

Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash -Dover

Dover (19901)– The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a crash that has turned fatal.

The incident occurred on March 4, 2019 at approximately 9:15 p.m., when a 2001 Jeep Wrangler was traveling northbound on S. DuPont Highway (US 13) within the dedicated left turn lane, with the intentions on making a left turn. A 2003 Volkswagen Jetta was traveling southbound on S. DuPont Highway towards the intersection of Webbs lane in the right lane. The operator of the Wrangler failed remain stopped at the flashing red arrow light and entered the southbound lanes of travel, directly into the path of the Jetta. The front center of the Jetta collided with the right front side of the Wrangler.

The operator of the Wrangler, a 16-year-old male from Dover was properly restrained and not injured.

The operator of the Jetta, 72-year-old **Alan L. Gottfried**, of Dover was properly restrained. He was transported to the Bayhealth Kent General hospital in serious condition. Gottfried was later transferred to the Christiana Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries on March 7, 2019.

The roadway was closed for approximately 2 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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

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Troopers Investigating Shots Fired Incident- Bridgeville

Bridgeville- The Delaware State Police are investigating a shots fired incident that occurred last evening.

The incident occurred on March 10, 2019, at approximately 10:35 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the 11000 block of 5th Street, Bridgeville for a shots fired report. Upon arrival, Troopers made contact with the residents who advised they were in their bedroom when they heard two gunshots. Further investigation revealed two bullet holes had struck a rear door to the residence.

The 42-year-old male resident and his 43-year-old wife were not injured as a result of this incident.

There is no suspect information at this time.

This case continues to remain under investigation. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Troop 4, Major Crimes Unit 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://delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

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UPDATE Troopers Investigating Fatal Hit and Run Crash Involving Pedestrian-Bear

Bear– The Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal hit and run crash involving a pedestrian in which the striking vehicle fled the scene.

The incident occurred on March 10, 2019 at approximately 8:29 p.m., when an unknown vehicle was traveling eastbound on Pulaski Highway (US 40). A pedestrian was walking eastbound on US 40 in the area of the off-ramp from northbound DE Rt. 1. The victim was subsequently struck by the vehicle, which did not remain at the scene. The victim remained in the right lane of US 40 when he was struck by a second vehicle, a 2015 Nissan Altima. The victim was also struck by other subsequent vehicles that did not remain on the scene.

The victim, 34-year-old **Ramanpreet Suri** of Wilmington, DE was not wearing reflective clothing or carrying an illumination device. He was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The driver of the Altima, a 27-year-old male from Wilmington, DE was properly restrained and not injured.

Eastbound US 40 in the area of Buckley Boulevard was closed for approximately 2 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

At this time there is no suspect vehicle information. The Delaware State Police Reconstruction Unit is asking anyone

that has information in reference to this crash or information regarding the striking vehicles that left the scene to please contact Troop 2, Cpl/3 Aube at (302)-365-8483. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

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***TRAFFIC ADVISORY* Troopers Investigating Serious Crash Involving Pedestrian-Bear**

Bear- The Delaware State Police are currently on the scene of a serious crash involving a pedestrian.

The incident occurred on March 10, 2019 at approximately 8:29 p.m. on eastbound Pulaski Highway (Rt. 40) at Buckley Boulevard, in which the roadway is closed at this time.

Motorist should expect delays in this area and are advised to seek alternate routes of travel.

The investigations is in it's early stages with further details being released as they become available.

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)

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Troopers Investigating Attempted Armed Robbery – Newark

Newark (19702)- The Delaware State Police are investigating the report of an attempted armed robbery that occurred in the Christiana Mall parking lot last evening.

On March 9, 2019 at approximately 6:50 p.m., Troopers responded to the Christiana Mall parking just outside of the AT&T store for a report of a robbery. It was learned that two victims, a male and a female, had agreed to meet a subject in the mall parking lot to purchase a 2011 Kia Optima. Two suspects arrived in the Kia and met with the victims in the parking lot. The two victims entered the front seats of the Kia when both of the suspects sat directly behind them. One of the suspects proceeded to pull out a handgun demanding money. A struggle between the male victim and suspect ensued, while the female victim was able to flee from the vehicle. A short time later, the male victim was also able to flee and the suspects fled the scene in the Kia Optima. The suspects did not obtain any money from the victims. Both victims were uninjured as a result of this incident.

The suspects were described as black males in a Maroon Kia

Optima sedan.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident are asked to contact Troop 6 Cpl/3 Flowers at 302-633-5000. 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 Fatal Crash Involving Pedestrian - Wilmington

Wilmington (19809)- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash involving a pedestrian that occurred just after midnight.

The incident occurred on March 10, 2019 at approximately 12:14 a.m., when a 2004 Lincoln Town Car was parked on the right shoulder of southbound I-495 in the vicinity of Edgemoor Road. The driver of the Lincoln exited the vehicle and began walking southbound on I-495 within the right lane of travel. A 2013 Mazda3 was traveling southbound on I-495 in the right thru lane when the pedestrian appeared in its path and was struck. The pedestrian came to rest in the center lane of I-495 when he was struck by a 2004 Honda Element and a 1997 Chevy Astro.

The pedestrian, identified as 77-year-old **Robert E. Slade** of Rocky Mount, NC was wearing all dark clothing and not carrying any kind of illuminated device. He was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The driver of the Mazda3, a 34-year-old male from Bear, DE was properly restrained and uninjured.

The driver of the Honda, a 17-year-old female from Wilmington, DE was properly restrained and uninjured.

The driver of the Chevy, a 31-year-old male from Bethlehem, PA was properly restrained and uninjured.

All lanes of southbound I-495 in the vicinity of Edgemoor Road were closed for approximately 4 hours while the crash was

investigated and cleared.

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

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State Police Conducting Death

Investigation-Laurel

Laurel- The Delaware State Police are currently conducting a death investigation after a body was found deceased on the side of the roadway.

The investigation began on March 9, 2019 at approximately 7:24 a.m., when Troopers were dispatched to S. Shell Bridge Road in the area of Broad Creek Estates for a victim that was found deceased on the side of the roadway.

The victim has been turned over to the Delaware Division of Forensic Science where an autopsy will be performed to determine the cause and manner of death. The adult victim's identity is unknown at this time.

The investigation is in it's early stages with further information being released as it becomes available.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective J. King at 302-741-2821. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://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>.

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Troopers Investigating Armed Robbery – Newark

Newark (19702)- The Delaware State Police are investigating an armed robbery of a Newark tobacco store that occurred last evening.

The incident occurred on March 8, 2019 at approximately 8:28 p.m., at the Joes Tobacco Superstore located at 3124 Pulaski Highway. The suspect entered the business, grabbed an employee at gunpoint and demanded money from the cash register. There was a second employee behind the checkout counter at this time, who complied with the suspect's demands and opened the cash register. The suspect removed an undisclosed amount of cash from the register and fled the business in an unknown direction. The employees were not injured as a result of this incident.

The suspect was described as a white male, approximately 5'5" to 5' 8" tall, 150-160 lbs., wearing dark colored clothing and a dark colored face covering.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident are asked to contact Troop 2 Robbery Unit, Detective A. Tenebruso at 302-365-8435. 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 Name Released* Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash-Dover**

Dover- The Delaware State Police have identified the name of the driver who was killed in a crash on March 7, 2019, as 20-year-old **Tighaira Lacree Sayles** of Smyrna, DE

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

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