Troopers Arrest Lewes Woman for 6th Offense DUI-Lewes

Lewes- The Delaware State Police have arrested a Lewes woman after she was found to be operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol for the 6th time.

The incident occurred on November 7, 2019 at approximately 9:37 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to an accident in the area of Conley Chapel Road south of Beaver Dam Road, Lewes. Upon arrival, Troopers discovered a dark gray GMC Sierra had been involved in a single vehicle crash where the vehicle traveled off the roadway and rolled over. Upon contact with the driver of the Sierra, 56-year-old **Cheryl S. Surber**, an odor of alcohol was detected and a DUI investigation ensued.

Surber was taken into custody without incident and transported back to Troop 7. A computer check revealed that Surber had five previous DUI convictions, making this her 6th arrest. Surber was charged with the following:

- 6th Offense Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol
- Driving While Suspended or Revoked

She was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and committed to the Delores Baylor Womens Correctional Institution on $7,000.00 cash only bond.

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UPDATE #2-Victim Identified Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash-I-95 Southbound in the area of Rt. 202 – Wilmington

Wilmington- The Delaware State Police have identified the driver who died in a crash that occurred on November 5, 2019, on southbound I -95 south of Rt. 202, in the area of the Delaware Avenue off-ramp, Wilmington, as 34-year-old **Melonie McGee** of Philadelphia, PA.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to contact Cpl. J. Forester of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8485.

Click on the following links to view related releases:

https://dsp.delaware.gov/2019/11/06/update-troopers-investigating-fatal-crash-i-95-southbound-in-the-area-of-rt-202-wilmington/

https://dsp.delaware.gov/2019/11/06/traffic-advisory-troopers-investigating-serious-crash-i-95-southbound-at-rt-202-all-southbound-lanes-closed/

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-Surveillance Images Released Attempt To Identify

Carjacking Suspects – Newark

Newark – The Delaware State Police are continuing to investigate a pair of carjackings that occurred on Monday, October 28, 2019, and are asking for the public's help in identifying the suspects.

The first incident occurred at approximately 5:35 p.m., Monday, October 28, 2019, at the rear of the Papa John's Pizza, located at 480 Peoples Plaza. The pictured suspects approached the victim, displaying a handgun and demanded the keys to the victim's vehicle. The victim refused to comply and a struggle ensued. The victim was able to retain possession of his keys and after a brief struggle, the suspects fled on foot towards Glasgow Avenue. The victim refused medical treatment for minor injuries sustained during the incident.

At 6:30 p.m., the same two pictured suspects approached the victim, as he sat in his 2017 Honda Pilot, which was parked at the gas pumps at the Sunoco gas station, located at 2360 Pulaski Hwy. A handgun was again displayed and the suspects demanded the victim's keys and vehicle. The victim complied with the demand and turned over his keys who then fled onto Pulaski Hwy., in the Honda. The victim was not injured as a result of the incident.

Click on the following link to view the original release:

https://dsp.delaware.gov/2019/10/29/troopers-investigating-pair-of-carjackings-newark/

Anyone with information regarding the identity or whereabouts of the pictured suspects are asked to contact Detective. T. Dukes of the Troop 2 Robbery Unit by calling 302-365-8412.

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Delaware State Police Troop 3 to Host Trooper Youth Program Information Night

Dover–Delaware State Police Troop 3 will be hosting an information night for high school students interested in

participating in the Delaware State Police Trooper Youth Program.

The Delaware State Police Trooper Youth Program is comprised of young men and women who have an interest in Law Enforcement and participating in various community events.

Participants must be between 14-18 years old and at least in 9th grade. While in the program, the Trooper Youth are taught a variety of police procedures including fingerprinting, evidence collection, and patrol procedures. The program strives to lead participants down the right path and stand as positive role models by instilling leadership, responsibility, integrity, and commitment. The program is run and overseen by Delaware State Police Troopers.

Minimum qualifications for participants are mature, clean-cut, clean shaven, 2.0 and above GPA, and no criminal convictions. This is not a discipline program.

Location: Delaware State Police Troop 3 Community Room (3759 S. State St. Camden, DE 19934)

Date: November 18, 2019

Time: 6:00 p.m.

For any additional questions, please contact Cpl/2 Heather Pepper at heather.pepper@delaware.gov.

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UPDATE Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash- I-95 Southbound in the area of Rt. 202 – Wilmington

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a fatal motor vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 11:44 p.m., Tuesday, November 5, 2019 on southbound I -95 south of Rt. 202, in the area of the Delaware Avenue off-ramp.

The initial investigation has determined that a 2016 Honda Accord, operated by a 28 year old Wilmington man, was traveling I-95 southbound in the middle lane approaching the Brandywine River Bridge. A 2005 Mercury Mountaineer, operated by a 34 year old Philadelphia, PA woman, was traveling in the I-95 southbound left lane at an apparent high rate of speed. As the Mercury was passing the Honda, the driver of the Mercury failed to negotiate a curve in the roadway and drifted into the middle lane with its right rear side striking the front left side of the Honda. After this initial collision the Mercury struck a guard rail at which time the driver was ejected. After striking the guardrail the Mercury overturned,

ejecting a 5 year old male passenger in the vehicle. The Honda also struck a guardrail before coming to a stop.

The driver of the Mercury, who was not wearing a seatbelt was transported to the Christiana Hospital where she was pronounce deceased. Impairment on her behalf is undetermined at this time. Identification of the victim is pending notification of next of kin.

The 5 year old male passenger in the Mercury was also not restrained and he was transported to the Nemours A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children in critical condition.

The driver of the Honda, who was seat belted, was transported to the St. Francis hospital with minor injuries. Neither speed nor impairment are deemed as contributing factors on his behalf.

Southbound I-95 was closed for approximately 5 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to contact Cpl. J. Forester of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8485.

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TRAFFIC ADVISORY Troopers Investigating Serious Crash I-95 Southbound at Rt. 202- All Southbound Lanes Closed

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police are currently on scene of a serious motor vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 11:44 p.m., Tuesday, November 5, 2019 on southbound I-95 at Rt. 202. As a result of the crash all lanes of I-95 southbound in the area of Rt. 202 are closed.

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 Knifepoint Pharmacy Robbery – New Castle

New Castle – The Delaware State Police are investigating a robbery that took place inside a New Castle area Walgreens on Monday morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 10:00 a.m., Monday, November 4, 2019, inside the Walgreens, located at 287 Christiana Rd., New Castle. A female suspect approached the employee at the pharmacy counter and requested assistance in locating merchandise in the store. Once the employee exited from the pharmacy area, the suspect came from behind and put a knife to the employees back demanding an undisclosed type of pharmaceuticals. The suspect removed an undisclosed amount of pharmaceuticals before fleeing the business in an unknown direction. The employee was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a black female, approximately 50 years of age, wearing dark-colored clothing.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Troop2 Robbery Unit by calling 302-365-8566.

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Update-Attempt to Identify Troopers Investigating Robbery-Dover

Dover– The Delaware State Police are investigating a robbery and are seeking the public's assistance in identifying the pictured suspect.

The incident occurred on October 23, 2019 at approximately 7:45 p.m., when Troopers responded to Red Tail Drive, Quails Nest, Dover for a report of a robbery. Two victims, a 74-year-old female and her 78-year-old husband were driving in their vehicle after returning from a restaurant in Dover, when the suspect suddenly sat up from the backseat of the vehicle and asked them to stop. A brief struggle ensued between the male passenger and the suspect over a purse that was located in the front seat. Both victims were able to exit the vehicle and realized the suspect was no longer inside.

The suspect was described as a black male, between 35-50 years of age, wearing a dark colored beanie and a white long sleeved shirt with an unknown clothing item slung over his left shoulder. At the time of the robbery, the suspect was possibly wearing a patterned shirt.



If anyone has any information in reference to the suspect's identity they are asked to please contact Troop 3, Major Crimes Unit, Detective Ford 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.

Troopers Investigating Robbery-Dover

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*UPDATE 3-Name Released"-Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash-Bridgeville

Bridgeville- The Delaware State Police have identified the name of the driver who died in a crash on November 3, 2019, on Sussex Highway, Bridgeville, as 49-year-old **Isaias B. Perez** of Bridgeville, DE.

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit.

https://dsp.delaware.gov/2019/11/03/update-2-troopers-investigating-fatal-crash-bridgeville/

https://dsp.delaware.gov/2019/11/03/update-traffic-advisory-troopers-investigating-serious-crash-bridgeville/

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Barricaded Subject Surrenders Without Incident- Lewes

Lewes– The Delaware State Police have taken a Lewes, DE man into custody after he barricaded himself inside his residence after burglarizing his neighbor's residence.

The investigation began on November 3, 2019 at approximately 10:10 a.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the 17400 block of Taramino Place, Lewes for a report of a burglary. Upon arrival, Troopers met with the resident who advised that her neighbor, 57-year-old **Ralph S. Luce** had forced entry into her adjoining apartment, ransacked it and damaged items. Prior to police arrival, Luce had responded back to his apartment. Troopers attempted to make contact with Luce when he refused to exit and barricaded himself in his residence.

Members of the Delaware State Police Special Operations Response Team (SORT) responded to the scene and were eventually able to take Luce into custody without further

incident. Luce was transported to a local area hospital for an evaluation. There were no reports of any injuries as a result of this incident.

This case remains under investigation with charges forthcoming.

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