Troopers Investigating Pair of Carjackings – Newark

Newark – The Delaware State Police are investigating a pair of carjackings that occurred within a one hour time period early Monday evening.

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. A 20 year old male was about to enter his vehicle which was parked behind the Papa Johns, when he was approached by two male suspects, one of which was brandishing a handgun. The suspects demanded the keys to the victim's vehicle however he 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.

Approximately 55 minutes later, at 6:30 p.m., the same two suspects approached a 41 year old male, 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 in this incident complied with the demand and turned over his keys to the suspects who then fled onto Pulaski Hwy., in the Honda. The victim was not injured as a result of the incident.

The initial investigations into both incidents determined that the same two suspects were responsible for both carjackings. They were described as follows:

Suspect #1: Black male, 18-25 years of age, 5'10"-5'11" tall, wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt and light colored pants.

Suspect #2: Black male, 20-25 years of age, 6'00" tall,

wearing all dark clothing.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to contact detective T. Dukes of the Troop 2 Robbery Unit by calling 302-365-8412.

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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 inside a New Castle area Walmart on Monday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 9:00 p.m., Monday, October 28, 2019, inside the Walmart, located at 117 Wilton Blvd., New Castle. A 24 year old female was confronted by two female suspects and chased in to the Walmart. Once inside the store the suspects began physically assaulting the victim. During the altercation the suspects were able to remove property from the victim's person and then fled. The victim was not injured as a result of the altercation.

The suspects were both described as black females, 20-25 years of age, 5'5"-5'6" tall, weighing 170-180 lbs., both wearing gray sweat suits.

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 Troopers Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash – New Castle

New Castle – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a fatal crash involving a pedestrian that occurred earlier this morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 6:44 a.m., Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at the intersection of New Castle Avenue (Rt. 9) and Ryan Avenue, New Castle. A Colonial School District school bus stopped on southbound New Castle Ave. at the north corner of the intersection with Ryan Ave. The bus which was

on-loading students at the bus stop had its red flashing lights activated. A 37 year old Wilmington man was attempting to cross the southbound lanes of New Castle Ave. on foot, while the bus was stopped. A 2007 Honda Accord, operated by a 55 year old Wilmington man, was travelling southbound in the left lane of New Castle Ave. approaching the intersection with Ryan Ave. The driver failed to stop for the school bus lights and in turn struck the pedestrian as he crossed the roadway. The pedestrian was thrown to the roadway and came to rest in the left lane, south of the point of the collision. The Honda came to a controlled stop on the right shoulder.

The pedestrian, who was wearing dark, non-reflective clothing, not carrying a light and not utilizing a marked crosswalk was pronounced deceased at the scene. Identification is pending notification of next of kin.

The operator of the Honda was not injured. Impairment on his behalf is undetermined at this time.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to contact Sgt. D. Alexander of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8484

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Troopers Investigating Shooting – New Castle

New Castle – The Delaware State Police are investigating a double shooting that took place at a New Castle area auto repair business on Monday evening.

The incident occurred at approximately 7:30 p.m., Monday, October 28, 2019 at Car Solutions, located at 465 Marina Lane, New Castle. The two male victims, ages 29 and 34, were working on vehicles inside the garage of the business when two male suspects entered. A verbal altercation ensued between the suspects and the 29 year old victim during which the suspects fired multiple rounds, striking both victims. After the shooting the suspects fled in a dark colored vehicle, southbound on Rt. 9.

The 34 year old victim drove both himself and the 29 year old victim to an area hospital where they were treated for the gunshot wounds. The 29 year old sustained gunshots to the

abdominal area, leg and hand, and is listed in critical condition. The 34 year old sustained a single gunshot wound to his arm.

The suspects could only be described as Hispanic males.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Troop 2 Major Crimes Unit by calling 302-365-8567.

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Troopers Investigating Knifepoint Robbery – Claymont

Claymont – The Delaware State Police are investigating a knifepoint robbery that took place at a Claymont area dollar store on Monday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 9:51 p.m., Monday, October 28, 2019 at the Dollar General store, located at 2605 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont. A male suspect with his face concealed and in possession of a knife, confronted an employee at the sales counter and demanded cash. The victim complied with the demand and turned over an undisclosed amount of money to the suspect who then fled on foot in an unknown direction. The victim was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a black male, wearing a red shirt, gray pants and a light colored fabric covering his face.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

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Traffic Advisory Troopers Investigating Serious Crash Involving Pedestrian – New Castle

New Castle – The Delaware State Police are on scene of a serious motor vehicle crash involving a pedestrian that occurred at approximately 6:44 a.m., Tuesday, October 29, 2019 on New Castle Ave. (Rt. 9) at Ryan Ave., New Castle.

As a result of the crash all lanes of southbound New Castle Ave. are closed. Motorists will experience significant delays in the area and are advised to seek alternate routes of travel.

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

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Troopers Investigating Home Invasion-Milton

Milton- The Delaware State Police are investigating a home invasion that occurred last evening.

The incident occurred on October 27, 2019 at approximately 10:29 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the 24000 block of Milton Ellendale Highway in reference to a home invasion robbery. Upon arrival, Troopers learned that three unknown male subjects had entered the residence through a rear door. Once inside, the suspects proceeded to a bedroom, where they made contact with a 73-year-old male resident who was sleeping. The suspects began demanding money and physically assaulted the victim, striking him with handguns. The suspects proceeded to ransack the kitchen area of the residence, and obtained an undisclosed amount of cash and a laptop computer prior to fleeing the scene.

The victim was transported to a local area hospital with serious injuries.

The suspects were described as three black males armed with handguns.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact, Troop 4, Major Crimes Unit, Detective Bluto at 302-856-5850. 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 Name Released Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash-Seaford

Seaford-The Delaware State Police have identified the name of the driver who died in a crash on October 27, 2019, on Bridgeville Highway, Seaford, as 45-year-old **William D. Miller** of Seaford, DE.

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

https://dsp.delaware.gov/2019/10/27/troopers-investigating-fatal-crash-seaford-3/

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Happy Halloween – Public Safety Trunk or Treat Event in Georgetown

Halloween is right around the corner and the Delaware State Police would like to remind parents, children, motorists and those handing out treats to remain alert and to stay safe during this Halloween season. Please take a minute to read over these safety tips and share with your friends and families, so everyone can have a safe and fun night!

Motorist Safety

- Motorists are being asked to not only drive with extreme caution but also to drive extra slow in neighborhoods and residential areas because children may inadvertently dart across the street into the path of moving vehicles.
- Practice extra caution at intersections and corners.
- Pull in and out of driveways carefully.
- Children will be walking house to house and depending on the availability of sidewalks, maybe near or actually on the roadway.

Trick or Treating Safety

- Children should never go “trick or treating” alone, they should always have a parent or a group of friends with them at all times and always carry a flashlight.
- Children should never go into a stranger’s home, car, or take short cuts through backyards or alleys.
- Stay off the main roadways.
- For added visibility consider using “glow sticks” and/or reflective tape attached to the costumes or bags.
- Before crossing the street, always look in both

directions twice to make sure there is no moving traffic.

- Costumes should always fit properly and avoid using props that may cause alarm to the community, such as guns.
- Consider face paint instead of masks as they can obstruct a child's vision.
- Children should never eat fruit or candy until examined by their parents or guardian. Never trust candy that has loose wrapping, unwrapped or holes in the package. **WHEN IN DOUBT-THROW IT OUT!**

For those homes participating in handing out treats

- Pre-plan and eliminate any hazards surrounding your porch or walkway. Check around your property for low tree limbs, support wire or garden hoses that may be hazardous to young children rushing from house to house.
- Keep on your outside lights.
- Keep your pets locked in the house away from "Trick or Treaters"

On Tuesday, October 29, the Georgetown DMV will be hosting a Public Safety Trunk or Treat event! Please join us for treats and fun from 5-7 pm!



The Delaware State Police wishes everyone a safe and Happy Halloween!

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Troopers Investigating Shots Fired Incident – Camden-Wyoming

Camden-Wyoming, Delaware – The Delaware State Police are investigating the report of multiple shots being fired.

The incident occurred on October 27, 2019, at approximately 11:30 a.m., when troopers were dispatched to the area of Tobacco Road for reports of shots being fired. The initial investigation revealed there were four adults in the residence and heard multiple gunshots coming from outside the residence and retreated to the floor. It was determined multiple rounds penetrated the residence as well as the victim's vehicle. There were no reports of injuries as a result of this incident.

There is no suspect information at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Troop 3, Criminal Investigative Unit at 302-697-4454. 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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