Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash-South Bethany

South Bethany- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash that occurred on June 14, 2019.

Based on investigative analysis, the incident occurred on June 14, 2019 at approximately 12:57 a.m., when a 2011 Mercedes GLK 350, four door sedan, was traveling northbound on York Road approaching Rebecca Road. York Road is a residential roadway that terminates at a canal access ramp a short distance north of Rebecca Road. A thin cable wire was strung across the entrance to the access ramp. For unknown reasons, after passing Rebecca Road, the Mercedes continued traveling northbound where it entered onto the canal access ramp, struck and ran through the cable wire, and entered into the canal. Once entering into the canal, the Mercedes sank to the bottom and was located on June 29, 2019.

The operator, identified as 70-year-old **Linda Bravo** of Bethany Beach was located on June 28, 2019 and pronounced deceased. She had been listed as a missing person through the Bethany Beach Police Department since her disappearance on June 14, 2019.

The incident occurred within a residential community, and no roadways were closed during the investigation.

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

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48th Delaware State Police Annual Trooper Youth Week Cadet Graduation – Dover





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Dover, Delaware – The Delaware State Police and the American Legion held Trooper Youth Week Graduation Ceremony Friday afternoon, June 28, 2019, at the Delaware State Police Training Academy Headquarters Complex in Dover, Delaware.

Graduating Cadet Class 2019

- Damian Alexander — First State Military Academy
- Mason Glanden — Early College High School
- Kyle Green — Sussex Central High School
- Serika Hicks — Polytech High School
- Jemescia Inge — Christiana High School
- Madeline Kuennen — Delaware Military Academy
- Reese Lohman — Smyrna High School
- Neva Nowell — Woodbridge High School
- Zoe Quevedo — Sussex Technical High School
- Vashon Roby — Christiana High School
- Elizabeth Schlauch — Caesar Rodney High School
- Arianna Snyder — Newark High School
- Christopher Tomczyk — A.I. DuPont High School
- Samantha White — Caravel Academy
- Samantha Wolfgang — Caesar Rodney High School

48th Annual Trooper Youth Week Awards- 2019

Physical Fitness Award: **Damian Alexander – First State Military Academy**
(Cadet that demonstrated overall physical fitness)

Esprit De Corps Award: **Reese Lohman – Smyrna High School**
(Cadet that most demonstrated a feeling of pride, fellowship, and common loyalty)

Core Values: **Zoe Quevedo- Sussex Tech High School**
(Cadet that demonstrated the essence of our Seven Core Values- **H**onor, **I**ntegrity, **C**ourage, **L**oyalty, **A**ttitude, **D**iscipline, **S**ervice)

Most Outstanding Cadet: **Madeline Kuennen – Delaware Military Academy**
(Cadet that demonstrated overall leadership, initiative, teamwork, and commitment to the success of the class)

Delegation of Distinguished Speakers:

Robert M. Coupe – Secretary, Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security
Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr. – Superintendent of the Delaware State Police
Commander James Stewart – Department of Delaware American Legion, Inc.

Selected as the class speaker – Damian Alexander

Fifteen young men and women from across the state endured a weeklong training program that paralleled what Delaware State Troopers experience while attending our challenging Training Academy.

During the entire week, the cadets took up residence here at the academy to give them a better understanding of the profession of law enforcement and what it takes to become a trooper. The goal of the Delaware State Police Trooper Youth Week Academy is to provide the cadets with the best possible law enforcement instruction while demonstrating professionalism and motivation in a challenging and disciplined environment. The mission here is to help this academy class prepare to succeed. With that, each cadet must

put in maximum effort in order to guarantee their success, and I must say, the experience here was like no other for this graduating class. said ***Sergeant Richard Bratz, Delaware State Police spokesperson.***

In addition to daily inspections and the physical fitness regimen, the cadets attended classes that included; motor vehicle stops, crime scene investigation, drug investigation, drill and ceremony, defensive tactics and ethical decision making to name a few. Special Units included the Motorcycle Unit, Explosive Ordinance Disposal Unit, Maritime Unit, Aviation Unit, Collision Reconstruction Unit, and the K-9 Unit. They also toured a Communications Center and the Delaware State Police Museum.

The Academy T.A.C staff along with the delegation of distinguished speakers and the Executive Staff were on hand to congratulate the cadets and assist with graduation certificates. The 48th year for Trooper Youth Week would not be possible without the sponsorship of the Delaware American Legion. Thank you to all who had a hand in the success of the program!



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DSP S.O.A.R. Searching For Wanted Sex Offenders

Dover – The Delaware State Police Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration Unit (S.O.A.R) is currently looking for the following wanted sex offenders after they either failed to register or re-register their current address. If anyone knows the location of these subjects, they are asked to call 302-672-5306. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com/

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Homeless Sex Offender Notification

Dover— The following subject is not wanted. This is a Homeless Sex Offender Public Notification. If you have information that the listed subject is 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.

Megan's Law Community Notice

THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED FOR ADVISORY PURPOSES ONLY
THIS IS NOT A WANTED PERSON

LEWIS E NICHOLSON



Risk Level:	Tier 3 (High Risk)	**Police Agency:**	DSP HEADQUARTERS
Verified On:	June 26, 2019	**Phone:**	(302) 659-2341
Registered Since:	February 8, 2012	**Address:**	PO BOX 430 Dover, DE 19903
In Prison:	No		
Convicted Out of State:	Yes		
Repeat Offender:	No		

Date of Birth:	May 19, 1965 (age 54)	**Height:**	6' 0"
Gender:	Male	**Weight:**	200 LBS
Race:	WHITE	**Hair Color:**	Bald
Skin Tone:	(unknown)	**Eye Color:**	Brown

Aliases

EDDIE NICHOLSON
LEWIS NICHOLSON
LOUIS E NICHOLSON
EDWARD L NICHOLSON

Scars, Marks, & Tattoos

SC R ARM
TAT L ARM
TAT R ARM
TAT R CALF
TAT CHEST
TAT L HND
TAT L SHLD

Addresses

Type	Address	County	Development/Employer
Home	TARGET/WAWA/DOVER AREA DOVER, DE 19901	Kent	Homeless
Work	0 Homeless DR DOVER, DE 19901	Kent	SELF EMPLOYMENT
School	(no address on file)	Other	Not Attending School

Vehicles

Type	Make/Model/Color	State	Registration
Truck	Ford F150 Green	DE	CL57449
Truck	Ford RANGER Maroon (Burgandy)	DE	CL64710

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Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr. Announces State Police Promotions

On Friday, June 28, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., the Delaware State Police Superintendent, Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr. announced the Division's most recent promotions. The promotional ceremony was held at the Delaware State Troopers Association Hall located at 6349 North DuPont Highway, Cheswold, Delaware.

Surrounded by family, friends and colleagues, Delaware State Troopers were promoted to new ranks.

Promotes:

From Lieutenant to Captain:

- Jeffery Whitmarsh

From Sergeant to Lieutenant:

- John Wes Barnett

From Corporal to Sergeant:

- Kevin Backer
- Scott Horsman
- Jayson Jeffers
- Jonathan Little
- Alison Meadows
- William Miller
- Joshua Scaramazza
- India Sturgis

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Troopers Investigating Attempted Robbery of 7-11 – Wilmington

Wilmington, Delaware (19809)- Delaware State Police are investigating the attempted robbery of a Wilmington area 7-11 store that occurred late Wednesday night.

The preliminary investigation has determined that the incident occurred on Wednesday, June 26, 2019, at approximately 11:41 p.m., as a male suspect entered the 7-11 located at 4865 Governor Printz Boulevard, Wilmington. The suspect approached the sales counter where he confronted a male clerk and demanded cigarettes. He then displayed an unknown make and model gun and again demanded a carton of cigarettes and the victim again refused to give the cigarettes. After a short

time, the suspect left the store. No merchandise was taken from the store. The suspect fled northbound through the parking lot towards Edgemoor Gardens, out of sight. The clerk was not injured.

The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 20-30 years old, 150-160 lbs, between 5’05”-5’10” with a thin build. Last seen wearing a white t-shirt, dark shorts and dark colored sneakers.

No surveillance photos 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 or via the internet at http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com

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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 25, 2019 at approximately 11:33 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. The suspect proceeded to jump on the counter demanding 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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Update 3- Barricaded Subject In Custody-Dover

Dover- The Delaware State Police are continuing to investigate the incident in which a subject barricaded himself inside his residence and fired shots at State Troopers.

The incident occurred on June 25, 2019 at approximately 9:12 a.m, when a mother responded to Troop 3 to report that her 38-year-old son, **Justin Topolski** had threatened her with a knife during an argument while inside their residence, located in the unit block of Howe Drive. Members of the Troop 3 Patrol responded to the residence in an attempt to contact Topolski. Upon their arrival, Topolski entered the residence and refused verbal commands to exit. A perimeter was set up around the residence, when Topolski fired shots in the direction of Troopers, subsequently striking a marked DSP Tahoe that was parked in the driveway.

At approximately 12:59 p.m., Topolski exited the residence and was taken into custody without further incident. He 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 continues to remain under investigation with charges forthcoming.

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Update 2- Subject In Custody-State Police on the Scene of a Barricaded Subject-Dover

Dover- At approximately 12:59 p.m., a 38-year-old male was taken into custody after he surrendered. He is currently being transported to an area hospital for an evaluation. There have been no reports of any injuries as a result of this incident.

Detectives continue to investigate this incident and charges may be forthcoming. Howe Drive will be re-opened momentarily.

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Update State Police on the Scene of a Barricaded Subject – Dover

Dover– State Troopers continue to operate on Howe Drive, Dover, for a report of a possibly armed barricaded subject located in a residence. The subject continues to remain barricaded inside the residence.

The Delaware State Police Special Operations Response Team and Conflict Management Teams are attempting to make contact with the male subject and are continuing to attempt to persuade him to surrender.

Residents in the area remain evacuated and Howe Drive continues to remain closed. Motorists are advised to avoid the area and seek alternate routes of travel.

Additional updates will be provided as information becomes available.

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