# Troopers Make Annual Holiday Visits

During the week of December 2nd, the Delaware State Police, with the support of the Delaware State Troopers Association (DSTA), made their annual holiday visits to schools and hospitals throughout the state.

Troopers had the honor of escorting Santa and Mrs. Claus, Miss Delaware 2019 Hillary May, the Princesses from Pursuit for Peace, along with other beloved characters, as they interacted with the children, in the hopes of spreading some holiday cheer.

In New Castle County, a visit was made to the Nemours/Alfred I. du Pont Hospital for Children, where lunch was provided to the children and their families, courtesy of the DSTA, Bacchetti Brothers Catering and Mission BBQ. During the luncheon, the children were able to play games and make holiday crafts, provided by the hospital's Child Life Department, as well as having the opportunity to visit with Santa.

Troopers then escorted Santa and his friends, as he delivered gifts to patients in their rooms, who were unable to attend the luncheon. In all, over 200 patients received an early

Christmas present, provided by the Child Life Department and the Delaware State Police Museum and Education Center. This marks the 22nd year, that the Delaware State Troopers Association has sponsored the Troopers visit to the hospital.
















































In Kent County, Troopers escorted Santa and his friends to the

Secret Garden Day Care, the Kent County Community School and the Charlton School.



























In Sussex County, visits were made to Morris Elementary School, as well as the Howard T. Ennis School in Lincoln, the Stockley Center in Georgetown and the Sussex County Consortium in Lewes.





















While these visits are intended to bring smiles to the faces of the children, there is no denying that the Troopers who participate, receive an equal amount of joy in return.

These visits are just another way that the Delaware State Police strives to accomplish their intended mission of: ***"Enhancing the quality of life for all Delaware Citizens and visitors by providing professional, competent and compassionate law enforcement services."***

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# **UPDATE**-Trooper Seek Public's Assistance in Locating Escapee – Newark

***Dover, Delaware*** – The Delaware State Police have located the female who escaped from a Bayhealth Security Constable. **Afrika Whaley** of Dover is currently wanted by the Dover Police Department and the Kent County Court of Common Pleas. Afrika Whaley was taken into custody in Dover without incident.

Troopers Seek Public's Help in Locating Escapee – Newark

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# Troopers Seek Public's Help in Locating Escapee – Newark

***Newark, Delaware –*** The Delaware State Police are seeking the public's help in locating 25-year-old **Afrika Whaley** of Dover after she escaped from a constable in Newark.

The incident occurred at approximately 2:03 p.m. today, December 7, 2019, as **Afrika Whaley** fled after being transported by a Bay Health Security Constable to the Rockford Center located at 100 Rockford Drive Newark, Delaware.

**Afrika Whaley** is described as a dangerous black female with

short hair wearing blue scrubs and red shoes. She is currently wanted by the Dover Police Department for Assault (felony), Conspiracy and Resisting Arrest.

If anyone has any information on the whereabouts of **Afrika Whaley** they are asked to call 9-1-1 immediately and/or Troop 6 at 302-633-5000. 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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# 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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# State Police Investigating Fatal Industrial Accident-

# Millsboro

***Millsboro-*** The Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal industrial accident that occurred yesterday morning.

The incident occurred on December 5, 2019 at approximately 7:45 a.m., when Troopers responded to The Bros Landscaping business located at 24452 Hollyville Road, Millsboro, in reference to an industrial accident. Upon arrival, it was learned that an employee was working on a dump truck on site. The employee was found by the owner of the business pinned underneath the dump truck.

The victim, identified as 34-year-old **Jose Zamora-Rivera** of Milton, DE, was pronounced deceased at the scene.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services 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@delaware.gov.

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# Troopers Investigating Serious Crash- Georgetown

***Georgetown-*** The Delaware State Police are investigating a serious crash involving a single vehicle that occurred last evening.

The incident occurred on December 5, 2019 at approximately 10:52 p.m., when a 2007 Chevrolet Cobalt was traveling eastbound on Asbury Road (CR 446), east of Davis Road (CR 523), approaching a moderate left curve. For unknown reasons, the operator failed to negotiate the curve, and the vehicle exited the roadway. After exiting the roadway, the Cobalt overturned several times before coming to a final rest in an open field.

The operator, and sole occupant, a 28-year-old male from Laurel, DE, was not properly restrained and was ejected from the vehicle. He was transported to the Nanticoke Memorial Hospital and later transferred to the Christiana Hospital in critical condition.

The eastbound lane of Asbury Road 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.

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assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services 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@delaware.gov

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# Troopers Investigating Bank Robbery – Newark

***Newark*** – The Delaware State Police are investigating the robbery of a Newark area bank that occurred just after noon today.

The incident occurred at approximately 12:18 p.m., Thursday, December 5, 2019 at the Citizen's Bank branch located inside the University Plaza ACME grocery store. A male suspect approached a teller and

presented a note which demanded money and also implied that the he was armed with a gun. The teller complied with the demand and turned over an undisclosed amount of cash to the suspect who then fled in an unknown direction. The teller was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a black male, 40-50 years of age, 5’10” tall, wearing a dark colored sweatshirt, with the hood drawn tight around his face. The suspect implied through the note that he possessed a gun, however none was ever displayed.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

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

http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com

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# *UPDATE* Troopers Investigating Serious Motor Vehicle Crash Lancaster Pike at Hercules Rd. – Wilmington

***Wilmington*** – The Delaware State Police are continuing to investigate a motor vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 6:20 a.m., Thursday, December 5, 2019 on Lancaster Pike in the area of Hercules Rd.

The initial investigation has determined that a 2000 Dodge Dakota, operated by an 18 year old male from Wilmington was traveling eastbound on Lancaster Pike, east of Hercules Rd. A 2003 Toyota Tacoma, operated by a 19 year old male from Hockessin was also traveling eastbound on Lancaster Pike and for an undetermined reason both vehicles collided. After the initial impact both vehicles traveled off the right side of the road and struck a guardrail. After impacting the guardrail the Dodge came to rest partially over the guardrail facing north. The Toyota traveled completely over the guardrail where it came to rest.

The driver of the Dodge, who was not properly restrained, was ejected from his vehicle. He was transported to the Christiana Hospital by Delaware State Police helicopter, with serious injuries.

The driver of the Toyota, who was properly restrained, was transported

to the Christiana Hospital also with serious injuries.

Impairment is not deemed as a contributing factor on behalf of either driver.

Lancaster Pike was closed for approximately 90 minutes while the scene was investigated and cleared.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding the crash is asked to contact Trooper Ruszkay at Troop 1 by calling 302-761-6677.

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# Troopers Investigating Pharmacy Robbery – Bear

***Bear*** – The Delaware State Police are investigating the robbery of a Bear area Walgreens that occurred Wednesday evening.

The incident occurred at approximately 7:17 p.m., Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at the Walgreens Pharmacy, located at 1120 Pulaski Hwy., Bear. The male suspect entered the business and confronted an employee in the manager's office, implied that he had a weapon and then demanded cash. The employee complied with the demand and turned over an undisclosed amount of cash to the suspect who then fled on foot in an unknown. The employee was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a white male, 5'10"-6'00" tall, 140-150 lbs., wearing all dark clothing.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact the Troop 2 Robbery Unit by calling 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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# *TRAFFIC ADVISORY* Lancaster Pike Closed at Hercules Rd. Due to a Serious Motor Vehicle Crash – Wilmington

***Wilmington*** – The Delaware State Police are on scene of a serious motor vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 6:20 a.m., Thursday, December 5, 2019 on Lancaster Pike (Rt. 48) in the area of Hercules Rd.

As a result of the crash Lancaster Pike is closed in both directions and the closure is anticipated to be lengthy. Motorists are advised to avoid the area and seek alternate

routes of travel.

For updated road closure information and traffic conditions 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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