

# Troopers Investigating Shooting Incident – Middletown

*Middletown* – The Delaware State Police are currently investigating a shooting incident that occurred at approximately 2:25 p.m., Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at a residence located in the 1800 block of Choptank Rd., Middletown.

Troopers arrived on scene to find an adult male subject who had sustained a gunshot wound. He was treated on scene by EMS and then transported to the Christiana Hospital in critical condition. Troopers were able to determine that the incident was isolated to the residence and that there was no threat to public safety.

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

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# Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash-Dover

*Dover*-The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a single vehicle fatal crash that occurred

earlier today.

The incident occurred on October 23, 2019 at approximately 5:59 a.m., when a 2006 Nissan Sentra was traveling southbound on Brenford Road (RT42) approaching Mt. Friendship Road (RT15). For unknown reasons the operator failed to negotiate a slight curve in the roadway and traveled off the west edge of Brenford Road. After exiting the roadway the Sentra struck a standing tree.

The operator of the Sentra, a 19-year-old male from Clayton, DE was properly restrained and pronounced deceased at the scene. His name is being withheld pending the notification of next of kin.

The roadway was closed for approximately 3.5 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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## **\*UPDATE #2\* Troopers Investigating Shots Fired Incident-Newport Gap Pike**

*Wilmington* – The Delaware State Police are continuing to investigate an incident that occurred at approximately 9:05 a.m., Monday, October 21, 2019, at a residence located in the 4000 block of Newport Gap Pike, in which multiple gunshots were fired.

Troopers initially responded to the residence in reference to a burglary in progress which was reported by a 49 year old female, who was an occupant in the residence. As they were attempting to make contact with the female, they heard multiple gunshots coming from inside the house. The subject was ultimately convinced to leave the residence by an acquaintance, at which time she exited, and then taken in to custody without incident. There were no injuries as a result of the incident. Further investigation confirmed that no one else was in the residence and that no burglary had occurred.

The female was subsequently transported to the Christiana Hospital for evaluation. The investigation is ongoing.

The incident was contained to the residence and there was no threat to public safety. Newport Gap Pike between Graves Rd.

and McKenna's Church Rd. was closed temporarily as a result of the investigation.

Click on the following links for related releases:

<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2019/10/21/notice-of-police-activity-wilmington/>

<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2019/10/21/update-newport-gap-pike-re-opened-notice-of-police-activity-wilmington/>

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# National Prescription Drug

# Take-Back Initiative- October 26, 2019

**Delaware** – On **Saturday, October 26, 2019** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Delaware State Police and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) have scheduled their National Take-Back Initiative (NTBI). This is a great opportunity for those who missed the previous events, or who have subsequently accumulated unwanted, unused, and expired prescription drugs, to safely dispose of those medications. This is an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

The April 2019 Take Back Day brought in **937,443 pounds (468.72 tons)** of unused or expired prescription medication. This brings the total amount of prescription drugs collected by DEA since the fall of 2010 to **11,816,393 pounds**.

Now, for the first time, DEA will also accept vaping devices and cartridges at any of its drop off locations during Take Back Day. It is important to note that DEA cannot accept devices containing lithium ion batteries. If batteries cannot be removed prior to drop-off, DEA encourages individuals to consult with stores that recycle lithium ion batteries.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for

disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

The locations for planned disposal monitored by the Delaware State Police will be at the following:

**New Castle County:**

- Delaware State Police Troop 2, 100 LaGrange Avenue, Newark, DE 19702

**Kent County:**

- Delaware State Police Troop 3, 3759 South State Street, Camden, DE 19934

**Sussex County:**

- Delaware State Police Troop 7, 18006 Coastal Highway, Lewes, DE 19958

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the October 26th Take Back Day event, and to find year-round collection sites near you go to [DEA's official Take Back Day website.](#)

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# **\*UPDATE-Newport Gap Pike Re-opened\* Notice of Police Activity – Wilmington**

The Delaware State Police are continuing to investigate an incident that occurred at approximately 9:05 a.m., Monday, October 21, 2019 at a residence in the 4000 block of Newport Gap Pike. The incident was contained to this specific location and at this time the area is secure and there is no threat to public safety.

Newport Gap Pike which had been previously closed between Graves Rd. and McKenna's Church Rd., has been re-opened.

Further details regarding the incident will be released as they become available.

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# **\*UPDATE-Suspects Identified, Still At-Large\* Troopers Investigating Liquor Store Assault-One in Custody, Two at Large**

*New Castle* – The Delaware State Police have positively identified 22 year old *Shykara Shell* and 18 year old, *Kahlef Smith*, both of New Castle as the previously unidentified suspects who are wanted in connection with an assault that occurred at approximately 9:21 p.m., Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at Collins Park Liquors, located at 226 New Castle Avenue.

Shell and Smith, along with 19 year old *Lynshone Glascoe*, became engaged in a verbal altercation with two store employees, after Shell attempted to shoplift merchandise. The altercation turned physical when all three suspects began to repeatedly punch the two victims. During the course of the assault Shell used a shard of glass from a liquor bottle that was broken during the altercation to stab one of the victims in the neck and the other in the shoulder, causing serious injuries. Upon fleeing, the suspects also broke a glass window at the business by striking it with an unknown object.

Shell and Smith remain at at-large at this time. Glascoe was apprehended at the time of the original incident by Troopers during a search of the area.

Warrants are currently on file charging Shell and Smith with the following:

- Assault 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (2 counts)
- Conspiracy 3<sup>rd</sup> degree
- Resisting Arrest
- Criminal Mischief
- Disorderly Conduct

Click on the following link to view the original release:

<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2019/10/13/troopers-investigating-liquor-store-assault-one-in-custody-two-at-large/>

Anyone with information regarding Shell's or Smith's whereabouts are asked to contact TFC M. Jones at Troop 2 by calling 302-834-2620 or by calling 911.

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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## **Notice of Police Activity – Wilmington**

The Delaware State Police are currently conducting an investigation at a residence in the 4000 block of Newport Gap Pike, in regards to an incident that was reported at approximately 9:05 a.m., Monday, October 21, 2019. The incident was contained to this specific location and at this time the area is secure and there is no threat to public safety.

As a result of the ongoing investigation, Newport Gap Pike between Graves Rd. and McKennas Church Rd. is closed. There will continue to be an increased police presence as the investigation continues.

Further details regarding the incident will be released as they become available.

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# Troopers Investigating Armed Robbery – Claymont

**Claymont** – The Delaware State Police are investigating the armed robbery of a Claymont area check cashing business that occurred Sunday morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 8:00 a.m., Sunday, October 20, 2019 at the United Check Cashing, located at 333 Naaman's Rd., Claymont. A male suspect, with his face concealed and in possession of a handgun, confronted an employee and demanded access behind the sales counter. The employee complied with the demand and once behind the counter the suspect removed an undisclosed amount of cash from the register. After obtaining the money the suspect fled in an unknown direction. The employee was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a black male, approximately 30 years of age, 5'11" tall and weighing 200 lbs. He had his face covered with a dark fabric cloth and was in possession of a black handgun.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Troop 2 Robbery Unit by calling 302-365-8566.

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## **Troopers Investigating Strong Arm Robbery – New Castle**

**New Castle** – The Delaware State Police are investigating a strong arm robbery that took place in the parking lot of a New Castle area laundromat on Saturday evening.

The incident occurred at approximately 7:46 p.m., Saturday, October 19, 2019 in the parking lot of a laundromat located at 272 Christiana Rd., New Castle. A 19 year old male was walking in the area of the Georgetown Village Apartments when he noticed two male subjects following him. As he continued walking, he entered the laundromat parking lot at which time he was confronted by the two subjects, who he now noticed had their faces concealed. A physical altercation ensued during which the suspects were able to remove property from the victim's person. After obtaining the property both suspects fled on foot back towards the apartment complex. The victim was not injured as a result of the incident.

Both suspects were described as black males, with thin builds, wearing all dark clothing, to include a cloth fabric covering their faces. One was described as being approximately 5'8"-5'11" tall and the other being 5'6"-5'9".

No surveillance images are available at this time.

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## Troopers Investigating Shots Fired Incident – Lincoln

*Lincoln* – The Delaware State Police are investigating a shots fired incident that occurred Saturday afternoon in Lincoln.

The incident occurred at approximately 3:10 p.m., Saturday, October 19, 2019 at a residence located in the 10000 block of Heritage Rd., Lincoln. A 64 year old male resident was sitting in his front yard when an unknown make and model, gray 4-door vehicle drove by. As the vehicle passed an unknown suspect fired a single gunshot into the victim's front yard and then fled. The victim was not injured as a result of the incident.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Cpl. K. Layfield at Troop 7 by calling 302-644-5020.

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