“I-95 Drive to Save Lives” and “Drive to Save Lives in Delaware” Traffic Initiatives Friday, April 5th – Sunday, April 7th, 2019

The Delaware State Police in partnership with the Delaware Office of Highway Safety are joining forces with other participating Delaware law enforcement agencies in the “Drive to Save Lives in Delaware Campaign and the National Distracted Driving Awareness Month- 2019.” It is a multi-jurisdictional and high-visibility traffic enforcement initiative that is meant to increase traffic enforcement presence as well as enhance safety efforts across the State of Delaware from Friday, April 5th – Sunday, April 7th, 2019.

The “Drive to Save Lives in Delaware/ National Distracted Driving Awareness Month” campaign’s operational goal is to achieve increased highly visible traffic enforcement across the approximate 96 miles of the State of Delaware. This initiative will be a contributing effort to support the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) initiative, “The Drive to Save Lives Campaign” and its goal to reduce traffic deaths and injuries across the U.S. The emphasis of this initiative will be to change the high-risk behaviors of motorists, such as distracted driving, impaired driving, speeding, unsafe driving behaviors of the operators of large trucks/buses and the failure of motorists and passengers alike to wear seat-belts.

The participating Delaware agencies in the “Drive to Save Lives in Delaware” include: Bethany Beach PD, Cheswold PD, Dagsboro PD, Delaware Capitol PD, Delaware City PD, Delaware

River and Bay Authority, Delaware State Police, 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

In 2014 the IACP initiated an effort to significantly reduce the more than 33,000 highway deaths, which occurred annually on U.S. roadways. The state police and highway patrol leaders from IACP Division of State and Provincial Police have led a sustained data-driven effort since 2014. The IACP leaders' goal was to change the high-risk behaviors of motorists in order to decrease the number of crashes through "education and awareness, partnerships, and high-visibility traffic enforcement". The IACP leaders initiated the effort in 2014 and declared it should be an ongoing effort to prevent the many deaths that occur on our roadways each year.

Interstate 95 (I-95) is approximately 1920 miles in length and is currently considered one of the deadliest highways in the country. It carries over 72,000 vehicles for its average daily traffic (with peak daily traffic over 300,000 vehicles) and it has over 10,000 vehicles for its average daily truck traffic (with peak daily truck traffic being over 31,000), per the I-95 Corridor Coalition. Also, one in 10 highway deaths occurred in a crash involving a large truck and most of the victims of the fatal crashes were passenger vehicle occupants. (IIHS/HLDI)

There were 37,461 traffic fatalities in 2016 with 18% of the involved drivers speeding at the time of the crash. Twenty seven percent of the fatal victims were in a crash involving at least one speeding driver. Additionally, 37% of all speeding drivers in fatal crashes were alcohol-impaired and 50% were unrestrained at the time of the crash. (NHTSA)

According to NHTSA, in 2016 one person every 50 minutes died in an alcohol-impaired vehicle crash. That equates to almost

29 people every day and a total of 10,497 deaths. Also, 1,233 children 14 years old and under died in drunk-driving crashes in 2016.

All 15 states that line Interstate 95 from Maine to Florida will be participating in the "I-95 Drive to Save Lives" campaign including: Florida Highway Patrol, North Carolina Highway Patrol, South Carolina Highway Patrol, Georgia Highway Patrol, Virginia State Police, Maryland State Police, Delaware State Police, Pennsylvania State Police, New Jersey State Police, New York State Police, Connecticut State Police, Rhode Island State Police, New Hampshire State Police, Massachusetts State Police and Maine State Police.

Rationale: After considering crash-related data and information from various sources, the following has been determined:

- Nine percent of 2016's fatal crashes involved distraction. In 2016 alone Distracted Driving led to 3,450 deaths and in 2015 391,000 people were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted driving. Teens remain the largest age group involved in distracted driving-related fatal crashes. With Distracted Driving being proven to be a grossly underreported violation, these numbers are only the minimum. (NHTSA)
- Per NHTSA, 10,000 lives per year are lost due to alcohol-related crashes. In 2017 one person every 48 minutes died in an alcohol-impaired vehicle crash. That equates to almost 30 people in the U.S. dying every day due to this deadly behavior. According to GHSA, there were more fatally-injured drivers who tested positive for drugs than alcohol. In 2015 57% of fatally-injured drivers were tested for drugs with 35.6% testing positive for marijuana- the highest detected drug.
- Per NHTSA, the national seat belt use rate is at 90.1%; however, approximately 27.5 million people still refrain

from buckling up. In 2016 48% of passenger vehicle occupants that were killed were also unrestrained. Also, drivers with alcohol and drugs in their systems were less likely to buckle up and more likely to speed and commit other traffic violations (FARS).

- Per NHTSA, speeding has been involved in approximately one-third of all crash fatalities for over two decades. Speed was the cause of 9,717 deaths in 2017.



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Troopers Investigating Crash on I-95-Newport

Newport, Delaware – The Delaware State Police are investigating a two-vehicle crash that occurred earlier this morning on John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway (I95) east of the I-95 ramp.

The incident occurred on Sunday, March 31, 2019 at approximately 4:51 a.m., when a 2013 Dodge Caravan, operated by 30 year old female of North Carolina, was traveling in the left lane on I-95 southbound approaching Churchman's Road. A 2003 Honda Accord, operated by a 24-year-old female of Dover, Delaware was traveling in the right middle lane on southbound I-95 just ahead of the Dodge Caravan. The Honda Accord was seen traveling at a high rate of speed following vehicles too closely and subsequently slammed on the brakes causing her to lose control and veer left crossing all southbound lanes. The Accord struck the concrete barrier with it's front left bumper and then became disabled in the left lane facing northbound on I-95 southbound. The Dodge Caravan's front center bumper then struck the Accord's front center bumper and continued southbound with it's front bumper striking the concrete barrier.

The driver of the Dodge Caravan and her two passengers, 11 year old and five year old, were transported from the scene by EMS to the Christiana Hospital with injuries.

The driver of the Honda Accord was transported from the scene by EMS to the Christiana Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The driver was ticketed for unsafe speed.

I-95 southbound in the area of the ramp was closed for

approximately one hour while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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Homeless Sex Offender

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Dover– The following are not wanted. These are Homeless Sex Offender Public Notifications. If you have information that any of 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 internetat http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

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UPDATE-Bicyclist Succumbs to Injuries Troopers

Investigating Serious Crash Involving a Bicyclist – Dover

Dover – The Delaware State Police have identified 59 year old Richard Duffy of Hartly, as the operator of a bicycle that was struck and killed in a collision that occurred at approximately 9:19 p.m., Thursday, March 14, 2019.

The investigation determined that a 2005 Chrysler PT Cruiser, operated by a 56 year old Hartly woman was traveling westbound on Forest Ave. (Rt. 8), east of Victory Chapel Rd. Duffy was riding a bicycle in a north-westerly direction on Forest Ave. when he crossed directly in to the path of the Chrysler, at which time he was struck and thrown to the pavement.

Duffy, who was wearing all dark clothing at the time of the incident and not wearing a helmet, was transported to Kent General Hospital with serious injuries. He succumbed to those injuries and was pronounced deceased on Friday, March 29, 2019.

Neither improper driving nor impairment are contributing factors on behalf of the driver of the Chrysler.

Click on the following link to view the original release:

https://dsp.delaware.gov/2019/03/15/troopers-investigating-serious-crash-involving-a-bicyclist-dover/

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Troopers Investigating Shooting-Dagsboro

Dagsboro- The Delaware State Police are currently investigating a shooting incident that occurred last evening.

The incident occurred on March 27, 2019 at approximately 9:24 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to Irons Lane and Old Mill Road for a report of a shooting. Upon arrival, Troopers located a male subject who had sustained a gunshot wound to his upper torso.

The victim, a 16-year-old male was transported to Beebe Hospital in serious condition and later transported to A.I. DuPont Hospital.

The case is in its early stages and continues to remain under investigation with further information being released as it becomes available. If anyone has any information in reference to this incident, they are asked to contact Detective Grassi at 302-365-8441. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

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State Police to Conduct Citizens Police Academy in New Castle County

Dover- The Delaware State Police are now accepting applications for the Spring 2019 Citizens Police Academy.

The 2019 Spring Delaware State Police Citizen's Police Academy will begin on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 and will conclude on Wednesday June 19. The academy will consist of eight, Wednesday night sessions, running from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Most of the classes will take place at Delaware State Police Troop 2, located at 100 Lagrange Avenue, Newark, DE. Participants will learn about a wide variety of police activities consistent with what a Delaware Trooper experiences today. The instruction includes criminal and traffic investigations, special units, and various other law enforcement related topics. Additionally, participants will have the opportunity to ride with patrol troopers. Class size will be limited to 20 participants and a background check will be conducted on all applicants. Deadline for registration is April 17, 2019. Applications must be returned by the deadline in order to be processed. If interested, please contact Master Corporal Michael Austin at michael.austin@delaware.gov or 302-690-5787, in order to obtain an application. You can also access the application on-line by visiting www.dsp.delaware.gov and clicking on the "Community" tab.

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Update #4 Victim Identified and Laurel Man Indicted on Murder Charges

Laurel– The Delaware State Police in conjunction with the Delaware Department of Justice have indicted a Laurel man for murder and related charges in connection with a homicide that occurred between March 6, and March 8, 2019.

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. It was later determined that the cause and manner of death was ruled a homicide, sustained from a gunshot wound to the upper torso.

The victim has been identified by the Delaware Division of Forensic Science as 34-year-old **Tia A. Tucker** of Seaford.

Through further investigations, the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit identified the suspect as 32-year-old **Joseph Beck** (photo 2010). On March 25, 2019, Beck was indicted on the following charges:

- Murder First Degree
- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony
- Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited
- Abuse of Corpse

Beck is currently being held in Virginia, awaiting his extradition back to Delaware.

The case continues to remain under investigation by the

Delaware State Police Homicide Unit.

https://dsp.delaware.gov/2019/03/21/update-3-detectives-continue-to-investigate-homicide-laurel/

https://dsp.delaware.gov/2019/03/14/update-2-death-investigation-ruled-a-homicide/

https://dsp.delaware.gov/2019/03/13/update-state-police-conducting-death-investigation-laurel/

https://dsp.delaware.gov/2019/03/09/state-police-conducting-death-investigation-laurel/

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Troopers Seeking Public's Assistance In Locating Organized Theft Ring Suspect – Shaquan D. King – New Castle County

The Delaware State Police is asking for the public's assistance in locating, **Shaquan D. King, 30 of Bridgeton, New Jersey,** as she is wanted for her involvement in an organized retail theft ring.

During the month of March 2019, Shaquan D. King along with another unknown female suspect have conspired to steal large quantities of over the counter medication from various Acme locations in Delaware. The medication stolen is worth over $1,600.00

Delaware State Police Troop 6, Troop 2 and the Newark Police Department have active felony warrants on file stemming from multiple theft incidents that have occurred at 200 Lantana Drive, Lantana Square Shopping Center, Hockessin, New Castle County and other locations throughout New Castle County, DE.

The suspects have been seen occupying a 2011 Gray Nissan Maxima, bearing New Jersey registration E74JRM (actual vehicle in picture).



If anyone has information regarding the whereabouts of **Shaquan D. King, 30 of Bridgeton, New Jersey**, please contact Corporal M. Fiore at Troop 6 by calling 302-633-5000 or by calling 911.

Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, or via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

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Troopers Attempting to Identify Burglary Suspect-Felton

Felton– The Delaware State Police are investigating a commercial burglary and are seeking the public's assistance in identifying the suspect.

The incident occurred on March 23, 2019 at approximately 4:13 a.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the Goose Creek gas station located at 11425 S. Dupont Highway, Felton in reference to a commercial alarm. Further investigation revealed that a suspect used an unknown tool to break the glass and enter the business. Once inside, the suspect removed several boxes of cigarettes. The suspect also attempted to break into the ATM machine, causing damage, however was unsuccessful. The suspect fled the scene on foot and was last seen in the area of Memorial Drive and Sanford Street, Felton. The cigarettes were recovered near the scene.

The suspect is described as a white male wearing a hoodie tight to his face and dark pants.

Anyone with information in reference to the suspect's identity is asked to contact Troop 3, Corporal Spanier at 302-698-8548. Information may also be provided by calling

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Troopers Attempting To Locate Robbery Suspect Angelique Banks

Wilmington (19802)- The Delaware State Police are seeking the public's assistance in attempting to locate 50-year-old **Angelique D. Banks** (photo 2008) of Bear, DE who is wanted in connection with a robbery.

The incident occurred on March 22, 2019 at approximately 8:10 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the Big Lots, located

at 4439 Governor Printz Boulevard for a report of a robbery. Upon arrival, Troopers met with two store employees who advised that a female had entered the store carrying shopping bags. The female proceeded to select household goods and conceal them in her bags. Upon the suspect attempting to leave the store without rendering payment, the employees verbally confronted the female. The suspect continued to exit the front doors when she displayed a holstered handgun in her waistband and announced she had a gun. The store employees were able to follow the suspect to the parking lot, where they observed her enter a Black Dodge Durango (pictured) and flee the scene.



Through investigative measures, Troopers were able to identify the suspect as **Angelique D. Banks.** Troopers have been unable to locate Banks who currently has active warrants for two counts of Robbery First Degree and a previous warrant out of Troop 6 for shoplifting.

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of **Angelique D. Banks** is asked to contact Troop 2, Detective G. Rash 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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