

# Troopers Attempting To Locate Burglary Suspect Curtis T. Downes

*Seaford/Laurel*- The Delaware State Police are seeking the public's assistance in attempting to locate 38-year-old **Curtis T. Downes** of Laurel, DE who is wanted in connection with multiple burglaries.

The investigation began in early February 2019, when Troopers were dispatched to a residence located in the 23000 block of Atlanta Road, Seaford, for a report of a burglary. It was learned that the same residence had been burglarized on three separate occasions. It was discovered that a suspect had forced entry to a detached garage and once inside several items and tools were taken. Troopers later discovered several of the stolen reported items had been pawned at a local pawn shop by Downes, who claimed to be the owner.

In late February 2019, Troopers responded to a residence in the 32000 block of Bi State Boulevard, Laurel for a report of a burglary. It was determined that a suspect had stolen several items including tools and power equipment from the residence. Troopers discovered that Downes had also pawned items from this burglary at the same local pawn shop.

Troopers have been unable to locate Downes who is known to frequent the Laurel area. He currently has active warrants out of Troop 4 and Troop 5 for the following:

- Burglary Second Degree Dwelling
- Burglary Third Degree (3 counts)
- Theft \$1500 or Greater (2 counts)
- Theft Under \$1500 (2 counts)
- Theft by False Pretense over \$1500 (2 counts)
- Selling Stolen Property Value Over \$1500 (3 counts)

- Falsifying Business Records (3 counts)
- Criminal Mischief

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of **Curtis T. Downes** is asked to contact Troop 4, Detective A. Jones at 302-856-5850. 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: "I-95 Drive to Save Lives" and "Drive to Save**

# Lives in Delaware” Traffic Initiatives

**Delaware**– On Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the Delaware State Police in conjunction with 14 other states completed the “I-95 Drive to Save Lives” and the “Drive to Save Lives in Delaware”. The law enforcement agencies in each state focused on traffic enforcement along 1,920 miles of I-95 and other targeted roadways to keep motorists safe and reduce fatalities. The enforcement initiatives focused on speeding, aggressive driving, distracted driving, impaired driving, seatbelt use, pedestrian safety, as well as motorcycle and commercial vehicle safety and enforcement. There were 5,376 total citations for the “I-95 Drive to Save Lives” traffic initiative. This included 2,110 speeding arrests and 176 cell phone arrests.

In the “Delaware Drive to Save Lives” traffic initiative, the Delaware State Police along with Bethany Beach PD, Cheswold PD, Dagsboro PD, Delaware Capitol PD, Delaware City PD, Delaware River and Bay Authority, Dover PD, Elsmere PD, Felton PD, Georgetown PD, Greenwood PD, Harrington PD, Laurel PD, Milford PD, Millsboro PD, Milton PD, New Castle County PD, Ocean View PD, Rehoboth Beach PD, Selbyville PD, Smyrna PD, Wyoming PD and University of Delaware PD, participated by conducting traffic enforcement across the State of Delaware.

Delaware Troopers with the support of their allied partners conducted traffic enforcement statewide targeting roadways throughout the state. In the first state our allied partners issued a total of 1573 traffic citations. Included in the this total number of citations were 833 speeding arrests and 113 cell phone arrests. The Delaware State Police issued a total of 522 traffic citations.

The Delaware State Police would like to thank everyone who

participated in the "I-95 Drive to Save Lives" and the "Drive to Save Lives Delaware" traffic initiatives. Thank you to all of the drivers who make Delaware roads safer.

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# **Troopers Investigating Crash Involving School Bus - Greenwood**

**Greenwood-** The Delaware State Police are investigating a crash involving a school bus that occurred this morning at approximately 8:07 a.m. on Hog Range Road, south of Cattail Branch Road.

Injuries have been reported as a result of this crash. Motorists should expect delays in the area and are asked to seek alternate routes of travel.

For updated traffic conditions and road closure information click on the following link: [http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel\\_advisory/index.shtml#advisories](http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel_advisory/index.shtml#advisories).

The investigation is ongoing and further details will be released as they become available.

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## **Troopers Arrest Massachusetts Man for Vehicular Assault and DUI – Georgetown**

**Georgetown** – The Delaware State Police have charged 29 year old Ryan Loughman, of Springfield, Mass., with multiple counts of vehicular assault stemming from a motor vehicle crash that took place in Georgetown, Saturday evening.

The incident occurred at approximately 7:17 p.m., Saturday, April 6, 2019 on southbound U.S. 113 in the area of Deer Forest Rd., Georgetown. A 1997 Ford Explorer, operated by a 26 year old Ellendale man was stopped at a red light on southbound U.S. 113 in the right lane, when he was struck from behind by a 2018 Ford F-150 pick-up truck, which was being driven by Loughman. After impact the Explorer came to rest in the median, after overturning onto its left side. The F-150 came to rest in the roadway.

The driver of the Explorer was treated at an area hospital for minor injuries, a 6 year old passenger in his vehicle was transported to A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children with serious injuries.

Loughman, who was determined to be under the influence of drugs at the time of the crash was not injured. A 7 year old passenger in his vehicle was treated at an area hospital for

minor injuries.

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

- Vehicular Assault 1<sup>st</sup> Degree
- Vehicular Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree (2 counts)
- DUI (drugs)
- Endangering the Welfare of a Child while DUI
- Following Too Closely
- No Proof of Insurance
- No Proof of Registration

Loughman was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #3 and released on \$4810.00 unsecured bail.

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## **New Castle Man Charged with Vehicular Assault/DUI after Vehicle Crash – Newark**

*Newark* – The Delaware State Police have charged 47 year old Zun Kebei, of New Castle, with multiple counts of vehicular assault and DUI, as a result of a motor vehicle crash that occurred Friday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 9:52 p.m., Friday, April 5, 2019 at the intersection of Limestone Rd. (DE Rt. 7) and Paper Mill Rd. (DE Rt. 72), in Newark. A 2017 Cadillac being driven by a 55 year old Marlton NJ woman, was traveling southbound on Limestone Rd., proceeding through the intersection with Paper Mill Rd., with a green light. A 2003 Toyota Camry being driven by Kebei was travelling on Paper Mill Rd. and proceeded into the intersection with Limestone Rd., against a red light, striking the right side of the Cadillac. Both vehicles came to rest in the intersection after the collision.

Upon arriving on scene, EMS personnel located Kebei's 7 month old child in the vehicle, not in a car seat. The child was transported to A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children with non-life threatening injuries. The investigation determined that the child was not restrained at the time of the collision. The investigation also determined that Kebei, who was not injured, was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the

collision.

The driver of the Cadillac along with two passengers, an adult male and an adult female, were all transported to the Christiana Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Kebei was transported to Troop 6 where he was charged with the following:

- Vehicular Assault 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (3 counts)
- Endangering the Welfare of a Child while DUI
- DUI (Alcohol)
- Disregard a Red Light
- No Child Restraint Seat

Kebei was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #11 and released on \$8,200.00 unsecured bail.

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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 Attempting to Identify Bank Robbery Suspect

*Wilmington* – The Delaware State Police are investigating a robbery that took place at a Kirkwood Hwy., PNC Bank branch Wednesday morning, and are asking for assistance in identifying the suspect.

The incident occurred at approximately 11:17 a.m., Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at the PNC Bank, located at 4725 Kirkwood Hwy., Wilmington. The pictured suspect approached a teller and provided a note advising of a robbery. The suspect then verbally demanded money while implying that he was in possession of a weapon. The teller complied with the demand by turning over an undisclosed amount of money to the suspect who then fled on foot. The teller was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a black male, 30-35 years of age, 6'00" tall, average build, full beard, wearing a brown jacket, denim pants and a brimmed hat.

Anyone with information regarding the suspect's identity or whereabouts are 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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## **Troopers Investigating Armed Robbery – Wilmington**

*Wilmington* – The Delaware State Police are investigating an armed robbery that took place in the parking lot of a Wilmington area motel Monday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 8:58 p.m., Monday, April 1, 2019 in the parking lot of the Fairview Inn, located at 1051 S. Market St., Wilmington. A 53 year old male was removing property from his vehicle which was parked lot when

he was approached from behind by an unknown male suspect. The suspect pushed the male up against the vehicle and stuck an object in his back, which the victim believed to be a weapon, and then demanded money. A second male suspect then approached and rifled through the victim's vehicle. Both suspect's fled after obtaining an undetermined amount of cash from the victim. The victim was not injured as a result of the incident.

**Suspect #1** was described as a black male, 50 years of age, 5'10", 150 lbs., possibly in possession of a handgun.

**Suspect #2** was described as a black male, light complexion, 20-25 years of age.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Trooper P. Enderle at Troop 2 by calling 302-834-2620 or by calling 911.

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## Troopers Investigating Strong Arm Robbery – New Castle

**New Castle** – The Delaware State Police are investigating a strong arm robbery that took place in the parking lot of a New Castle area motel Monday evening.

The incident occurred at approximately 7:45 p.m., Monday, April 1, 2019 in the parking lot of the Super Lodge, located at 1213 West Ave., in New Castle. The 27 year old female victim agreed to give a ride to a male acquaintance from an area gas station to the Super Lodge, and upon arriving at the motel the suspect demanded the victim's property. The victim attempted to flee, however the suspect was able to physically restrain her and then struck her in the head with a closed fist. He then proceeded to remove property from the victim's pockets, before fleeing.

The suspect, who was only known to the victim by nickname, was described as a black male, 25 years of age, wearing a dark jacket and light colored jeans.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Trooper P. Enderle at Troop 2 by calling 302-834-2620

or by calling 911.

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# Troopers Seek Publics Assistance in Locating Burglary Suspect Josh Shelton

**Laurel-** The Delaware State Police are seeking the public's assistance in attempting to locate 27-year-old **Josh Shelton** of Delmar, DE who is wanted in connection with a burglary.

The incident occurred on March 29, 2019 at approximately 2:46 p.m., when Troopers responded to a residence in the 34000 block of Hudson Road, Laurel for a reported alarm. Upon arrival, it was determined that the residence had been burglarized and the rear door had been damaged. The suspect fled the residence without obtaining any items.

Through investigative measures, Troopers identified the suspect as Josh Shelton. Shelton currently has active warrants out of Troop 5 for the following:

- Burglary Second Degree Dwelling
- Possession of Burglar Tools
- Attempted to Commit Theft Under
- Criminal Mischief

Troopers have been unable to locate Shelton and asks anyone that has information in reference to his whereabouts to contact Troop 5 at 302-337-8253. 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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