Update Name Released Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash-Smyrna

Smyrna- The Delaware State Police have identified the name of the passenger who was killed in a vehicle crash on June 6, 2019 on Wheatley's Pond Road (SR 300), Smyrna as 16-year-old **Christaphersamere R. Moore** of Clayton, DE.

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

https://dsp.delaware.gov/2019/06/07/troopers-investigating-fatal-crash-smyrna-3/

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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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Convenience Store Robbery – New Castle

New Castle (19720)- The Delaware State Police are investigating a robbery that took place at a convenience store this morning.

The incident occurred on June 7, 2019 at approximately 9:00 a.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the Shell convenience store located at 299 Christiana Road, New Castle, in reference to a robbery that had just occurred. Upon arrival, Troopers made contact with the store clerk who advised that a male suspect had entered the business and proceeded to walk behind the counter. The suspect approached the cash register and ordered the clerk to open it. The clerk complied with the suspects demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of cash prior to the suspect fleeing the scene.

The suspect was described as a black male wearing all dark clothing.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective B. McDerby of the Troop 2 Robbery Unit by calling 302-365-8436. 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 Overturned Tractor Trailer Causes Lane Closures on I95-Newark

Newark (19713)- The Delaware State Police are currently on scene of a crash that occurred at approximately 3:37 p.m., involving an overturned Tractor Trailer with heavy debris in the roadway.

I95 southbound, south of Churchmans Road currently only has the shoulder lane open to allow traffic to pass.

Motorists will experience delays in the area and are advised

to seek alternate routes of travel.

For updated traffic conditions and road closure information 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 Investigating Fatal Crash-Smyrna

Smyrna– The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash that occurred last evening*.*

The incident occurred on June 6, 2019 at approximately 7:10 p.m., when a Dodge Ram 2500 was traveling westbound on Wheatley's Pond Road (SR 300) towards the intersection of Mt. Friendship Road. A Nissan Altima was stopped/slowing to a stop, facing westbound on Wheatley's Pond Road preparing to make a left turn onto Mt. Friendship Road. The operator of the Dodge Ram failed to properly perceive the Altima preparing to make the left turn and collided with same.

The operator of the Dodge Ram, a 24-year-old male from Marydel, MD was properly restrained. He was transported to the Bayhealth Kent General Hospital where he was treated and released.

The operator of the Altima, a 19-year-old male from Clayton, DE was properly restrained. He and his front seat passenger, an 18-year-old male from Smyrna, who was also properly restrained, were transported to the Bayhealth Kent General Hospital where they were treated and released.

There were three rear seat passengers in the Altima who were properly retrained. The left rear seat passenger, a 17-year-old male from Smyrna, sustained serious injuries and was transported to the Bayhealth Kent General Hospital and later transported to the Christiana Hospital. The middle rear seat passenger, a 15-year-old male from Smyrna, sustained serious injuries and was transported to the Christiana Hospital.

The right rear seat passenger, a 16-year-old male from Clayton, DE sustained serious injuries and was transported to

the Bayhealth Kent General Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. His name is being withheld pending the notification of next of kin.

Wheatley's Pond Road at Mt. Friendship Road was closed for approximately 6 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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

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Troopers Investigating Gas Station Robbery – New Castle

New Castle – The Delaware State Police are investigating the robbery of a New Castle area gas station that occurred Wednesday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 9:46 p.m., Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at the Exxon gas station, located at 261 S. DuPont Pkwy., New Castle. A masked suspect approached a male employee behind the sales counter and ordered him to open the register, while implying that he had a weapon in his waistband. The employee complied with the demand and opened the register at which time the suspect removed an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect was last seen fleeing on foot towards Rt. 40. The employee was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a black male, 25-30 years of age, 5’7”-6’00” tall, 145-80 lbs. and was wearing all dark clothing to include a covering over his face.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident are asked to contact the Troop 2 Robbery Unit by calling 302-365-8566.

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Pedestrian Crash – Newark

Newark – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a fatal crash involving a pedestrian that occurred late Wednesday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 10:41 p.m., Wednesday, June 5, 2019 on westbound Churchman's Rd (DE Rt. 58), just west of Churchman's Place. A 2016 Chrysler 300, operated by a 26 year old New Castle man was traveling westbound on Churchman's Rd., from the area of SR 1, in the right thru lane of travel. A pedestrian, identified as 56 year old Celestine Jenkins, also of New Castle was crossing Churchman's Rd. from the south to the north, just west of Churchman's Place. Jenkins was able to successfully cross the eastbound lanes of Churchman's Rd. but upon entering into the westbound lanes, she walked into the path of the Chrysler. The driver swerved in an attempt to avoid Jenkins but was unable to do so, with the front end of his vehicle striking her.

Jenkins, who was wearing all dark, non-reflective clothing, was not carrying any type of light and was also not using a marked pedestrian crosswalk, was pronounced deceased at the scene. Impairment on her behalf is undetermined at this time.

The driver of the Chrysler was transported to the Christiana Hospital for evaluation. Neither impairment nor improper driving are deemed as factors on his behalf.

Churchman's Rd. was closed for approximately 3 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Cpl. J. Breen of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8486.

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Troopers Attempting To Locate Wanted Suspect Donnie J.

Bennett-Delmar

Delmar- The Delaware State Police are seeking the public's assistance in attempting to locate 29-year-old **Donnie J. Bennett** of Delmar, DE who is wanted for assault and weapons charges.

The incident occurred on June 5, 2019, at approximately 7:27 p.m., when Troopers responded to a residence located in the 10000 block of Hillbilly Lane, Delmar, DE in reference to a domestic incident. Upon arrival, Troopers met with a 28-year-old female victim who advised that she and her boyfriend, Bennett, had been in a physical argument while they were traveling in a vehicle. Bennett proceeded to strike the female and also struck her 8-year-old child who was a rear seat passenger in the vehicle. During this incident, there was also a 6-year-old child present in the vehicle. After the altercation, Bennett obtained the victim's cell phone and proceeded to flee the area on foot. Bennett later responded to his father's residence located in the 36000 block of Waycross Road, where he proceeded to take firearms and fled the residence on foot.

The female victim was treated on scene with minor injuries and the children were not injured.

Troopers have been unable to locate Bennett who currently has active warrants out of Troop 5 for the following:

- Possession of a Firearm or Ammunition by a Person Prohibited (4 counts)
- Theft of a Firearm (4 counts)
- Assault Third Degree
- Theft
- Endangering the Welfare of a Child
- Offensive Touching
- Disorderly Conduct

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of **Donnie J. Bennett** is asked to contact Troop 4, Major Crimes Unit Detective Kristunas at 302-856-5850 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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Troopers Investigating Cell Phone Store Robbery – Wilmington

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police are investigating a

robbery that took place at a Wilmington area cell-phone store, Wednesday afternoon.

The incident occurred at approximately 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at the Metro PCS store, located at 107 N. Maryland Avenue. The male suspect approached a female employee at the sales counter and pointed an unknown black object at her, implying that it was a weapon and then demanded cash from the register. The employee complied with the demand and turned over an undetermined amount of cash to the suspect, who then fled. The employee was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a black male, 20-30 years of age, 5'11"-6'2", average build, wearing all dark clothing with a fabric covering his face.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

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Troopers Arrest Blades Man For Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer-Blades

Blades- The Delaware State Police have arrested a Blades man after a domestic incident led to him resisting arrest and assaulting a law enforcement officer.

The incident occurred on June 4, 2019 at approximately 9:30 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to a residence on East 6th Street, Blades, for a report of a domestic incident. Upon arrival, Troopers learned that 21-year-old **Deangelo McCafferty** had engaged in an altercation with his two younger (minor) siblings and his mother. The altercation led to McCafferty striking both his mother and one younger sibling. While Troopers attempted to take McCafferty into custody, he began to actively resist arrest. During the attempt to gain control of McCafferty, a Trooper was forced into the edge of the front door, causing the Trooper injury. Subsequently, McCafferty

was taken into custody. The mother and sibling did not sustain injuries.

The Trooper was transported to the Nanticoke Memorial Hospital and treated and released with non-life threatening injuries.

McCafferty was transported back to Troop 5 where he was charged with the following:

- Assault 2nd Injure a Law Enforcement Officer
- Resisting Arrest
- Endangering the Welfare of a Child (2 counts)
- Offensive Touching (2 counts)

McCafferty was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on $7200.00 secured bond.

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