Delaware State Police Troop 1 to Host Community Cafe

Claymont – Delaware State Police Troop 1 will be holding a Community Café from 9:00-10:30 a.m. on Friday, February 15, 2019 at the Dunkin', located at 3224 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont. The Community Café will have the Troop 1 Command Staff, along with the Community Outreach Trooper in attendance, to meet and interact with members of the public. The Community Café is often referred to as "Coffee with a Cop" in other police agencies and is being held in an effort to build a stronger relationship between the Delaware State Police and the communities that we so proudly serve.

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Troopers Investigating Armed Robbery of Claymont CVS

Claymont – The Delaware State Police are investigating an armed robbery that took place at a Claymont area CVS pharmacy, Sunday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 8:56 p.m., Sunday, February 3, 2019 at the CVS Pharmacy, located at 702 Naaman's Rd., Claymont. A disguised suspect, brandishing a handgun, entered the business and confronted an employee on the sales floor. The employee was then directed at gunpoint to the sales counter and ordered to open the cash registers. The employee complied with the orders by opening the registers at which time the suspect removed an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect then exited the business and was last seen on foot towards Peachtree Rd. The employee was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a black male, 30-40 years of age, 5'6"-5'8" tall, 200-220 lbs., wearing a gray sweatshirt, dark pants, and dark covering concealing his face, and in possession of a handgun.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

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

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 Investigate Shooting Incident – Newport

Newport, Delaware (19804)– The Delaware State Police are investigating a shooting incident that occurred this afternoon.

The preliminary investigation has determined incident was reported on Sunday, February 3, 2019 at approximately 2:11 p.m., when troopers responded to a local area hospital for a report of a victim being shot. Upon arrival, troopers made

contact with a 16-year-old male of New Castle. The victim advised that he was on a dirt bike motorcycle traveling west bound on Delaware 4 (Maryland Avenue) near Champlain Avenue and was shot by an unknown suspect traveling on Maryland Avenue in the same direction. The victim was taken to the hospital with injury to his lower torso and is listed in stable condition.

There is no suspect information at this time.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Troop 2 Major Crimes Unit, Detective G. Biddle at 302-365-8475. 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 Shooting-Alder Park Dover

Dover, Delaware – The Delaware State Police are currently investigating a shooting that occurred late last night at Alder Park in Dover.

The preliminary investigation has determined the incident was reported around 11:12 p.m. Saturday, February 2, 2019 when troopers received a call that an 18-year-old female had arrived at a local area hospital with a gunshot wound to her upper torso. The female was sitting in a vehicle when a black male wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and black pants ran toward the vehicle and began shooting in her direction before fleeing the scene. The female exited the vehicle and an unknown subject provided her a ride to a local area hospital. It was determined another male subject was in the vehicle during the incident and possibly sustained injury. He fled the area in an unknown direction and did not respond to the hospital.

The female sustained a graze wound to her upper torso and the round did not penetrate her body. It was also determined the female provided a ficticious name due to the fact that she had an active FTA capias on weapons charges. Once she was cleared from the hospital she was transported Delaware State Police Troop 3, Camden where she was arraigned on her active

capias and committed to Baylor Women's Correctional Institution in lieu of her bail.

This case continues to remain under investigation. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Troop 3, Criminal Investigations Unit, Detective Nash at (302) 698-8444. 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 Shots Fired Incident- Capitol Park, Dover

Dover, Delaware – The Delaware State Police are investigating a shots fired complaint that occurred last evening.

The preliminary investigation has determined the incident occurred on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at approximately 8:30 p.m. when troopers were dispatched to President Drive, Capitol Park, Dover in reference to a shots fired complaint. It was determined that a light colored SUV was speeding down the road at the same time as the gun fire. It appears that the moving SUV was targeted as it traveled at a high rate speed toward the exit of the neighborhood. During the time shots were fired a residence was located with a puncture hole in the front siding of the victim's residence which did not penetrate into the residence.

An adult male and female were inside the residence and only the female was injured as a result of moving to the floor while the shots were fired. EMS arrived on scene to treat the victim who was later transported to a local area hospital with a minor injury.

There is no suspect information at this time.

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Troopers Investigating Serious Crash- Dagsboro

Dagsboro, Delaware – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is currently investigating a serious crash involving multiple vehicles which occurred this morning.

The incident occurred on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at approximately 9:53 a.m. when a 2010 Chevrolet Silverado, operated by a 62-year-old male of Dagsboro, was traveling westbound on Clayton Road (SR 26) stopped at the intersection of DuPont Boulevard (US 113) which is controlled by a traffic light that was red for westbound traffic. A 2013 Ford Edge,

operated by a 39 year old male of Millsboro, was traveling eastbound on Nine Foot Road (SR 26) stopped at the intersection of DuPont Boulevard directly across from the Silverado on the opposite side of the highway. A 2018 Ford Econoline FedEx truck, operated by a 53-year-old male of Ocean View, was stopped directly behind the Ford Edge on Nine Foot Road. For unknown reasons, the Silverado accelerated through the intersection and crossed both the northbound and southbound travel lanes of DuPont Boulevard. After crossing through the intersection, the Silverado entered into the eastbound travel lane of Nine Foot Road where its front end collided with the front end of the Ford Edge. As a result of the impact, the Ford Edge was forced backwards for a distance until its rear end collided with the front end of the FedEx truck. All vehicles ultimately came to final rest in the eastbound travel lane of Nine Foot Road.

It is unclear whether or not the driver of the Chevrolet Silverado suffered a medical issue that precipitated the events leading up to the collision. He was transported from the scene by the Delaware State Police Aviation Unit Helicopter to the Christiana Hospital and is listed in critical condition.

The Ford Edge occupied by the driver and two passengers (33 year old female and four year old male) were properly restrained and suffered only minor injuries as a result of the collision. They were all transported to the Nanticoke Memorial Hospital by EMS as a precautionary measure.

The driver of the FedEx Truck did not sustain any known injuries as a result of this collision.

Nine Foot Road was closed west of DuPont Boulevard for approximately three hours during the investigation.

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assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov

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Homeless Sex Offender Notification

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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Recent Phone Spoofing Scam Advisory

Dover – The Delaware State Police are issuing the following advisory in response to a recent phone scams involving a "spoofed phone number".

The Delaware State Police were made aware of multiple incidents in which individuals received a phone call advising that they were under investigation. The caller asked the individuals to verify all of their information, and threatened to "put a hold on their Social Security number" if they did not comply. The call is appearing on caller ID as a Delaware State Police issued phone number. The caller suggested to the victims to look up the phone number in which they

are calling from so that the victims would see that it is in fact a Delaware State Police issued phone number.

A second scam incident was also reported today in which the caller identified themselves as the “Delaware State Police Alliance” requesting donations on behalf of the Delaware State Police. The call appears on caller ID to be originating from a Frankford area phone number.

Caller ID spoofing is when a caller deliberately falsifies the information transmitted to your caller ID display to disguise their identity. Spoofing is often used as part of an attempt to trick someone into giving away valuable personal information so it can be used in fraudulent activity or sold illegally.

The Federal Communications Commissions has provided the following tips to avoid spoofing scams:

You may not be able to tell right away if an incoming call is spoofed. Be extremely careful about responding to any request for personal identifying information.

- Don’t answer calls from unknown numbers. If you answer such a call, hang up immediately.
- If you answer the phone and the caller – or a recording – asks you to hit a button to stop getting the calls, you should just hang up. Scammers often use this trick to identify potential targets.
- Do not respond to any questions, especially those that can be answered with “Yes” or “No.”
- Never give out personal information such as account numbers, Social Security numbers, mother’s maiden names, passwords or other identifying information in response to unexpected calls or if you are at all suspicious.
- If you get an inquiry from someone who says they represent a company or a government agency, hang up and

call the phone number on your account statement, in the phone book, or on the company's or government agency's website to verify the authenticity of the request. You will usually get a written statement in the mail before you get a phone call from a legitimate source, particularly if the caller is asking for a payment.

- Use caution if you are being pressured for information immediately.
- If you have a voice mail account with your phone service, be sure to set a password for it. Some voicemail services are preset to allow access if you call in from your own phone number. A hacker could spoof your home phone number and gain access to your voice mail if you do not set a password.
- Talk to your phone company about call blocking tools they may have and check into apps that you can download to your mobile device to block unwanted calls. Information on available robocall blocking tools is available at fcc.gov/robocalls.

https://www.comparitech.com/blog/vpn-privacy/robocalls-analysis/

This information was provided through the Federal Communications Commissions website located at:

https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/spoofing-and-caller-id

Many of these scams are difficult to investigate. They will target persons of all age groups. The Delaware State Police is asking citizens to remember the tips previously mentioned in order to not become a victim of one of these scam artists.

If you suspect you have been a victim of this scam, please contact your local law enforcement agency. 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 Serious Crash Involving a Pedestrian – New Castle

New Castle – The Delaware State Police are investigating a serious motor vehicle crash involving a pedestrian that occurred at approximately 10:26 p.m., Thursday, January 31, 2019, on I-495 northbound, north of Rogers Rd.

The initial investigation has determined that an unidentified male pedestrian was attempting to cross the I-495 northbound lanes from the right shoulder towards the center median when he was struck in the left travel lane by a 2008 Pontiac G6, operated by a 37 year old Wilmington man.

The pedestrian was transported to the Christiana Hospital in critical condition. Impairment on his behalf is undetermined at this time.

The driver of the Pontiac along with a 30 year old female, front seat passenger were treated for minor injuries.

Neither speed nor impairment are contributing factors on behalf of the driver.

I-495 northbound was closed for approximately 2.5 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

Anyone with information regarding this incident are asked to Cpl. J. Forester at Troop 2 by calling 302-365-8485.

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Troopers Investigating Armed Robbery – Wilmington

Wilmington (19808) – The Delaware State Police are investigating an armed robbery that took place at a Wilmington area cellular store, Thursday afternoon.

The incident occurred at approximately 1:37 p.m., Thursday, January 31, 2019 at the Metro PCS store, located at 3608 Kirkwood Hwy., Wilmington. A disguised suspect approached an employee at the sales counter, displayed a handgun and demanded money from the register. The employee complied with the demand by turning over an undisclosed amount of cash to the suspect who then fled the business via a rear door. The employee was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a white male, 5’10”-6’00” tall, thin build, approximately 30 years of age, wearing all black clothing to include a covering over his face and in possession of a handgun.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident are asked to contact Detective. C. Hevelow of the Troop 2 Robbery Unit at 302-365-8471.

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