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

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a fatal motor vehicle crash that occurred on Tuesday night, November 26, 2019, at approximately 6:18 p.m., on southbound Concord Pike (US 202) north of Powder Mill Rd.

The initial investigation has determined that a 2015 Lexus RC350, operated by a 35 year old male from Wilmington, Delaware, was approaching the intersection of Powder Mill Rd. on southbound Rt. 202 when it left the roadway for an unknown reason and struck a light pole. The Lexus reentered the roadway and made a second impact with the left rear of a 2005 Mazda 3, operated by a 22 year old Wilmington man that was stopped in the center right lane of the intersection for a red traffic light. The Lexus continued traveling and made a third impact with the right side of a 2019 Volvo tractor trailer, operated by a 37 year old male from Reading, PA, who was also stopped for the red traffic light at the intersection. The Lexus came to a stop partially lodged underneath of the trailer.

The operators of the Mazda and Volvo tractor trailer were properly restrained and did not sustain any injuries as a result of the collision.

The 35 year old operator of the Lexus who was properly restrained, was transported to Christiana Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Speed does not appear to be a contributing factor at this time, impairment on his behalf is

undetermined. Identification of the victim is pending notification of next of kin.

All lanes of US Route 202 southbound were closed north of Powder Mill Rd. for approximately 5 hours while the crash was investigated.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to contact Cpl. J. Breen of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit 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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Troopers Investigating Armed Robbery of Liquor Store-Dover

Dover- The Delaware State Police are investigating an armed robbery that took place at a liquor store last evening.

The incident occurred on November 26, 2019 at approximately 7:00 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the Route 8 Liquor store located at 4128 Forrest Ave, Dover, in reference to a robbery in which the store clerk was assaulted. Upon arrival, it was learned that a 59-year-old store clerk was working when he was approached by an unknown suspect who immediately physically assaulted him. The suspect then displayed a knife and demanded money. The employee turned over an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect took the money and a telephone from the counter prior to fleeing the store. The employee declined medical treatment.

The suspect was described as a white male, wearing a dark colored sweatshirt, dark pants, a face mask, sunglasses and armed with a knife.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact Troop 3, Criminal Investigations Unit, Detective Campbell at 302-697-4454. 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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Investigating Serious Crash Involving Tractor Trailer – Concord Pike Southbound Closed at Murphy Rd.

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police are currently on scene of a serious motor vehicle crash involving a tractor trailer that occurred at approximately 6:18 p.m., Tuesday, November 26, 2019 on southbound Concord Pike (US 202) in the area of Murphy Rd.

The roadway is anticipated to be closed for an extended period of time with no estimated time for a re-opening. Motorists are asked to avoid the area and seek alternate routes of travel.

For updated traffic conditions and road closure information 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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Multi-Agency Crime Blitz Results in Mass Arrests – North Wilmington, Claymont

North Wilmington/Claymont – A multi-agency operation conducted on Thursday, November 21, 2019, at targeted locations in the North Wilmington and Claymont area has resulted in the arrests of 41 individuals on criminal charges.

The crime blitz focused on the Philadelphia Pike, Governor Printz Blvd, Lancaster Avenue, and Lea Blvd corridors as well as the greater Claymont vicinity. The operation was conducted in these areas to target criminal activity and to address ongoing quality of life issues.

During the eight-hour enforcement blitz, police arrested 41 individuals for either a criminal charge or outstanding capias resulting in the clearance of 50 active warrants. There were a total of 141 traffic and 41 criminal arrests made, as well as two DUI arrests during the crime initiative.

This initiative was a collaborative effort between the Delaware State Police, Wilmington Police Department, Newport Police Department, Newark Police Department, Delaware City

Police Department, Probation and Parole, Department of Corrections, and Justice of the Peace Court 11.

Seized during the operation were 2 firearms, .273 grams of Heroin (39 baggies), 95 Schedule II Pills, $529.00 USC, 46.07 grams of Marijuana, 32.92 grams of Cocaine, .5 grams of Methamphetamine, and drug paraphernalia.

There were several noteworthy investigations. For example, Troopers observed a hand to hand transaction at the Knights Inn located at 7811 Governor Printz Boulevard between two individuals. A traffic stop was conducted on one of the involved parties who was found to be in possession of 9 grams of cocaine. Troopers returned to the motel and made contact with the second subject who was also in possession of 2 grams of cocaine. A search of the subject's motel room resulted in the recovery of a .38 caliber firearm along with 43 rounds of ammunition. Another motor vehicle stop was conducted for a traffic violation which resulted in the apprehension of a subject wanted for Robbery 1st by the New York City Police Department.

This combined effort highlights how the cooperation of multiple law enforcement agencies combat crime which in turn increases quality of life for the communities we serve.

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Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash-Camden

Camden- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit are investigating a four car fatal motor vehicle collision that occurred Monday evening.

The incident occurred on November 25, 2019, at approximately 5:51 p.m., when a 2013 Chevy Express Van was traveling southbound on S. DuPont Highway (US 13) approaching Thomas Harmon Drive. A 2003 GMC Sierra was stopped/slowing in heavy traffic, which had backed up from the Thomas Harmon Drive light. A 2015 Mazda CX9 was stopped/slowing in traffic directly in front of the Sierra. A 2006 Ford Fusion was stopped/slowing in traffic directly in front of the Mazda. The operator of the Express Van failed to observe the traffic stopped in front of him and struck the rear of the Sierra. The impact caused a chain-reaction with the Sierra striking the rear of the Mazda, and the Mazda striking the rear of the Ford.

The driver of the Chevy Express van, a 53-year-old male of Harrington, DE was properly restrained and sustained minor injuries.

The driver of the Sierra, 35-year-old **Marcus Smith** of Dover, DE was properly restrained. Smith was transported to the Bayhealth Kent General Hospital where he was pronounced

deceased. A 26-year-old female passenger in this vehicle was properly restrained and sustained minor injuries.

The driver of the Mazda, a 51-year-old female of Magnolia, DE and her 23-year-old female passenger were both properly restrained and sustained minor injuries.

The driver of the Ford, a 37-year-old female of Dover, DE and her 39-year-old female passenger were both properly restrained and sustained minor injuries.

Southbound S. DuPont Highway in the area of Thomas Harmon Drive was closed for approximately five 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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State Police Investigating Industrial Accident-Laurel

Laurel- The Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal industrial accident that occurred yesterday afternoon.

The incident occurred on November 22, 2019 at approximately 3:45 p.m., when Troopers responded to the 31000 block of Jestice Farm Road, Laurel in reference to an industrial accident. Upon arrival, it was learned that a dump truck had struck a power line while unloading it's cargo. After striking the power line, the power line caught fire and fell to the ground. The operator exited and proceeded to the back of his truck and upon touching the truck was struck by electricity.

The victim, identified as 30-year-old **Bryan Dukes** of Easton, MD was transported to the Nanticoke Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

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

Dover – 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– 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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TRAFFIC ADVISORY Troopers Investigating Serious Crash – Otts Chapel Rd., Newark

Newark – The Delaware State Police are currently on scene of a serious motor vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 11:41 a.m., Friday, November 22, 2019 on Otts Chapel Rd. in the area of Welsh Tract Rd., Newark.

As a result of the crash Otts Chapel Rd. is closed. Motorists are advised to avoid the area and seek alternate routes of travel.

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

For updated traffic conditions and road closure information log on to:

http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel_advisory/index.shtml#advisories.

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Troopers Investigating Shoplifting Turned Robbery – Wilmington

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police are investigating two shoplifting incidents that took place along the Concord Pike corridor on Wednesday evening in which the suspect dispersed pepper spray.

The first incident occurred at approximately 5:49 p.m., Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at the Macy's department store located in the Concord Mall. The pictured female suspect removed merchandise from the display and attempted to exit the store without paying. When confronted by a store employee the suspect sprayed them with pepper spray, before fleeing.

Approximately 25 minutes later this same suspect committed a shoplifting at the 5 Below store, located at 3632 Concord Pike. During this incident the suspect was again confronted by a store employee at which time she again produced a pepper spray canister. An off-duty police officer who witnessed the incident while shopping, intervened due to a safety concern for the employee at which time he was sprayed by the suspect.

The suspect, who was described as a black female, 30-40 years of age, 5'6"-5'9" tall, was observed fleeing both scenes in an older model, white sedan with Texas tags. The vehicle was reported to have noticeable right rear damage.

Anyone with information regarding the suspect's identity or whereabouts are asked to contact Cpl. A. Ali at Troop 1 by calling 302-761-6677.

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