! With today's computer and printer capabilities, almost anyone can make a very realistic looking fake check. People also don't realize that wired money is immediate and irretrievable.

How you can protect yourself against check scams when selling something:

- Call the issuing bank identified on the check, to verify the check is good and for that amount.
- Don't give the buyer the sold property, whether it is a car, DVD's/CDs or anything else, until the check has had time to clear. If the buyer wants it immediately, ask for cash or see your bank for other methods, like a wire transfer that can be verified more quickly.

This information was provided by the ConsumerFraudReporting.org at http://www.consumerfraudreporting.org/sellingscams.php

If you suspect you have been a victim of this scam, please contact your local law enforcement agency. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at

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Troopers Investigating Armed Robbery- Millsboro

Millsboro- The Delaware State Police are investigating an armed robbery that occurred last evening.

The incident occurred on December 9, 2019 at approximately

9:59 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to a residence in the 31000 block of Karen Street, Millsboro for the report of a robbery. Upon arrival, Troopers met with a 59-year-old male resident who advised that while he was outside in the front yard, he was approached by an unknown subject. The suspect displayed a handgun and struck the victim with the handgun, causing the victim to fall to the ground. The suspect demanded the victim empty his pockets. The suspect obtained the victim's wallet, cell phone and keys prior to fleeing the scene. Shortly after the incident, the victim's bank card was utilized at the Exxon in Seaford. The victim did not sustain injury.

The suspect was described as a black male in his late 20's, approximately 5'08" tall, 175 lbs., with a full beard, and wearing all dark clothing.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact Troop 4, Major Crimes Unit, at 302-856-5850. 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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Christiana Mall Incident Unfounded – All Stores Operating as Normal

Newark – At approximately 5:45 p.m., this evening there were unfounded reports of an incident occurring at the Christiana Mall. Multiple Troopers who were already on site working a holiday detail immediately determined that there was nothing occurring within the mall or surrounding sites. There was no evacuation or interruption to normal operations within the mall complex. All businesses are operating as normal. Any reports to the contrary are false.

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