Troopers Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash – New Castle

New Castle– The Delaware State Police are currently on scene of a fatal crash involving a single vehicle that occurred at approximately 1:53 p.m., Thursday, September 5, 2019 on Wrangle Hill Rd. (DE Rt. 72) in the area of School House Rd.

As a result of the crash and ongoing investigation Wrangle Hill Rd. is closed in both directions at School House Rd. Motorists will experience significant delays in the area and are advised to seek alternate routes of travel.

For updated road closure information and traffic conditions log on to: 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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Troopers Attempting to Identify Robbery Suspect – Wilmington

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police are investigating a robbery that occurred in mid-August and are asking for the public's help in identifying the suspect.

The incident occurred at approximately 1:30 a.m., Sunday, August 18, 2019, on the sidewalk in front of a residence in the 4400 block of N. Market St., Wilmington. The pictured suspect approached the male victim as he sat on the steps of the residence, displayed a knife and demanded jewelry. The victim refused to comply with the demand and a brief struggle ensued. The suspect was able to obtain the jewelry and then fled on foot.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, approximately 30 years of age, 6'00" tall, with what appeared to be "star" tattoos on his shoulders.

Anyone with information regarding the suspect's identity or whereabouts are asked to contact Detective T. Dukes of the Troop 2 Robbery Unit by calling 302-365-8412.

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 State Police Conducting Death Investigation-Lincoln

Lincoln- The Delaware State Police are releasing the name victim who was found deceased along the side of Fleatown Road, Lincoln on August 28, 2019.

The victim has been identified by the Delaware Division of Forensic Science as 30-year-old **Desiree Vincent** of Lincoln, DE.

The case continues to remain under investigation to determine the cause and manner of death.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is 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 or via the internet at http://delaware.crimestoppersweb.com

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Delaware State Trooper Selected as Instructor of the Year by the International Association of Chiefs of Police

Nashville, Tennessee – On Wednesday, July 10, 2019, **Master Corporal Lawrence Walther** of the **Delaware State Police Training Academy** was recognized as the **2019 Instructor of the Year**, by the **International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) – State and Provincial Police Academy Director's (SPPADS),** at their Annual Conference in Nashville, TN. Nominations for this prestigious award were received by the IACP-SPPADS, from police academies across the United States and Canada. Cpl. Walther, who was nominated by the former Director of the DSP Training Academy, Captain Jennifer Griffin, is the first Delaware State Trooper to be presented with the IACP SPPADS Instructor of the Year Award.



"Cpl. Walther is not just an "Instructor of the Year," but an "Instructor of a Lifetime" who goes above and beyond to reach Troopers, Officers, students and citizens. His exceptional work didn't just start in the past year, but built over his 14 year career. His interaction and selflessness with his time, energy, and knowledge have changed the lives and the careers of countless police officers and community members. He sets himself apart because he looks at every student, and really figures out what their strengths and weaknesses are, and then includes them in a plan to improve and excel. He takes a personal interest in all of his students, no matter their level of competency or ability. He sets himself apart, because he genuinely cares about his students, and is willing to give 100% of his time and effort to them". *– Captain Jennifer Griffin (Former Director DSP Training Academy/Nominating Officer)*

Cpl. Walther, who has been a Delaware State Trooper since 2004, realized early in his career, that he had a passion and aptitude for teaching, instructing, and mentoring. This special skill set resulted in him being selected as a Field Training Officer for recruit Troopers, while assigned to Troop 2 as a patrol Trooper. Prior to being assigned to the Delaware State Police Training Academy as a full-time TAC (Teacher – Advisor – Counselor) in 2017, Cpl. Walther served

as an adjunct instructor at the Academy as a guest TAC Officer, Ground Fighting instructor, and as a Control Tactics instructor. Since coming to the Academy, he has also become a certified instructor in SABRE O.C. Spray, ASP Baton, and Stop Stick.

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Troopers Investigating Fatal Motorcycle Crash- Dover

Dover- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a double fatal crash involving a motorcycle that occurred yesterday.

The incident occurred on September 1, 2019 at approximately 6:27 p.m., when a 2001 Suzuki Katana 600 motorcycle was

traveling eastbound on Voshells Mill Star Hill Road east of Burton Drive in front of the Star Hill Elementary School. The motorcycle was traveling at a high rate of speed and failed to negotiate a slight left curve. The motorcycle traveled off the south edge of the roadway striking a concrete curb. The motorcycle continued eastbound through a grass area in front of the school before striking a tree and ejecting both the operator and passenger.

The operator, 19-year-old **Brendon M. Harden**, was not wearing a helmet or any type of protective clothing. He did not have a motorcycle endorsement license and was pronounced deceased at the scene. The passenger, 20-year-old **Kiarra A. Hickman**, was not wearing a helmet or any type of protective clothing and was also pronounced deceased at the scene.

Voshells Mill Star Hill Road was closed for approximately 3 1/2 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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

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Troopers Investigating Serious Crash-Frankford

Frankford- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is currently investigating a serious crash involving a pedal cyclist that occurred earlier today.

The incident occurred on September 1, 2019 at approximately 12:37 p.m., when a 2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee was traveling eastbound on Burbage Road (CR 353) just east of East Sherwood Drive. A pedal cyclist was operating a bright green bicycle eastbound on Burbage Road in the same general vicinity. For unknown reasons, the operator of the Cherokee failed to see the pedal cyclist in front of him causing the right front bumper of the Cherokee to strike the rear of the bicycle. The impact caused the pedal cyclist to be ejected from the bicycle.

The pedal cyclist, a 57-year-old male from Frankford, DE was not wearing a helmet. He was transported to the Christina

Hospital in critical condition.

The operator of the Cherokee, a 56-year-old male from Frankford, DE was properly restrained. He did not sustain injury and remained on scene.

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction and no charges have been filed at this time.

Burbage Road was closed for approximately 2.5 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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Troopers Investigating Armed Robbery of New Castle Gas Station

New Castle (19720)- The Delaware State Police are investigating the armed robbery of a New Castle, DE Exxon gas station that took place earlier today.

The incident occurred on September 1, 2019 at approximately 10:47 a.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the Exxon located at 400 Pulaski Highway, New Castle, for a report of a robbery. Upon arrival, Troopers met with a store employee who advised that an unknown suspect had approached him as he was behind the counter. The suspect displayed what appeared to be a handgun and demanded money. The victim complied with the suspect's demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of money prior to the suspect fleeing the area on foot. There were no injuries reported during this incident.

The suspect was described as a black male, thin build, approximately 6'00" tall, 150 lbs., wearing a dark color hooded sweatshirt and in possession of an unknown type of handgun.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Troop 2 Robbery Unit at 302-365-8566. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333

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Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash-Harbeson

Harbeson- The Delaware State Police have identified the name of the driver who died in a crash on August 30, 2019 on Indian Mission Road (SR 5) and Beaver Dam Road (CR 285), as 79-year-old **John R. Acken,** of Old Tappan, New Jersey.

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

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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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Troopers Seek Public's Assistance in Locating Isaiah Blakey- Felton

Felton- The Delaware State Police are seeking the public's assistance in attempting to locate 15-year-old **Isaiah Blakey** (no photo available) who is wanted for assault and weapons charges.

The incident occurred on August 30, 2019, at approximately 6:57 p.m., when Troopers responded to a residence on Mallory Court in reference to a physical domestic complaint. Upon arrival, it was learned that Blakey physically assaulted his girlfriend and broke her cell phone. She refused medical treatment at the scene. Blakey's brother attempted to break up the altercation when a struggle ensued between he and Blakey, causing minor injury to the victim. Blakey's brother also refused medical treatment at the scene. Prior to fleeing the residence, Blakey obtained a shovel and proceeded to smash a car windshield and a sliding glass door to the residence. He also threatened six individuals in the residence and stated that he was going to kill all of them.

Blakey currently has active warrants out of Troop 3 for the following:

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony
- Assault 2nd Degree
- Aggravated Menacing
- Terroristic Threatening (6 counts)
- Reckless Endangering (2 counts)
- Offensive Touching
- Criminal Mischief (3 counts)

Blakey is a light skin, black male, 5'08" tall, 130 lbs., with blue eyes. He was last seen wearing no shirt and dark pants.

Troopers have been unable to locate Blakey and asks anyone that has information in reference to his whereabouts to contact Troop 3 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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