UPDATE – Victim Identified Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash – Middletown

Middletown, Delaware – The Delaware State Police have identified 61-year-old Denise C. Wall of Townsend, as the driver of the 2018 Jaguar F-PACE, who was killed as a result of a crash that occurred on Friday, July 12, 2019, on Pole Bridge Road at Acorn Road, Middletown.

Click on the following link to view the original release:

Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash – Middletown

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UPDATE – Name Released Troopers Investigating Fatal Motorcycle Crash – Greenwood

Greenwood, Delaware – The Delaware State Police have identified 28-year-old Brandon M. Legrand of Greenwood as the operator of the 2009 Harley Davidson Road King motorcycle, who was killed as a result of a crash that occurred at approximately 12:12 a.m., Sunday, July 14, 2019, on Oak Road.

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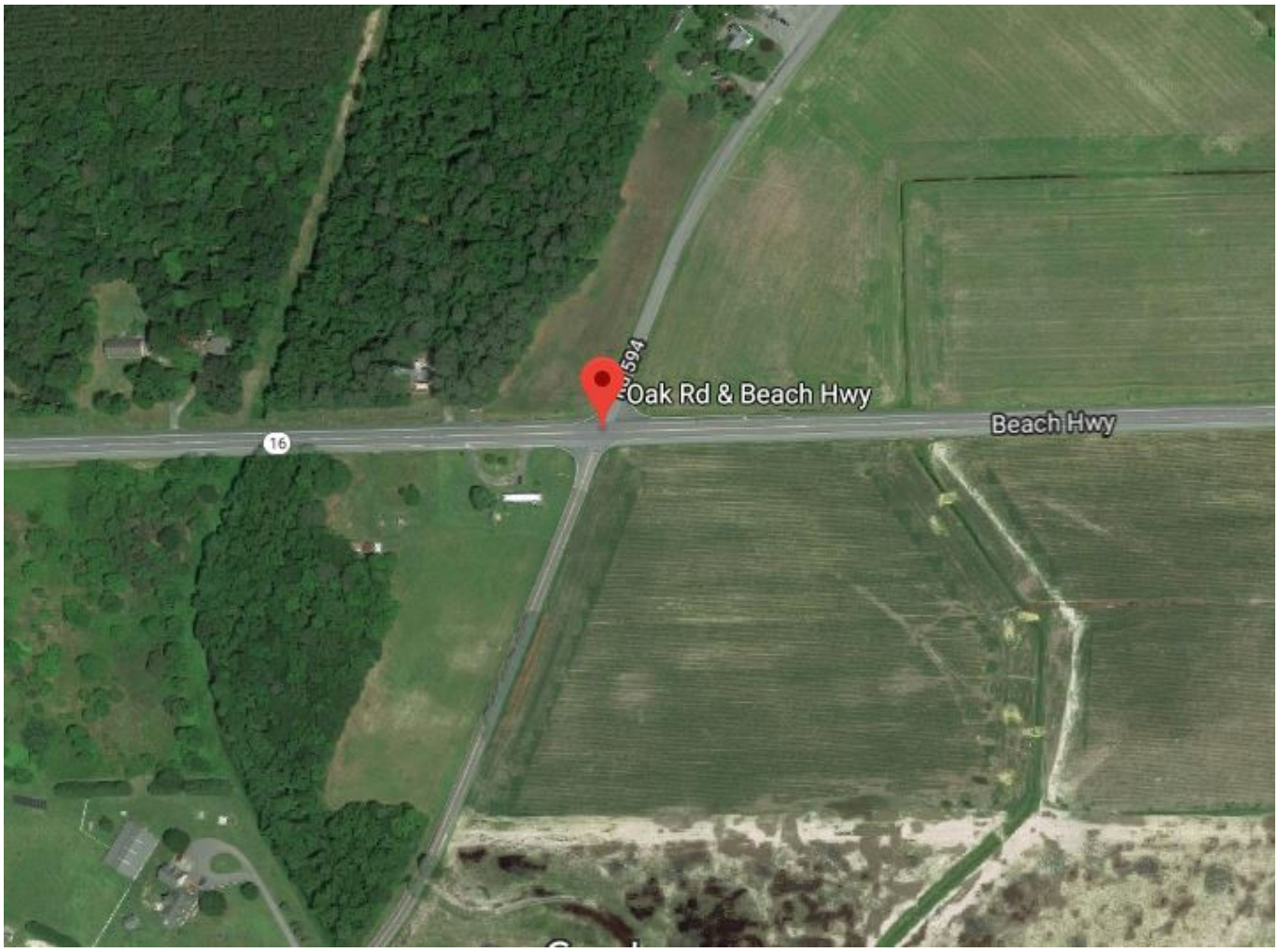
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Troopers Investigate Fatal Motorcycle Crash – Greenwood



Greenwood, Delaware – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash involving a motorcycle that occurred just after midnight.

The incident occurred at approximately 12:12 a.m., Sunday, July 14, 2019, as a 2009 Harley-Davidson Road King motorcycle, operated by a 28-year-old male of Greenwood, was traveling southbound on Oak Road (CR 594) approaching a moderate left curve. For unknown reasons, the operator failed to negotiate the curve and the motorcycle exited the west side of the road south of Beach Highway (SR 16). After exiting the roadway, the motorcycle overturned onto its right side, and the operator was ejected. The motorcycle tumbled in a southwesterly direction where it collided with a tree before coming to an uncontrolled stop next to the operator.

The motorcycle driver, who was wearing a helmet, was

pronounced dead at the scene. His name is being withheld pending the notification of next of kin.

Oak Road in the area of the crash was closed for approximately three hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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UPDATE – Name Released Troopers Investigating Fatal Motorcycle Crash – Port Penn

Port Penn, Delaware – The Delaware State Police have identified 55-year-old Frank J. Grzybowski of Port Penn as the operator of the 2011 Harley Davidson Fat Boy Lo motorcycle, who was killed as a result of a crash that was reported at 2:56 p.m., July 12, 2019, on Pole Bridge Road.

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Troopers Investigating Fatal Motorcycle Crash – Port Penn

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Update Name Released Troopers Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash- Georgetown

Georgetown– The Delaware State Police have identified the name of the pedestrian who was killed in a crash on June 11, 2019 on Dupont Boulevard (U.S. 113) in the area of Ennis Street, as 28-year-old **Takeyia Hobbs** of Georgetown, DE.

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

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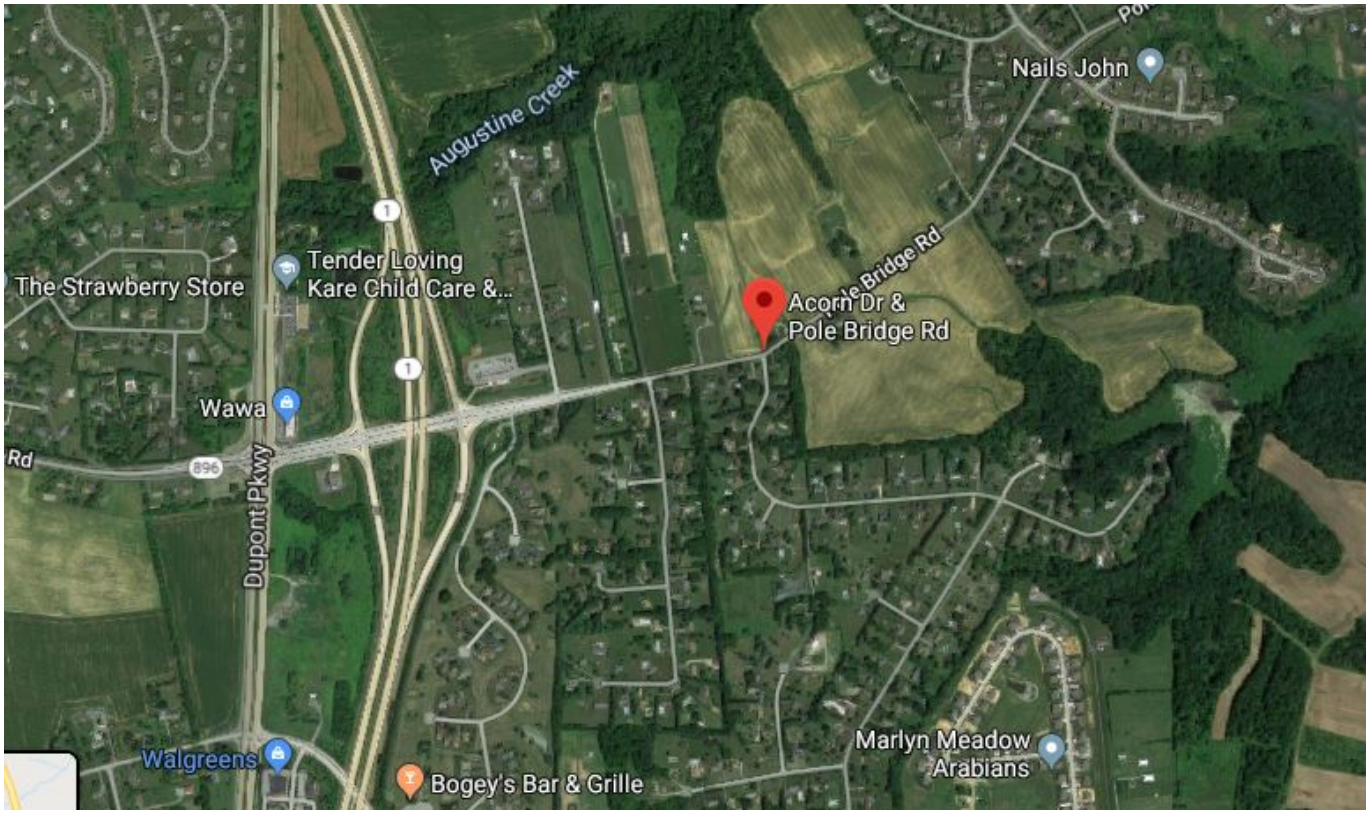
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Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash – Middletown



Middletown, Delaware -The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a single vehicle crash that occurred last night.

The initial investigation has determined that on Friday, July 12, 2019, at 8:46 p.m., a 2018 Jaguar F-PACE was traveling eastbound on Pole Bridge Road approaching the intersection of Acorn Drive. At that intersection, the roadway veers slightly to the left. The unknown female operator of the vehicle failed to maintain the vehicle within the single eastbound lane as the vehicle approached the curved portion of the roadway. When the roadway veered slightly left, the Jaguar continued in a straight path and entered the front yard of a residence on Acorn Drive. While traveling across the lawn, the vehicle

struck a posted road sign. The vehicle then traveled over a small tree before the left front of the vehicle struck a standing tree. The vehicle then traveled out of control facing northbound before the passenger side of the vehicle slid into another tree. The vehicle traveled across the lawn before the final impact, which immediately and fully engulfed the vehicle into flames.

The female operator, the sole occupant of the vehicle, was pronounced deceased at the scene. Speed is being considered a factor in this crash. Her identity remains unknown at this time and is pending next of kin notification.

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information pertaining to this incident is asked to please contact Troop 2, Sergeant D. Alexander at 302-365-8437.

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Homeless Sex Offender Notification

Dover– The following are not wanted. These are Homeless Sex Offender Public Notifications. If you have information that any of 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 Investigating Fatal Motorcycle Crash – Port Penn



Port Penn, Delaware – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash involving a motorcycle that occurred west of Port Penn.

The preliminary investigation has determined a motorcycle crash was reported today at 2:56 p.m., where a 2011 Harley Davidson motorcycle Fat Boy Lo was operated by a 55-year-old male of Port Penn. He was traveling eastbound on Port Penn Road and was approaching a curve in the roadway where it intersects with Pole Bridge Road. Port Penn Road eastbound at

this location has a gradual curve to the left before straightening out leading towards Port Penn. The operator failed to negotiate the curve in the roadway and traveled off of the south edge of the roadway. The motorcycle then entered into a ditch just west of a private driveway on Pole Bridge Road. The ditch ends abruptly at the west edge of this driveway and caused the motorcycle to become airborne. The motorcycle proceeded airborne across the private driveway and then landed in another ditch east of the private driveway. The operator, who was not wearing a helmet, was ejected.

The operator, 55 of Port Penn, sustained fatal injuries as a result of the collision and was pronounced deceased at the scene. Speed is considered a contributing factor at this time. Impairment is unknown at this time. The identification of the victim is pending notification of next of kin.

This collision was reported today by a nearby resident who discovered the collision. It is unknown at this time exactly when the collision occurred. There were intermittent roadway closures while the scene was investigated and cleared.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding the incident 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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Delaware State Police Offer Awareness and Prevention Tips Regarding Flash Mob Crime Sprees

Dover – The Delaware State Police are offering the following awareness and prevention tips in regards to a recent national and regional crime trend involving "Flash Mobs". While there

have been no reported incidents in Delaware this advisory serves as a pro-active measure to inform and educate both the employees of retail establishments as well as their customers.

In their inception “flash mobs” involved groups of people, organized via social media, who would gather in a public place to perform a dance or other innocent form of entertainment. Recently though, they have evolved into large groups who’s intent is to commit criminal acts, specifically large scale thefts, similar to “looters” in a civil unrest situation.

These mobs enter a business en-masse, gather as much merchandise as possible and flee prior to law enforcement arrival. Due to the size of these groups store employees are overwhelmed and are unable to offer any type of resistance. Nationwide there have been reported incidents involving groups ranging in size from as little as 10 to over 100 subjects, who entered businesses and fled with large quantities of merchandise.

While these tips are primarily directed towards business owners and employees, it is also useful information for consumers who might encounter one of these incidents. As with crime prevention and personal safety in general the most important factor in not being victimized is situational awareness, and if you “See Something-Say Something”.

If encountering one of these flash mob situations, personal safety is the primary objective, therefore it is not recommended that you attempt to intervene in order to recover property or to physically detain any of the subjects. It is recommended however, that you pass on any intelligence information that would be beneficial to the investigation, to the appropriate law enforcement agency. Any descriptions of involved subjects or associated vehicles is invaluable information. Don’t be a victim, but do be a good witness.

The following is a basic list of tips in response to a flash

mob incident:

* Call 911 as soon as you recognize a possible criminally related flash mob event.

* If appropriate notify mall or store security.

* Notify adjacent businesses.

* Obtain descriptions of those involved.

* Attempt to identify leaders of the group. Anyone who might be giving orders or directing others on what to take or where to go.

* Obtain descriptions of any associated vehicles.

* Protect any physical evidence left behind.

* Secure any video of the incident.

The following preventative measures are suggestions for retailers in order to avoid being victimized or to lessen the financial impact if an incident does occur at their business.

* Ensure associates are aware of what is occurring not only on the interior of the business but have good sight lines of the exterior as well.

* Be aware of large groups that are out of the norm for your location.

* Have an “Early Warning Communication System” in place among adjacent retailers.

* Ensure an associate or manager is available to immediately secure the business if necessary.

* Identify an associate who is responsible for immediately calling 911.

* Ensure video surveillance is working properly and that

someone is readily available to access footage for investigatory purposes.

* Secure valuable or desirable items or make them less accessible.

* Ensure good inventories to include quantities and serial numbers.

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UPDATE-Arrest Made Troopers Investigating Robbery – New Castle

New Castle – The Delaware State Police have arrested 55 year old James McHugh of New Castle in connection with the armed

robbery of a New Castle area convenience store that occurred last month.

The incident occurred at approximately 1:36 a.m., Wednesday, June 12, 2019, at the Wawa located at 7 E. Basin Rd., New Castle. A male suspect later identified as McHugh, approached the clerk at the sales counter, displayed a handgun, and stole cigarettes. After the robbery McHugh was observed fleeing the area in a dark colored Chevy SUV.

Through various investigative leads and measures detectives identified the suspect vehicle as a black Chevy Equinox with Delaware tags which was able to be positively linked to McHugh.

On Friday, July 12, 2019 the Equinox was observed traveling on U.S. 13 in the area I-295 and McHugh was identified as the driver. A traffic stop was conducted and McHugh was taken into custody without incident. A subsequent search of McHugh's residence in the unit block of Godwin Rd. in New Castle and the Equinox produced evidence further linking him to the robbery.

McHugh was charged with one count each of Robbery 1st Degree and Shoplifting. He was then arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #2 and released on $20,000.00 unsecured bond.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective T. Dukes of the Troop 2 Robbery Unit by calling 302-365-8412.

Click on the following link to view the original release:

https://dsp.delaware.gov/2019/06/13/troopers-investigating-robbery-new-castle-2/

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