Troopers Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash – Milford

Milford – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash involving a pedestrian that occurred at approximately 6:06 p.m., Friday, November 29, 2019 on DuPont Blvd. (US 113) just south of Airport Rd., Milford.

The initial investigation has determined that a 1994 Chrysler LHS, operated by an 80 year old Seaford man, was traveling southbound on DuPont Blvd. in the left lane, just south of Airport Rd. A pedestrian, identified as 52 year old George A. Burton of Milford, was attempting to cross DuPont Blvd. and walked directly into the path of the Chrysler. The driver attempted to brake, but could not avoid striking the pedestrian, who was thrown onto the hood of the vehicle and then onto the pavement in left lane of travel. The pedestrian was then struck by two additional vehicles, which did not remain on scene. The Chrysler came to a controlled stop and remained on scene.

The investigation determined that the pedestrian was not wearing any reflective clothing, not carrying a light, and not utilizing a crosswalk. The area where he was attempting to cross has no overhead street lighting.

The victim was initially transported to Bayhealth Milford before being transferred to Christiana Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. Impairment on his behalf is undetermined at this time.

The driver of the Chrysler who was properly restrained, was also transported to Bayhealth Milford where he was treated for minor injuries. Impairment on his behalf is not deemed a contributing factor in the crash.

DuPont Blvd. was closed for approximately 4 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

The Troop 3 Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate on behalf of the Milford Police Department and anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Sgt. J. Wheatley by calling (302) 698-8518.

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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UPDATE Suspect Fatally Wounded in Trooper Involved Shooting – Lewes

Lewes – The Delaware State Police are continuing to investigate a Trooper involved shooting that occurred Friday evening in which the suspect was fatally wounded.

At approximately 8:22 p.m., Friday, November 29, 2019, Troopers responded to a residence located in the 300 block of E. Savannah Rd., Lewes, to assist the Lewes Police Department, in reference to the report of a subject armed with a handgun, who was threatening suicide.

Upon the officers arrival they observed the 46 year old male suspect, standing in the driveway of the residence holding a handgun, and making suicidal statements. Communication was established with the suspect, who on two different occasions during the dialogue, placed the weapon on the ground. The suspect then proceeded to again pick up the weapon, refusing to comply with multiple verbal commands not to do so. Once in possession of the handgun he then pointed it at the Troopers and Lewes Police Department officers, at which time a Trooper discharged his divisional issued patrol rifle, striking the suspect in the upper torso.

Emergency medical care was immediately initiated by the officers on scene with the suspect subsequently being transported to Beebe Hospital, where he was pronounced deceased. Identification is pending the notification of next of kin.

The Trooper involved in the shooting is assigned to Troop 7 in

Lewes and has been employed by the Delaware State Police for 5 years. He has been placed on administrative leave as per Divisional policy.

The investigation is active and ongoing.

Click on the following link to view the original release:

Trooper Involved Shooting – Lewes

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Trooper Involved Shooting – Lewes

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The initial investigation has determined that at approximately 8:22 p.m., Friday, November 29, 2019, Troopers responded to a residence in the 300 block of E. Savannah Rd., Lewes in reference to an armed subject who was threatening suicide. While communicating with the 47 year old male subject who was outside the residence he displayed a handgun at which time a

Trooper discharged his weapon striking the subject. The subject was transported to an area hospital for treatment.

At this time E. Savannah Rd. is closed between Cedar St. and Massachusetts Ave.

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

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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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Update #2 -Victim's Name Released Detectives Conducting Homicide Investigation- Bridgeville

Bridgeville- The Delaware State Police are releasing the name of the victim who was involved in the shooting incident on November 27, 2019 as 45-year-old **James B. Bradt** from Bridgeville, DE.

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

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident, they are asked to contact Detective J. King at 302-741-2821. 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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Update Troopers Investigating Shots Fired Incident- Bridgeville

Traffic Advisory Troopers Investigating Shots Fired Incident- Bridgeville

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Troopers Investigating Armed Robbery- Lewes

Lewes- The Delaware State Police are investigating an armed robbery that took place in a Wawa parking lot early this morning.

On November 29, 2019 at approximately 12:11 a.m., Troopers were dispatched to the Wawa parking lot located at 17663 Dartmouth Drive, Lewes, for a report of a robbery. Upon arrival, Troopers met with a 17-year-old male who advised that while he was pumping gas, he was approached by three black male subjects. One of the subjects asked for the victim's wallet and when the victim refused he was struck by the suspect. During this time, another suspect displayed a knife. The third suspect approached a 16-year-old female passenger who was seated in the vehicle during this incident. This suspect entered the rear seat of the vehicle and grabbed

the female victim. The male victim subsequently turned over an undisclosed amount of cash prior to all three suspects fleeing the scene in a dark colored SUV. The male and female victim did not sustain injury as a result of this incident.

The suspects were described as black males ranging from ages 15-20 years old, all wearing a dark colored hooded sweatshirt.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact Troop 4, Major Crimes Unit, Detective Doughty 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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UPDATE #2-Victim Identified Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash Involving a Tractor Trailer – Concord Pike, Wilmington

Wilmington– The Delaware State Police have identified the driver who died in a crash on Tuesday, November 26, 2019, on Concord Pike (US Rt. 202) southbound north of Powder Mill Rd. as 35-year-old Ryan Ferrer of Wilmington, Delaware.

The crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit and anyone with information is asked to contact Cpl. J. Breen by calling 302-365-8486.

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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UPDATE Troopers Invesigating Fatal Crash Involving a Tractor Trailer – Concord Pike, Wilmington

TRAFFIC ADVISORY Troopers Investigating Serious Crash Involving Tractor Trailer – Concord Pike Southbound Closed at

Murphy Rd.

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Update Troopers Investigating Shots Fired Incident- Bridgeville

Bridgeville- The Delaware State Police are conducting an investigation into a homicide that occurred yesterday morning.

The incident occurred on November 27, 2019 at approximately 11:22 a.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the 11000 block of Evans Drive, Bridgeville, DE for a report of shots being fired. Upon arrival, they located a blue Honda Civic stationary in a lightly wooded area just off of the roadway, with a sole occupant in the driver's seat unresponsive. Troopers determined that the occupant sustained gunshot wounds and was deceased.

The 45-year-old male victim from Bridgeville, DE was transported to the Nanticoke Memorial Hospital and later turned over to the Delaware Division of Forensic Science. His name is being withheld at this time pending the notification of next of kin.

There is no suspect information at this time. This incident continues to remain under investigation by the Homicide Unit and further information will be released as it becomes available.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident, they are asked to contact Detective J. King at 302-741-2821. 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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Traffic Advisory Troopers Investigating Shots Fired Incident- Bridgeville

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Traffic Advisory Troopers Investigating Shots Fired Incident- Bridgeville

Bridgeville- The Delaware State Police are currently investigating a shots fired complaint that occurred earlier today.

The preliminary investigation has determined that on November 27, 2019 at approximately 11:44 a.m., Troopers were dispatched to the 11000 block of Evans Drive, Bridgeville, DE for a report of shots being fired.

As a result, Evans Drive off of Coverdale Road is closed at this time.

Motorists can expect delays in the area and are advised to seek alternate routes of travel. For further traffic updates and road closure information click on the following link: http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel_advisory/index.shtml#advisories.

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

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Happy Thanksgiving – Holiday Travel Safety Tips

Delaware – The Delaware State Police wish everyone a happy holiday as family and friends gather to enjoy the Thanksgiving festivities.

As we take time this holiday to celebrate, we must not forget the dangers that can arise from traveling on our roadways. The Delaware State Police will be patrolling the roadways this holiday to ensure that everyone is safely driving with due care.

Troopers will be focusing on pedestrian safety and enforcement, distracted driving, motorists not wearing seat belts, unrestrained children in vehicles, and any aggressive driving behaviors such as speeding, following too close, and especially, driving under the influence. By following these easy steps, a driver can enjoy safe holiday travel without jeopardizing their life or the lives of others on the road:

- Ensure all occupants are properly restrained.
- Plan a safe way home before the festivities begin.
- Before drinking, please designate a sober driver and give that person your keys. If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation so you are sure to get home safely.
- If you see a drunk or aggressive driver on the road, immediately contact 911 as soon as safely possible.
- If you know someone who is about to drive while

impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to where they are going safely.

The state police would also like to remind motorists of the following safety tips:

- Plan your trip before you embark on your journey.
- Have your car checked by a mechanic. Make sure all fluid levels are checked and your vehicle is in top running condition.
- Take a break every two hours on long trips and take turns driving. Studies have shown that weary drivers are just as much a threat as drunk drivers are on our highways.
- Don’t let your children go to a rest stop alone. When taking a break, always accompany your children to the rest area facilities.

As you begin traveling this holiday we would like to cover a few safety tips to keep you and your family safe.

While Traveling

- Be aware of the current road conditions.
- Park in a well-lit and well-traveled areas
- Keep your car’s doors locked at all times.
- Don’t use cell phones or other electronic devices while driving.
- Don’t place your baggage or other valuables in a place where criminals can easily see them.
- Park as close as you can to your destination and take notice of where you parked.
- When approaching or leaving your vehicle, be aware of your surroundings.
- Do not approach your car alone if there are suspicious

people in the area.

- Don’t drink and drive, and don’t ride with anyone who has been drinking

While at your destination

- Be aware of your surroundings
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason.
- Be able to describe your exact location in an emergency situation.
- Teach your child to go and ask for help in case your child is separated from you.
- Teach children to stay close to you at all times.
- Never allow children to make unaccompanied trips to the restroom.
- Children should never be allowed to go to the car alone or should never be left alone in a car.
- If you’ve had something stolen or have been the victim of a crime, it’s important to report the details to the police immediately by calling 911.

The Delaware State Police would like to wish everyone an enjoyable and safe Happy Thanksgiving.

Added crime prevention tips while you are away from home.

-Remember to place your mail, packages, and newspaper on hold. Criminals notice when the mail piles up or newspapers are scattered on the lawn. Criminals know this is a good indication that you are out of town.

-Place your lights, televisions, and radios on timers. This provides the image that someone is home. Be sure to close all blinds to ensure a potential criminal does not have the

ability to peer inside your residence and monitor activity.

-Be sure to lock all doors, windows, garage doors, storage sheds, vehicles, and gates prior to leaving your residence.

-Remember to set your security alarm system if you have one. Test your system prior to leaving, to ensure it is functioning correctly. Ensure your personal contact information is also up-to-date; to ensure your alarm monitoring company has the ability to reach you.

-Have a close trustworthy friend or relative check on your residence while you are away.

-As excited as you may be to update your friends about your travel on social media, you may strongly wish to reconsider. Remember, anyone that is able to access your social media profile, will gain insight that you are away. Potential criminals pay attention to these details and could attempt to break into your home.

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