

State Police Conducting Death Investigation – Wilmington

Wilmington- The Delaware State Police are conducting a death investigation after an adult female was discovered deceased in a vehicle.

The preliminary investigation has determined that at approximately 12:19 p.m., Friday, January 18, 2019, Troopers responded to the parking lot of a business located at 1804 Newport Gap Pike, Wilmington, for a report of a female subject that was found deceased in a vehicle. New Castle County Paramedics responded to the scene and pronounced the victim deceased at the scene.

The Delaware Division of Forensic Science was contacted to remove the female victim, for the purpose of an autopsy to determine the cause and manner of death. The investigation into the death of the subject is in its early stages and information will be released as it becomes available.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Troop 2 Major Crimes Unit by calling 302-365-8567.

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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Troopers Attempting to Identify Burglary Suspect - Claymont

Claymont – The Delaware State Police are investigating a break-in at Claymont area auto repair shop, and are asking for the public's assistance in identifying the suspect.

The incident occurred at approximately 8:30 p.m., Sunday, January 6, 2019 at Claymont Auto Repair, located at 3506 Philadelphia Pike, when the pictured suspect made forcible entry into the business by damaging a garage window. Once inside, the suspect removed computer equipment, however for an undetermined reason he left the property behind upon fleeing the business. He was last seen on foot, southbound on Philadelphia Pike.

The suspect is described as a black male, with a close shaven beard, wearing a black knit hat, black coat with a hood and black shoes. Additionally it is believed that the suspect may have been injured during the incident and is possibly walking with a distinct limp.

Anyone with information regarding the identity or whereabouts of the suspect are asked to contact Detective B. Harris of the Troop 2 Criminal Investigative Unit at 302-365-8410.

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***Update #4* Suspect Identified in Homicide Investigation-Laurel**

Laurel- The Delaware State Police have identified the suspect responsible for the shooting at Carvel Gardens Apartments that claimed the life of an 18-year-old male.

The incident occurred on Monday, July 9, 2018 at approximately 11:44 p.m. when the Laurel Police Department with the

assistance of Troop 5 patrol units responded to the area of the 200 building in Carvel Gardens Apartments for a shooting. Upon arrival, units discovered an 18-year-old male victim from Seaford, on the ground with an apparent gunshot wound. The victim was transported by ambulance to the Nanticoke Memorial Hospital and later flown to a local area hospital in critical condition where he succumb to his injuries.

Through investigative measures, Troopers identified the suspect as 23-year-old **Dwayne A. Dotson** of Salisbury MD (no photo available). A warrant has been obtained for Dotson's arrest charging him with the following:

- Murder First Degree
- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony

Dotson is currently being held without bail in Accomack County Virginia awaiting extradition back to Delaware.

<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2018/08/29/update-3-troopers-continue-to-seek-publics-assistance-identifying-suspects-in-homicide-investigation-laurel/>

<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2018/07/20/update-2-troopers-seek-publics-assistance-identifying-suspects-in-homicide-investigation-laurel/>

<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2018/07/13/update-victims-name-released-detectives-conducting-homicide-investigation-laurel/>

<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2018/07/12/state-police-detectives-investigating-shooting-laurel/>

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***UPDATE #2- Next of Kin Located* Troopers Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash – New Castle**

New Castle – The Delaware State Police have been successful in locating the next of kin of the pedestrian that was killed in a crash that occurred at approximately 9:58 p.m., Thursday, January 10, 2019 on U.S. 13 in the area of Federal School Lane.

Click on the following links to view related releases:

<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2019/01/11/troopers-investigating-fatal-pedestrian-crash-new-castle-2/>

<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2019/01/14/update-victim-identified-publics-help-requested-troopers-investigating-fatal-pedestrian-crash-new-castle/>

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Troopers Investigating Shots Fired Incident-Bridgeville

Bridgeville- The Delaware State Police are investigating a shots fired complaint that occurred yesterday morning.

The incident occurred on January 14, 2019 at approximately 7:30 a.m. when Troopers were dispatched to the 21000 block of Mill Park Drive for a shots fired complaint. Upon arrival, it

was discovered that multiple shots had been fired at the residence. There were two adults inside of the residence during this incident, a 52-year-old female and a 19-year-old male, both uninjured.

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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Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash – Felton

Felton– The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash that occurred on January 9, 2019 at approximately 11:34 a.m., in which one driver has succumb to his injuries.

The incident occurred when a 2016 Ford F-250 was traveling eastbound on SR12 (Midstate Road) approaching the intersection of SR15 (Canterbury Road). A 2001 Dodge Ram was traveling northbound on SR15 (Canterbury Road) entering the intersection of SR12 (Midstate Road). The intersection is a four way stop intersection controlled by a blinking red flashing light along with four posted stop signs. The operator of the F-250 failed to stop at the posted stop sign/flashing red light and struck the Dodge Ram in the driver's side door.

The operator of the F-250, a 50-year-old male from Clayton, DE was properly restrained and transported to the Milford Memorial Hospital where he was released with no injuries.

The operator of the Dodge Ram, 80-year-old **Vaughn Wootten** from Felton, DE was properly restrained and transported to the Bayhealth Kent General Hospital and later transported to the Christiana Hospital. Vaughn Wootten succumbed to his injuries on January 13, 2019.

A passenger in the Dodge Ram, 76-year-old female from Felton, DE was not properly restrained and was ejected. She was transported to the Bayhealth Kent General Hospital and later transported to the Christiana Hospital where she remains in serious condition.

SR12 (Midstate Road) at the intersection of SR15 (Canterbury Road) was closed for approximately 4 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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***UPDATE- Victim Identified, Public's Help Requested* Troopers Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash – New Castle**

New Castle – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a fatal crash involving a pedestrian that occurred at approximately 9:58 p.m., Thursday, January 10, 2019 on U.S. 13 in the area of Federal School Lane. The victim has been identified as 54 year old Esteban Guadarrama-Garcia, based on a Mexico drivers license that was found on his person. At this time investigators, to include Delaware State Police Victim Services Specialists, have been unsuccessful in locating any next of kin for the victim. Anyone who recognizes or might have information about the victim is asked to contact Cpl. J. Breen of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit at 302-365-8486.

Click on the following link to view the original release:

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Troopers Charge Georgetown Man with 7th DUI

Greenwood – The Delaware State Police have charged Felix Robledo, 52, of Georgetown with his 7th DUI offense after he was involved in a single car crash, late Saturday night.

At approximately 10:30 p.m., Saturday, January 12, 2019 Troopers were dispatched to Beach Hwy., east of Blacksmith Shop Rd. in Greenwood in reference to vehicle that ran into a ditch. Upon arrival Troopers made contact with Robledo who was confirmed to be the driver and sole occupant of a 2003 Toyota Camry that had traveled off the roadway into a ditch. While speaking with Robledo Troopers detected a strong odor of alcoholic beverage and initiated a DUI investigation.

The subsequent investigation determined that Robledo was impaired at the time of the crash and that he also had 6 prior convictions for DUI. He was transported to Troop 5 where he was charged with DUI (7th Offense), No Proof Insurance and Fail to Drive at a Speed Appropriate for Conditions. He was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #3 and then committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution in lieu of \$22,000.00 secured bail.

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UPDATE-Victim Identified
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Crash – North Wilmington

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police have identified Ellwood A. Bell, 75, of Claymont, as the driver of a 2017 Nissan Altima, who was killed in a crash that occurred at approximately 1:02 p.m., Saturday, January 12, 2019 on Silverside Rd. at the entrance to the Talleyville Shopping Center.

Click on the following link to view the original release:

<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2019/01/12/troopers-investigating-fatal-crash-north-wilmington-3/>

Anyone with information regarding the incident are asked to contact Cpl. J. Aube of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction by calling 302-365-8483.

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Delaware State Police 2019 Honorary Commander Ceremony

Dover – On Wednesday, January 9, 2019, the Delaware State Police held a ceremony which recognized both the outgoing Honorary Commanders for 2018 and welcomed the newly selected Honorary Commanders for 2019. This prestigious event led by our Superintendent, Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr. took place at the Delaware State Police Museum located at 1425 North DuPont Highway, Dover. The Secretary of the Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Robert Coupe and the Superintendent of the Delaware State Police, Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr. spoke at the event and helped recognize the importance of the ceremony.

Troop 1: Captain John Laird partnered with Mr. Xavier Teixido
(pictured with Lt. Sean Duffy)



Mr. Xavier Teixido is the president of Harry's Hospitality Group, which operates three concepts in Wilmington, DE: Harry's Savoy Grill, Harry's Savoy Ballroom and Kid Shelleen's Charcoal House & Saloon. He has held the positions of Chef and General Manager at the Frog and Commissary restaurants in Philadelphia as well as the Managing Director of Commander's Palace in New Orleans, where he worked with the famed Brennan family and Chef Emeril Lagasse.

Troop 2 (Patrol): Captain Jason Sapp partnered with Mr. Elvis Gisiora



Mr. Elvis Gisiora was born and raised in Kisii, Kenya. He immigrated to the USA in the summer of 1996. He is the owner of Gisco Enterprises, LLC. Mr. Gisiora has an abiding passion for community service and has been actively involved in different activities, programs and efforts for over the past 15 years. He is also the Community Outreach Facilitator for

his church, Angaza Sharon, in Newark, DE.

Troop 2 (CIU): Captain Pete Sawyer partnered with Mr. Anthony Davis (pictured with Lt. Millard Greer)



Mr. Tony Davis is an area manager with Wawa, overseeing the operation of 14 stores in New Castle County. Mr. Davis has been with Wawa for 25 years and began his career as a 16 year old cashier. Mr. Davis lives in Southern Chester County, PA with his wife and three sons, and is a huge Eagles fan!

Troop 3: Captain Joshua Bushweller partnered with Mr. Denis McGlynn



Mr. Denis McGlynn is the President/CEO of Dover Motorsports, Inc. & Dover Downs Gaming & Entertainment, Inc. Mr. McGlynn graduated from Pace University with a BBA in Marketing in 1968. Mr. McGlynn was an officer in the U.S. Air Force from 1969-1972. He has been with Dover Downs Gaming & Entertainment, Inc. and Dover Motorsports, Inc. for 47 years.

Troop 4: Captain Rodney Layfield partnered with Mr. Bob Ricker (pictured with Lt. Mentino DiSilvestro)



Mr. Bob Ricker joined the Georgetown Fire Company in 1975 and has served as Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, Assistant Chief, Vice-President and Board of Directors and currently serves as Secretary. Mr. Ricker served as Mayor of the Town of Georgetown for two terms, Vice-Mayor for one term and 5 years on the towns planning Commission. In 1985, Mr. Ricker and his wife purchased the family business, Baker's Hardware in Millsboro. Together they have transformed a small hardware store into one of the most successful Outdoor Power Equipment dealerships on the east coast.

Troop 5: Captain Alice Brumbley partnered with Mr. Bob Carey



Mr. Bob Carey is the Executive Director at Delmarva Adult & Teen Challenge. He pioneers a Teen Challenge residential center for men struggling with drug & alcohol addictions. Mr. Carey planted the center in Seaford, Delaware on 'Third &

North Street' known as 'Crack Alley'. Over the last 10-years, 225 men have graduated the 12-month residential program and have continued to live a life of purpose, freedom and joy. The program has documented a 93% success rate to those who complete the program. Mr. Carey looks forward to making a significant difference in Delaware for those whose lives are on a ruinous course due to drug addiction.

Troop 6: Captain Matthew Cox partnered with Mr. Walter "Reds" Ferris



Mr. Walter "Reds" Ferris is the owner of Ferris Home Improvements. He grew Ferris Home Improvements from his parents' basement to a company that manages over 150 people and grossed over \$15 million this past year. Ferris Home Improvements has won numerous awards for excellence in professionalism, rapid growth, and community service. Over the last 14 years, Mr. Ferris took what he learned and continued growing as an entrepreneur, partnering to open a successful real estate investment company, a successful bar, a restaurant, and will soon finalize purchase of another bar in the Pike Creek area. Mr. Ferris has been just as active in the community as he is in the business world over the last 14 years.

Troop 7: Captain Darren Short partnered with Mr. Diaz J. Bonville



Mr. Diaz Bonville attend Delaware Technical and Community College in Georgetown, Delaware, where he received an Associate's Degree in Human Services with a strong concentration in program management and administration. He is the Co-Founder/Volunteer of the West Rehoboth Children & Youth Program, a community based after-school and summer enrichment program for at-risk, low-income, disadvantaged youth. Mr. Diaz has over thirty years of experience in mobilizing and organizing at-risk communities, children, youth and their families, church and after school and summer enrichment programs.

Troop 9: Captain Daniel Hall partnered with Mr. David Zickafoose



Mr. David Zickafoose graduated from West Point in 1999 and was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in the United States Army. During his time in the military he served combat tours in Afghanistan '03 and Iraq '06. His primary duty in Iraq was rebuilding the Iraqi police force in the Sal ah Din Province.

He facilitated in the training and supply of over 5000 officers to include operations for the first democratic election in the country. After the military Mr. Zickafoose worked for a major biotechnology company in the development of cancer medication. He currently runs two school bus companies that serve the Appoquinimink, Caesar Rodney, and Capital school districts.

Both the Delaware State Police Troop Commanders and the newly selected Honorary Commanders are looking forward to their mutually beneficial partnerships and working alongside each other throughout the state this coming year.

Our Superintendent, Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr. and the women and men of the Delaware State Police express our gratitude and thank all of the amazing and talented Honorary Commanders for their participation in this highly honored program. This well-regarded community program brings police and civic leaders together to enhance the partnership with the communities we serve.

Congratulations on your selections and thank you for your commitment to serve others.

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