

***Update Name Released* Fatal Crash Involving a Pedestrian – Bethany Beach**

Bethany Beach- The Delaware State Police have identified the pedestrian that was struck on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 on Coastal Highway approaching the intersection of Hickman Plaza Drive.

David W. Henderson, 79 of Ithaca, NY succumbed to his injuries on December 20, 2018.

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

<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2018/12/20/troopers-investigating-serious-crash-bethany-beach/>

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Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash I-95 Southbound at I-295 – Wilmington

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a fatal motor vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 10:55 a.m., Thursday, December 20, 2018 on I-95 southbound, north of I-295.

The initial investigation has determined that multiple vehicles belonging to a work crew conducting a demolition project, were parked on the right shoulder of southbound I-95, north of I-295. This work project did not entail any lane closures however there were warning signs present alerting motorists that the shoulder was closed.

The vehicles involved in the project were an unoccupied Hino 330 crash truck with an impact attenuator which was parked on the right shoulder of southbound I-95, north of I-295. A 2005 Hyundai Tucson, occupied by a 44 year old Whiteford, MD woman, who was a safety inspector for the project, was parked on the

right shoulder, directly in front of the crash truck. Directly in front of the Hyundai was a 2015 Ford F-750 dump truck, occupied by a 50 year old Macungie, PA man, which had an attached trailer, loaded with an excavator. Also part of the work crew was a 24 year old Folsom, NJ man who was standing on the shoulder behind the trailer.

A 2008 Nissan X-Terra, operated by a 31 year old Newark man was traveling I-95 southbound approaching the construction project when for an undetermined reason it drifted off the right side of the roadway, striking the front left side of the crash truck. The Nissan continued forward with its right side striking the left side of the Hyundai. After impacting the Hyundai, the Nissan continued forward striking the pedestrian worker, knocking him to the ground. After striking the pedestrian the front end of the Nissan struck the rear of the trailer, where it came to a stop.

A 32 year old Newark woman who was an unrestrained front seat passenger in the Nissan, was transported to the Christiana Hospital where she was pronounced deceased. Identification is pending notification of next of kin.

The operator of the Nissan who was also not properly restrained was transported to the Christiana Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Impairment on his behalf is undetermined at this time.

The pedestrian worker was transported to the Christiana Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The occupants of the Hyundai and the Ford dump truck were not injured.

Southbound I-95 was closed for approximately 2.5 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding the incident are asked to call Cpl. J. Forester of

the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit at 302-365-8485.

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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***TRAFFIC ADVISORY* I-95 Southbound Closed at I-295 due to Serious Motor Vehicle Crash**

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police are investigating a serious motor vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 10:55 a.m., Thursday, December 20, 2018 on I-95 southbound in the area of I-295. As a result of the crash only the left lane of I-95 southbound is getting by.

Motorists will experience significant delays in the area and are advised to seek alternate routes of travel. For updated traffic and road closure information log on to: http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel_advisory/index.shtml#advisories.

The investigation is in the early stages with further details being released as they become available.

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Troopers Investigating Serious Crash- Bethany Beach

Bethany Beach- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is currently investigating a serious crash involving a pedestrian that occurred yesterday.

The incident occurred on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at approximately 5:26 p.m. when a 2016 Nissan Frontier pick-up truck was traveling northbound on Coastal Highway in the left lane in Middlesex Beach, approaching the intersection of Hickman Plaza Drive. A pedestrian was walking in a westerly direction within the unlit and unregulated crosswalk. The operator of the pick-up truck did not observe the pedestrian and struck him with the front of his vehicle.

The pedestrian, a 79-year-old male from Ithaca, NY, was wearing dark clothing and not carrying a light. However, just ahead of him was his wife who was reportedly holding a small keychain type flashlight. His wife was not struck. The pedestrian was initially transported to the Beebe Medical Center where he was subsequently transferred to the Christiana Hospital with life threatening injuries.

The driver of the pick-up truck, a 57-year-old male from Ocean View, DE, was properly restrained and not injured as a result

of this crash.

The roadway was closed for approximately 3 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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***UPDATE* Troopers Investigating Shots Fired Incident at A.I. DuPont H.S. – Wilmington**

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police are providing additional information as part of their investigation in to a shots fired incident that occurred at approximately 7:44 p.m., Tuesday, December 18, 2018 on the property of A.I. DuPont H.S., located at 50 Hillside Rd., Wilmington.

Once ensuring the campus and surrounding area were secure, and as part of the immediate, initial investigation, Troopers conducted a search of the area for evidence and other investigative leads. This search resulted in the recovery of a loaded .22 caliber handgun as well as multiple 9 mm shell casings in the area where witnesses first reported hearing the gunfire. Troopers also discovered that two unoccupied vehicles which were parked in the area had been struck by rounds. These vehicles were confirmed to belong to subjects who were attending an event at the school and are not associated with anyone involved in the shooting.

At this time there are still no suspects or victims associated with the incident. The investigation is active and ongoing and anyone with information is asked to contact Det. M. Cassel at 302-365-8551.

Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at

Identifying Armed Robbery Suspect-Laurel

Laurel– The Delaware State Police are seeking the public's assistance in identifying the pictured suspect who is wanted in connection with an armed robbery at a truck stop.

The incident occurred on Monday, December 17, 2018 at approximately 8:32 p.m. when Troopers were dispatched to the Oasis Travel Plaza located at 30759 Sussex Highway in reference to an armed robbery. It was determined that a subject had entered the business displaying a handgun. The suspect demanded cash from the female store clerk and proceeded to order another female patron who was in the store to the ground.

Anyone with information regarding this incident or the identity of the pictured suspect is asked to contact Troop 4, Major Crimes Unit, Detective K. Archer at 302-752-3791. 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 Shots Fired Incident at A.I. DuPont H.S. – Wilmington

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police are investigating a shots fired incident that occurred at approximately 7:44 p.m., Tuesday, December 18, 2018 on the property of A.I. DuPont H.S., located at 50 Hillside Rd., Wilmington.

A basketball game had just concluded when bystanders who were still in the parking lot, reported that they heard gunfire. Upon being notified, Troopers who were already on site as part of the regularly scheduled security detail for the game, immediately secured the building and then responded to investigate.

After a search of the school property was conducted and deemed safe, those who had been secured inside the building were able to leave. No victims have been located at this time and no suspects are in custody.

The investigation is ongoing with further details being released as they become available.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective H. Carroll at Troop 2 by calling 302-365-8467.

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***Update #2* Troopers Seek Public's Assistance in Identifying Hit and Run Vehicle- Harrington**

Harrington- The Delaware State Police are seeking the public's assistance in attempting to identify the pictured vehicle that was involved in a fatal pedestrian hit and run crash.

The crash occurred on Friday, December 14, 2018 at approximately 9:38 p.m. when a pedestrian, a 53-year-old Harrington man was crossing U.S. 13 (S. DuPont Hwy.) from west to east, just south of the intersection with Corn Crib Road. The pedestrian successfully crossed the southbound lanes of U.S. 13 but while in the northbound right lane he was struck by an unknown vehicle which was traveling northbound. The pedestrian was thrown to the pavement coming to rest on the shoulder of U.S. 13. The vehicle did not stop and fled the scene.

Pictures from business surveillance videos were obtained. The suspect's vehicle is believed to be a Jeep, possibly an older Cherokee, Commander, or a 4-door Wrangler with a hard top. The suspect's vehicle appears to be light in color with black trim near the bottom. The vehicle should have damage to the right front fender, missing an amber/orange right side marker lens, and possible scratches and/or damage to its right side. Although the crash occurred at S. DuPont Highway at Corn Crib Road intersection, the suspect's vehicle was last seen traveling eastbound on SR 14 (Milford-Harrington Highway) Milford.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding the incident or the pictured fleeing vehicle are

asked to contact Sgt. J. Wheatley of the Troop 3 Collision Reconstruction Unit at 302-698-8518. 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>

<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2018/12/15/troopers-investigating-fatal-hit-run-crash-involving-pedestrian-harrington/>

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Troopers Investigating Armed

Robbery of Laurel Truck Stop

Laurel- The Delaware State Police are investigating an armed robbery that occurred at a truck stop last evening.

The incident occurred on Monday, December 17, 2018 at approximately 8:32 p.m. when Troopers were dispatched to the Oasis Travel Plaza located at 30759 Sussex Highway in reference to an armed robbery. It was determined that a subject had entered the business displaying a handgun. The suspect demanded cash from the female store clerk and proceeded to order another female patron who was in the store to the ground.

The suspect obtained an undisclosed amount of cash prior to fleeing the scene. The clerk and the patron were not injured as a result of this incident.

The suspect was described as a black male wearing a dark colored shirt, jeans and a mask covering a portion of his face.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Troop 4, Major Crimes Unit, Detective K. Archer at 302-752-3791. 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 Arrest Pair for North Wilmington Pharmacy Robbery

Bryheem MITCHELL

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police have arrested Bryheem J. Mitchell, 32 of New Castle and Briante Lewis, 18 of Newark, in connection with the robbery of a North Wilmington Rite-Aid that occurred early Sunday morning.

On Sunday, December 16, 2018 at approximately 3:48 a.m., Troopers responded to the Rite-Aid pharmacy located at 1718 Marsh Rd., Wilmington, in reference to a robbery that had just occurred. Upon arriving on scene it was learned that a male suspect, later identified as Mitchell, presented a note to the cashier demanding money from the register. Mitchell then placed his hand inside his jacket, implying he had a weapon and threatened to shoot the cashier if they didn't comply. After obtaining an undisclosed amount of cash, Mitchell fled in an unknown direction.

Troopers were able to determine that a black Chrysler Sebring with Delaware tags was a possible suspect vehicle and immediately began searching the area. At approximately 4:00 a.m., a vehicle matching that description was located in the area of Miller Rd. and W. 34th St. Troopers initiated a traffic stop and upon the vehicle coming to a stop, Mitchell, who was a front seat passenger, exited the vehicle and fled on foot. Mitchell was located hiding in the area and was taken in to custody without incident. At the time of his apprehension, Mitchell was wearing clothing described by the cashier and evidence was located on his person, further linking him to the robbery.

The driver of the vehicle, who initially gave a false name, was later identified as Lewis, remained in the vehicle and was taken in to custody without incident.

Both subjects were transported to Troop 2 where they were each charged with Robbery 2nd Degree and Conspiracy 2nd Degree.

Additionally, Mitchell was charged with one count each of Wearing a Disguise during the Commission of a Felony and Resisting Arrest. Lewis had an additional charge of Criminal Impersonation.

Mitchell was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #11 and then committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in lieu of \$15,000.00 secured bail.

Lewis was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #11 and released on \$2500.00 unsecured bail.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective T. Dukes of the Troop 2 Robbery Unit at 302-365-8412.

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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