Bicyclist Critically Injured in Coastal Highway Crash – South Bethany

South Bethany – The South Bethany Police Department with assistance from the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a crash involving a bicyclist that took occurred Thursday night on Coastal Highway.

The initial investigation has determined that at approximately 10:16 p.m., Thursday, July 4, 2019, a 2005 Toyota Sienna, operated by a 50 year old Red Lion, PA man, was travelling southbound on Coastal Highway in the left lane, approaching Evergreen Rd. A bicycle, operated by a 27 year old Annapolis, MD woman was travelling westbound across the median of Coastal Hwy., and proceeded into the southbound lanes, directly into the path of the Toyota. The front end of the Toyota struck the cyclist on the right side, knocking her to the pavement. After impact the Toyota came to an immediate stop and remained at the scene.

The cyclist was initially transported to Beebe Hospital before being transferred to the Christian Hospital where she remains in critical condition. It was determined that she was not wearing a helmet and had no functioning lights on the bicycle. Impairment on her behalf is undetermined at this time.

The driver of the Toyota was uninjured. Impairment on his behalf is not deemed as a factor in the collision.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Sgt. A. Mendez of the Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-703-3269.

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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Troopers Investigating Shooting Incident – Magnolia

Magnolia, Delaware – The Delaware State Police are currently investigating a shooting incident that occurred early this morning.

The preliminary investigation has determined that on Thursday, July 4, 2019, at approximately 3:18 a.m., Troop 3, Camden was contacted by the Bayhealth Kent General Hospital for a shooting incident. Troopers responded to the hospital and contacted a 34-year-old male of Magnolia who had sustained a non-life threatening gunshot wound to a lower extremity. It was learned the victim was transported to the hospital by a privately owned vehicle. It was also reported to have occurred in the unit block of Woodville Drive, Magnolia. There is no suspect information at this time.

This investigation is active and ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Troop 3, Camden at (302) 697-4454 or Detective T. Ford at 302-698-8569. 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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Troopers Investigating Serious Crash Involving a Motorcycle – Claymont

Claymont – The Delaware State Police are investigating a serious crash involving a motorcycle that occurred this morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 7:24 a.m., Wednesday, July 3, 2019 on Harvey Rd. at the intersection with Jackson Ave. in Claymont. A 2001 Buell motorcycle, operated by a 30 year old Wilmington man was travelling eastbound on Harvey Rd. approaching Jackson Ave. A 2015 Nissan 200 SX, operated by a 22 year old Claymont man, was travelling westbound on Harvey Rd., attempting to turn left onto Jackson Ave. The Nissan turned directly in front of the motorcycle at which time the motorcycle struck the right side of the Nissan.

The motorcycle operator was transported to the Christiana Hospital with serious injuries. Neither impairment nor improper driving are deemed as factors on his behalf.

The driver of the Nissan, who was not injured, was cited for

failing to yield the right of way.

Harvey Rd. was closed for approximately 1 hour while the scene was investigated and cleared.

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Delaware Troopers Issue Safety Message for the 4th of July Holiday

Delaware – The Delaware State Police would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday as family and friends gather to enjoy summer activities.

As we take time this July 4th holiday to celebrate our Nation's freedoms, we must not forget the dangers that can

arise from traveling on our roadways. The Delaware State Police will be patrolling the roadways this July 4th holiday to ensure that everyone is safely driving with due care.

Troopers will be tasked with deterring, tracking, targeting and arresting impaired drivers to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries on our highways during this July 4th holiday. Troopers will also be focusing on pedestrian safety and enforcement, distracted driving, motorists not wearing seat belts, unrestrained children in vehicles, and any aggressive driving behaviors such as speeding, following too close, and especially, driving under the influence. By following these easy steps, a driver can enjoy safe holiday travel without jeopardizing their life or the lives of others on the road:

- Ensure all occupants are properly restrained.
- Plan a safe way home before the festivities begin.
- Before drinking, please designate a sober driver and give that person your keys. If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation so you are sure to get home safely.
- If you see a drunk or aggressive driver on the road, immediately contact 911 as soon as safely possible.
- If you know someone who is about to drive while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to where they are going safely.

The state police would also like to remind motorists of the following safety tips:

- Plan your trip before you embark on your journey.
- Have your car checked by a mechanic. Make sure all fluid levels are checked and your vehicle is in top running condition.
- Take a break every two hours on long trips and take turns driving. Studies have shown that weary drivers are

just as much a threat as drunk drivers are on our highways.
- Don’t let your children go to a rest stop alone. When taking a break, always accompany your children to the rest area facilities.

As you begin your holiday weekend we would like to cover a few safety tips to keep you and your family safe.

While Traveling

- Be aware of the current road conditions.
- Park in well-lit and well-traveled areas
- Keep your car’s doors locked at all times.
- Don’t use cell phones or other electronic devices while driving.
- Don’t place your baggage or other valuables in a place where criminals can easily see them.
- Park as close as you can to your destination and take notice of where you parked.
- When approaching or leaving your vehicle, be aware of your surroundings.
- Do not approach your car alone if there are suspicious people in the area.
- Don’t drink and drive, and don’t ride with anyone who has been drinking

While at your destination

- Be aware of your surroundings
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason.
- Be able to describe your exact location in an emergency situation.

- Teach your child to go and ask for help in case your child is separated from you.
- Teach children to stay close to you at all times.
- Never allow children to make unaccompanied trips to the restroom.
- Children should never be allowed to go to the car alone or should never be left alone in a car.
- If you've had something stolen or have been the victim of a crime, it's important to report the details to the police immediately by calling 911.

The Delaware State Police would like to wish everyone an enjoyable and safe July 4th holiday.

****To Find Out More Visit The Delaware Office of the State Fire Marshal for the Fireworks law under the Delaware Criminal Code****

The Delaware Office of the State Fire Marshal reminds all citizens and visitors of Delaware that fireworks can cause serious injuries or death. Projectiles from exploded fireworks can cause eye injuries, burns, and amputations of fingers. An estimated 9,100 people were treated in the nation's hospitals in 2018 for injuries related to the use of fireworks. 5,600 of injuries occurred around the July Fourth holiday.

Click on the following links to find out more:

https://statefiremarshal.delaware.gov/investigations/fireworks/

https://statefiremarshal.delaware.gov/place-assemblies-special-permits/fireworks-display-permits-licensing/

Added Summer vacation crime prevention tips

Summer vacation will be here before we know it, and the last thing you need after a relaxing vacation is to return home and find that you have been a victim of a criminal act, especially a burglary. Here are a few tips that may keep you from being a victim.

-Remember to place your mail, packages, and newspaper on hold. Criminals notice when the mail piles up or newspapers are scattered on the lawn. Criminals know this is a good indication that you are out of town.

-Place your lights, televisions, and radios on timers. This provides the image that someone is home. Be sure to close all blinds to ensure a potential criminal does not have the ability to peer inside your residence and monitor activity.

-Be sure to lock all doors, windows, garage doors, storage sheds, vehicles, and gates prior to leaving your residence.

-Remember to set your security alarm system if you have one. Test your system prior to leaving, to ensure it is functioning correctly. Ensure your personal contact information is also up-to-date; to ensure your alarm monitoring company has the ability to reach you.

-Have a close trustworthy friend or relative check on your residence while you are away.

-As excited as you may be to update your friends about your vacation on social media, you may strongly wish to reconsider. Remember, anyone that is able to access your social media profile, will gain insight that you are away on vacation. Potential criminals pay attention to these details and could attempt to break into your home while you are away.

Enjoy your vacation!

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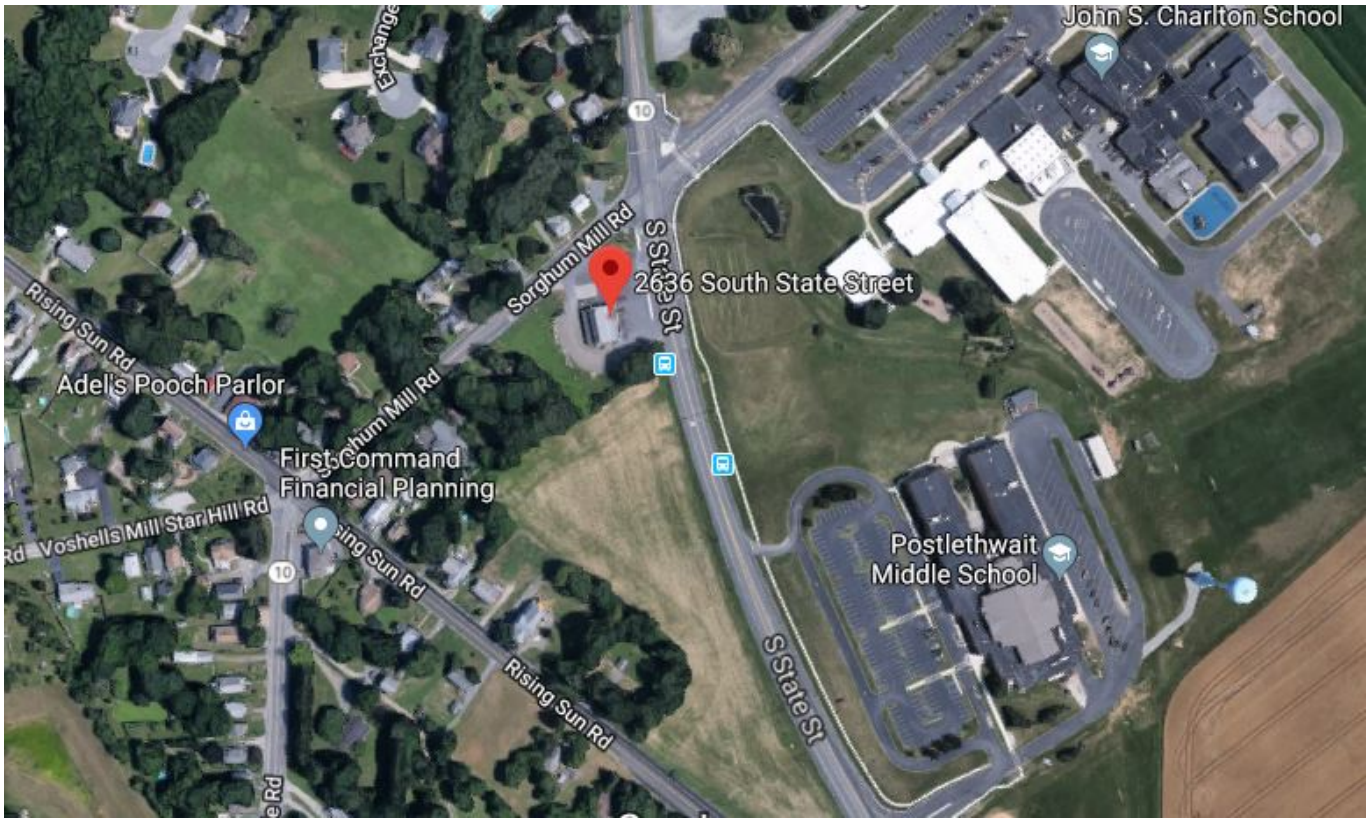
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Troopers Investigate a Series of Armed Robberies – South State Street Camden-Wyoming



Camden-Wyoming, Delaware – The Delaware State Police are currently investigating three armed robberies that occurred at a local area convenience store on South State Street during the month of June.

The first incident occurred on June 10, 2019, at 10:49 p.m., as Troop 3 Patrol responded to the Shore Stop located at 2636 South State Street, Camden-Wyoming. An unknown male suspect entered the business armed with a large knife. The male jumped on to the counter and demanded money from the clerk. After obtaining cash the male fled the business on foot. There were no injuries.

The second incident occurred on June 25, 2019, at 11:33 p.m., as Troop 3 Patrol responded to the Shore Stop located at 2636 South State Street, Camden-Wyoming. An unknown male entered the business armed with a large knife. The male jumped on to the counter and demanded money from the clerk. After obtaining cash the male fled the business on foot. There were no injuries.

The third incident occurred on June 29, 2019, at 11:44 p.m., as Troop 3 Patrol responded to the Shore Stop located at 2636 South State Street, Camden-Wyoming. An unknown male entered the business armed with a large knife. The male jumped on to the counter and demanded money from the clerk. After obtaining cash the male fled the business on foot. There were no injuries.

The suspect is believed to be a white male approximately 5'05" to 5'09" tall, 18 to 25-years-old with a medium build with his face covered weighing 125 to 160 lbs.

There are no video surveillance photos available to be released at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact **Detective M. Weinstein of Troop 3, Major Crimes Unit, at 302-698-8443 or Troop 3 at 302-697-4454.** Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers for a **financial reward leading to an arrest at 1-800-TIP-3333** or via the internet at http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com

The Delaware State Police would like to remind the business community that robbery prevention is something business owners need to cover with new hires as well as current employees on a regular basis.

Anytime there is money in a place, there is a chance that someone will want that money, and is willing to use force to get it. You can take some simple steps to help reduce the chances that you, or your business, will be robbed. There is no way to fully prevent robbery, but you can reduce the odds of becoming a victim.

Methods for Discouraging a Robber

- Lock unused doors.
- Avoid working alone. If you must work alone, turn on a radio or TV so robbers will think there is someone with

you.

- Vary the schedule and route you take for your bank deposits each day, keep only the necessary cash on hand.
- Make sure your cash register is clearly visible to passers-by.
- Avoid placing signs or displays near windows, because they block visibility from the street.
- Display signs at entrances and exits indicating that safes require secondary keys, which are not in the possession of employees.
- Advertise your security alarm system with signs in visible locations.
- Place colored markings at the exits to estimate the suspect’s height as they leave.
- A robbery may be over in less than a minute. You need a quick eye to get a good look at the robber. That’s why some stores place hidden cameras behind cash registers.

If a Robbery Occurs

- Call police immediately by dialing 9-1-1, before calling anyone else.
- Someone points a gun at you and demands your money. What do you do? Give it to him/her! Never refuse a robber.
- Remain calm. You will be able to give a better description to the police. Most robbers do not harm the victim.
- Do not resist. Cooperate with the robber, but do not volunteer any information or do anything other than what he asks. He may be armed and may harm you or others if you do not cooperate. Listen carefully to him/her, and pay attention to the robber’s appearance and demeanor.
- Try to avoid sudden moves. Many robbers are just as nervous as you are.
- The most important thing to do if you’re robbed is to do as you’re told and try to observe. The description of the suspect that you give to the police may be the only

information they have to work with.

Steps to Take After a Robbery

- Wait until the suspect has left the store and then sound the alarm.
- Call 9-1-1. Tell the dispatcher the name and address of your business. Give a brief description of the suspect and the suspect's vehicle if known.
- Ask customers to stay and wait for the police.
- When your witnesses have agreed to stay, lock the doors until the police arrive.
- Preserve the crime scene and make sure the witnesses are aware that they should not touch anything that the suspect may have touched.
- Ask all witnesses and staff members to write down their observations of the suspect description.

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Troopers Attempting To Locate Wanted Suspect Cheryl M. Boggs – Clayton

Clayton, Delaware – The Delaware State Police are seeking the public's assistance in attempting to locate **44-year-old Cheryl M. Boggs of Clayton,** Delaware who is wanted for multiple crimes.

Troopers are currently investigating a theft of farm equipment from a residence in Clayton that occurred on April 7, 2019. It was determined that Boggs gained access to the property, stole the equipment and then sold the items for cash without permission from the owner. Several days later, on May 10, 2019, Boggs also stole several checks from a residence in Clayton and has forged several checks in attempts to cash them.

Troopers have been unable to locate **Cheryl M. Boggs** who currently has active warrants out of Troop 3, Camden and Troop 9, Odessa for the following:

- Two counts of Attempt to Commit Theft (Troop 3)
- Three counts of Forgery 2nd Degree (Troop 3)
- Theft (Troop 3)

- Theft by False Pretense (Troop 9)
- Felony Theft (Troop 9)
- Selling Stolen Property (Troop 9)

Cheryl M. Boggs is also wanted out of Sussex County Superior Court for Theft of Motor Vehicle and Kent County Family Court for Criminal Contempt PFA

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of **Cheryl M. Boggs** is asked to contact Troop 3, Criminal Investigations Detective K. Baker at 302-698-8435 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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Traffic Advisory Serious Crash Investigated South of Georgetown

Georgetown, Delaware – The Delaware State Police are currently on the scene of a serious crash involving a passenger car and Box truck.

Preliminary investigation has determined a serious personal injury crash occurred today, July 1, 2019, at approximately 10:23 a.m. on northbound DuPont Boulevard (U.S. 113) northwest of Governor Stockley Road (C.R. 432) south of Georgetown. A 21-year-old male of Georgetown was operating a 2011 Nissan Altima and failed to yield right of way as he traveled eastbound crossing over U.S. 113 northbound and a Box truck operated by a 51-year-old male of Maryland struck his vehicle and a utility pole was struck.

The driver of the Nissan was transported by the Delaware State Police Helicopter to the Beebe Memorial Hospital with serious injuries.

The driver of Box Truck was transported by EMS to Nanticoke Memorial Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Delmarva Power is currently at the scene working on the utility pole.

U.S. 113 in the area of the crash is shut down and traffic is being diverted to East Piney Grove Road (C.R. 329) Commuters should expect delays in the area and find alternate routes of travel.

Further details will be released upon the conclusion of the investigation.

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Driver Succumbs to Injuries in Motor Vehicle Crash – Newark

Newark, Delaware – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash that occurred north of Newark at the end of April.

The incident occurred at approximately 12:28 p.m. Thursday, April 25, 2019, as an 87-year-old driver of Newark, was operating a 1987 Ford F150 and was traveling westbound on Paper Mill Road. For unknown reasons struck a telephone pole with the front center of the truck on Paper Mill Road east of Possum Park Road. The driver reported that he blacked out and awoke with his vehicle against the telephone pole.

The driver, Russell L. Ellis, 87 of Newark, was seatbelted during the collision and was removed from the scene by EMS to the Christiana Hospital with injuries. The driver was released from the Christiana Hospital to a nursing home on May 2, 2019. He had a fall on May 4, 2019, and was re-admitted to the hospital where it was found that an injury he suffered in the collision was now unstable. The driver succumbed to injuries on May 20, 2019, and the death was originally ruled as natural causes. After further consideration, the cause of death was later changed to injuries from the motor vehicle collision. The notification was made at the end of June.

The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. Impairment was not suspected as a contributing factor in this crash.

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Troopers Investigating Convenience Store Robbery-Dover

Dover (19901)- The Delaware State Police are investigating a robbery that took place at a convenience store last evening.

The incident occurred on June 29, 2019 at approximately 11:44 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the Shore Stop located at 2636 S. State Street, Dover for a report of a robbery. Upon arrival, Troopers met with the store clerk who advised that an unknown suspect had entered the business armed with a knife and demanded money. The store clerk complied with the suspect's demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of cash prior to the suspect fleeing the scene. The store clerk was not injured as a result of this incident.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Troop 3, Major Crimes 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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Troopers Investigating Robbery- New Castle

New Castle (19720)- The Delaware State Police are currently investigating an armed robbery that occurred this morning.

On June 29, 2019 at approximately 4:39 a.m., Troopers responded to a local area hospital in reference to a 23-year-old male victim who had been transported by EMS after being assaulted. Further investigation revealed that at approximately 3:44 a.m., the victim was walking in the area of 3000 block of New Castle Avenue, when he was approached by an unknown male and female subject who demanded money. When the victim refused to turn over any money, the male suspect displayed a handgun and the female suspect struck the victim with an unknown object. The suspects obtained an undisclosed amount of cash from the victim's possession prior

to fleeing the scene on foot.

The victim was treated at the hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The suspects were described as a black male and a black female.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Troop 2, Corporal Diaz at 302-834-2620. 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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