

***TRAFFIC ADVISORY* Troopers Investigating Pedestrian Crash Philadelphia Pike – Claymont**



Claymont – The Delaware State Police are on scene of a crash involving a pedestrian that occurred at approximately 4:59 p.m., Friday, December 14, 2018 on Philadelphia Pike in the area of Seminole Ave., Claymont.

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

Motorists will experience delays in the area and are advised to seek alternate routes of travel. 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 Fatal Pedestrian Crash – Claymont



Claymont – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash involving a pedestrian that occurred overnight in Claymont.

The incident occurred at approximately 12:44 a.m., Friday, December 14, 2018 on Governor Printz Blvd. in the area of Hillside Rd., Claymont. The initial investigation has determined that a 2004 GMC Yukon, being operated by Bruce C. Bryan, 42, of Chester, PA was traveling southbound on Govenor Printz Blvd. in the right lane, just north of Hillside Rd. A

38 year old Wilmington man, who was a pedestrian, was on the southbound side of Governor Printz Blvd, north of Hillside Rd., when he was struck by the GMC. The pedestrian was thrown into a grassy area west of the roadway. The GMC came to a controlled stop just south of the collision scene. It is unknown at this time if the pedestrian was attempting to cross the roadway or was simply walking along the roadway. There are no pedestrian crosswalks in the area of the collision.

The pedestrian victim was transported to the Christiana Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. It was determined that he was not carrying a light nor was he wearing any reflective clothing. Impairment on his behalf is undetermined at this time. Identification is pending notification of next of kin.

The operator of the GMC was not injured as a result of the collision. Evidence of impairment on his behalf was detected and he was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol.

The southbound lanes of Governor Printz Blvd. were closed for approximately 3 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Cpl. J. Breen of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8486.

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 the Armed Robbery of Stanton Gas Station



Wilmington (19804) – The Delaware State Police are investigating the armed robbery of a Stanton area gas station that took place Wednesday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 7:38 p.m., Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at the Stanton Exxon, located at 414 Main St., Stanton. Two suspects with their faces concealed approached an employee at the sales counter and demanded cash. One suspect displayed a hand gun while the second suspect removed an undisclosed amount of cash from the register. After obtaining the money both suspects fled on foot in an unknown direction. The employee was not injured as a result of the incident.

Suspect 1 was described as a black male 5'8" tall, wearing all dark clothing to include a cloth concealing his face and in possession of a black handgun.

The second suspect was described as a black male, 5'9" tall, wearing all dark clothing, to include a cloth concealing his face.

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

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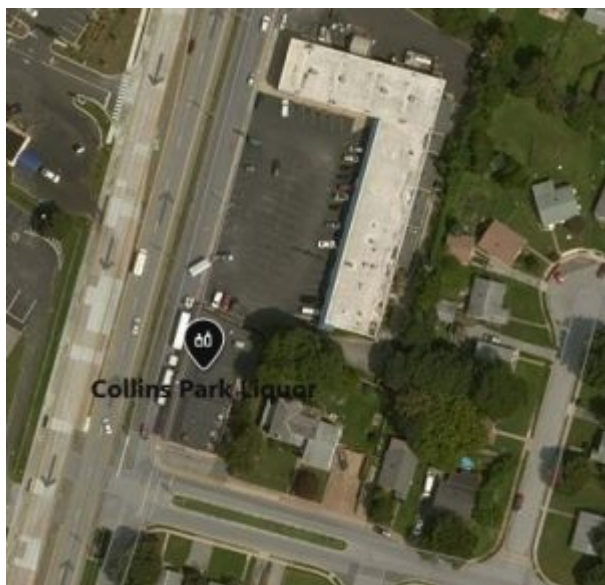
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**Troopers Investigating
Attempted Robbery of New**

Castle Liquor Store



New Castle – The Delaware State Police are investigating the attempted robbery of a New Castle area liquor store that took place Wednesday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 9:58 p.m., Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at Collins Park Liquors, located at 226 New Castle Avenue. A suspect with his face concealed approached an employee at the sales counter, implied he had a weapon and demanded cash. The employee refused to comply with the demand at which time the suspect exited the business and fled on foot in an unknown direction. The suspect did not obtain any cash or property and the employee was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a black male, wearing all dark clothing to include a cloth concealing his face.

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

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Troopers Searching for Wanted

Subject – Townsend

Townsend – The Delaware State Police are searching for Edward Benson III, 37, of Townsend, after he failed to appear in New Castle County Superior Court on Violation of Probation charges.

Benson, who was on probation for an Assault 1st Degree conviction, violated his probation on November 14, 2018, when he was arrested on multiple weapons and drug related offenses. He was scheduled to appear for his probation hearing at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, December 13, 2018, however it was determined that prior to the hearing Benson cut off his ankle bracelet monitoring system and failed to appear at court. He was last seen leaving his residence in the 100 block of Esch St. in Townsend in a silver, 2004 Range Rover bearing DE tag PC28310. Benson is described as a black male, 6'00", 150 lbs.

Anyone with information regarding Benson's whereabouts are asked to contact the Delaware State Police Governor's Task Force at Troop 2 by calling 302-834-2620 or by calling 911.

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Troopers Arrest New Castle Man after Pursuit – North Wilmington

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police have charged a New Castle man with multiple offenses after he led them on a pursuit while driving under the influence of drugs.

The incident occurred at approximately 1:45 p.m., Wednesday, December 13, 2018 when a Trooper observed a white Kia Spectra, displaying a fictitious PA registration, traveling US 202 northbound, south of Florence Ave., in Wilmington. The Trooper then activated his emergency lights and attempted to initiate a traffic stop. The operator failed to comply, accelerated and proceeded through a red light at the intersection with Florence Ave., before proceeding onto the southbound right shoulder of US 202 while still traveling northbound. The operator then ran a red light at the intersection of US 202 and Prospect Avenue before turning onto Mt. Lebanon Rd., westbound. Once on Mt. Lebanon Rd. the vehicle accelerated at a high rate of speed and failed to negotiate a turn at the intersection with Rockland and in turn struck a stone wall

head on. Upon impact, the engine compartment of the vehicle briefly caught fire. The Trooper immediately approached the Kia and removed the operator from the vehicle. The driver, who would later be identified as Justin R. Eckenroad, 33 of New Castle, was then transported to the Christiana Hospital by Delaware State Police helicopter Trooper 4, where he was admitted with serious injuries.

Warrants are currently on file charging Eckenroad with the below listed offenses. The warrants will be executed upon his discharge from the hospital.

- Disregarding a Police Officers Signal
- Driving While Suspended
- Reckless Driving
- DUI Drugs
- Failure to have Insurance
- Fictitious Registration
- Unregistered Motor Vehicle
- Failure to Signal
- Driving the Wrong Way
- Failure to Stop at Red Light
- Failure to Stop at Stop Sign
- Speeding

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Troopers Investigating Knifepoint Robbery – North Wilmington



Wilmington (19803) – The Delaware State Police are investigating a knifepoint robbery that took place at a North Wilmington motel, Tuesday evening.

The incident occurred at approximately 6:57 p.m., Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at the Days Inn, located at 5209 Concord

Pike, Wilmington. The suspect entered the business and confronted a female behind the counter while brandishing a knife and then proceeded to ransack the desk area, searching for money. The female employee became alarmed and screamed for help at which time a male employee exited an adjacent office and confronted the suspect. As a result of the encounter the male employee fell to the ground, which caused an injury to his wrist. The suspect was able to obtain an undisclosed amount of cash before fleeing on foot.

The suspect is described as a black male, 40-45 years of age, 5'8"-5'9", wearing all dark clothing and armed with a knife.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

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

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Troopers Seek Public's Assistance Locating Suspect Wanted for Assault-New Castle

New Castle— The Delaware State Police are seeking the public's assistance in attempting to locate a suspect who is wanted in connection with an assault.

The incident occurred on November 30, 2018 at approximately 11:09 p.m. when Troopers were dispatched to the El Mariachi restaurant located at 519 E. Basin Road for an assault complaint. Further investigation revealed that a fight broke out between a 25-year-old male victim from Wilmington, his 35-year-old male friend and three subjects. All of the subjects exited the restaurant and continued to argue in the parking lot. The three subjects entered a white Dodge Ram and the driver intentionally struck the 25-year-old victim who was standing on the sidewalk.

The victim was transported to the Christiana Hospital in serious condition.

Through investigative measures, the driver of the Dodge Ram has been identified as 28-year-old **Elias Bustos-Mendoza** of Wilmington. Troopers have been unable to locate Bustos-Mendoza who is currently wanted for the following:

- Assault First Degree
- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony
- Reckless Endanger First Degree
- Criminal Mischief

Anyone with information in reference the whereabouts of Bustos-Mendoza is asked to please contact Troop 2, Detective 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 Knifepoint Robbery – Newark



Newark – The Delaware State Police are investigating the robbery of a Newark area gas station in which the suspect brandished a knife.

The incident occurred at approximately 8:44 p.m., Monday, December 10, 2018 at the Shell gas station located at 668 Paper Mill Rd., Newark. A suspect with his face concealed approached an employee at the sales counter, threatened him with a knife and demanded money from the register. The employee was unable to access the register at which time the suspect fled without obtaining any property or money. He was

last seen on foot, southbound towards Possum Park Rd. The employee was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect is described as a white male, 20-28 years of age, wearing a dark hooded jacket, dark cloth covering his face and in possession of a knife.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Det. B. McDerby of the Troop 2 Robbery Unit at 302-365-8436.

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Delaware State Police Troop 6 to Host Community Cafe



Wilmington – Delaware State Police Troop 6 will be holding a Community Café on Tuesday, December 18th, 2018, from 7:00–8:30 p.m., at the Kirkwood Public Library, located at 6000 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington.

Troop Commander Captain Matthew Cox, accompanied by his deputy commanders and the Community Outreach Trooper, will be in attendance to answer questions and address concerns from community members, specific to State Police jurisdiction in the Troop 6 patrol area.

In addition to the general discussion Captain Cox will present and discuss crime and traffic data for the troop area.

Community members will also be instructed on how to access the crime mapping feature on the DSP website.

These Café's are held in an effort to build a stronger relationship between the Delaware State Police and the communities that we so proudly serve.

We look forward to meeting you.

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