

# Troopers Investigating I-95 Service Plaza Robbery



**Newark** – The Delaware State Police are investigating a robbery that took place at the I-95 service plaza early Thursday morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 3:05 a.m., Thursday, December 6, 2018 at the Sunoco gas station located at 530 JFK Memorial Highway, Newark. The suspect approached an employee at the sales counter and threatened him with a can of pepper spray. The suspect then grabbed a box containing multiple cartons of cigarettes and fled the business in an unknown direction. The employee was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a black male, 50-55 years of age, 5'10"-6'1", 180-190 lbs., wearing a blue shirt and tan pants.

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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# The Delaware State Police K9 Unit Graduation

**Dover** – The Delaware State Police Canine Training Unit held a graduation ceremony for the 2018 Fall Patrol Certification class and the Fall Narcotics Certification Class. All of their hard work paid off with eleven teams successfully completing three months of intense training with new K9's. During the ceremony, Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr. recognized the graduating teams led by K9 handlers, Master Corporals Lenny Aguilar and Jeffrey Miller for their commitment and dedication.

The ceremony took place on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at the Delaware State Police Training Academy and included multiple agencies throughout the state. The graduating class consisted of eleven new K9 teams comprised of seven Delaware State Police teams, one Newark Police Department team, two Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control teams, and one Laurel Police Department team.

The ceremony celebrated and recognized the successful completion of 12-14 weeks of various training methods including; obedience, confidence course, tracking, building searches, areas searches, suspect apprehension, and officer protection. In addition to the requirements set by the Delaware State Police Canine Unit, all the teams were trained to meet the standards of the National Police Canine Association. Four of the K9 teams were cross trained in Narcotics detection and are now Dual Purpose Patrol & Narcotics detection teams.

The graduation of the newest trained K9 handlers and their partners for the Fall Patrol Certification and the Dual Purpose Patrol & Narcotics Certification Classes include:

**Fall Patrol Certification Class:** Cpl. Derek Balaguer and K9 Stryker – Troop 2, Tfc. Andrew Osgood and K9 Scar – Troop 3, Cpl/2 Matt Sammons and K9 Poncho – Troop 5, Cpl. Mike Fezza and K9 Drax – Troop 7, Cpl. Trevor Ditmore and K9 Leo – DNREC, Cpl/2 John Lister and K9 Vos – DNREC, and Pfc. Corey Spencer and K9 Luto – Newark PD.

**Fall Narcotics Certification Class:** Cpl. Pete Irwin and K9 Chico – Troop 1, Cpl. Ben Nefosky and K9 Mako – Troop 1, Cpl/1 Nick Ronzo and K9 Bane – Troop 2 GTF, and Cpl. Jared Haddock and K9 Grimm – Laurel PD.

Congratulations to each K9 Team!

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# **\*Update\* Troopers Attempting to Locate Shooting Suspect- Seaford**

**Seaford-** The Delaware State Police are attempting to locate a suspect who is wanted in connection with a shooting incident that occurred in November 2018.

The incident occurred on Sunday, November 18, 2018, at approximately 11:57 a.m. when troopers were dispatched to a residence located in the 11000 block of Park Drive for a report of shots fired.

Further investigation revealed that a physical altercation occurred between two male subjects and during the argument several shots were fired at a vehicle leaving the scene. All of the subjects involved in the incident fled prior to Troopers arrival.

Through investigative measures, 32-year-old **Teron West** of Seaford was developed as a suspect. Troopers have been unable to locate West who currently has active warrants for the following:

- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony
- Possession of a Firearm or Ammunition by a Person Prohibited
- Reckless Endangerer First Degree
- Aggravated Menacing

This incident remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Criminal Investigations Unit. If anyone has any information in reference to whereabouts of Teron West, they are asked to please contact Troop 4, Detective D. Cathell at 302-752-3793. Information may also be provided by calling

Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at [www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com](http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com).

<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2018/11/20/troopers-investigating-shooting-seaford/>

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## **Troopers Attempting to Locate Two Burglary Suspects-Seafood**

**Seafood-** The Delaware State Police are seeking the public's assistance in attempting to locate two suspects who are wanted in connection with a burglary.

**Tyler F. Landrum** (no photo available), 20 of Harrington and **Michael Calloway**, 64 of Seaford are wanted in connection with a burglary that occurred in the 24000 block of Chapel Branch Road between October 2018 and November 2018. Landrum and Calloway entered a shed on the property and removed multiple items including a freezer, lawn mower and several pieces of scrap metal. The property was then sold at a local scrap yard.

Troopers have been unable to locate Landrum and Calloway who currently have active warrants out of Troop 5 for the following:

- Burglary Third Degree
- Theft (Felony)
- Conspiracy Second Degree
- Selling Stolen Property

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Landrum and Calloway, are asked to contact Troop 4, Detective Jones 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://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

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## **\*Update\* Suspect(s) Still at Large and Reward Offered-Milton Gun Shop Burglary**

*Milton* – The Delaware State Police along with agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) are currently investigating the burglary of a Milton area gun shop that has resulted in the theft of multiple firearms.

The incident occurred at approximately 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 22, 2018, at Hopkins Gun Shop, located at 18647 Josephs Road, Milton. Troopers responded to the scene along with Special Agents and Industry Operations Investigators from ATF Baltimore's, Wilmington Field Office, and determined that an unidentified person wearing a mask, made forcible entry into the business in the early morning hours and stole multiple firearms, including handguns and rifles, before fleeing undetected. ATF and Delaware State Police continue working jointly on this investigation.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Baltimore Field Division and the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), the trade association for the firearms industry, have announced a combined reward of up to \$10,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the

person responsible for the theft of firearms from Hopkins Gun Shop, a federal firearms licensee (FFL).

**ATF is offering a reward of up to \$5,000**, which will be matched by the NSSF for a total reward of up to \$10,000. This reward is part of a larger national cooperative initiative between the NSSF and ATF in which NSSF matches ATF rewards in cases involving the theft of firearms from federally licensed firearms retailers.

ATF is the lead federal law enforcement agency with jurisdiction involving firearms and violent crimes, and regulates the firearm industry. More information about ATF and its programs is available at [www.atf.gov](http://www.atf.gov).

**To provide tips to ATF, call 888-ATF-TIPS (888-283-8477) or send an email to [ATFTips@atf.gov](mailto:ATFTips@atf.gov)**. Tips can also be sent anonymously via the reportit® app using ATF Baltimore Field Division as the location. It is available through the Google Play Store, Apple App Store, and at [www.reportit.com](http://www.reportit.com).

<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2018/11/24/troopers-atf-investigating-milton-gun-shop-burglary-reward-offered/>

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# Troopers Investigating Shots Fired Incident-Dover

**Dover (19901)**- The Delaware State Police are investigating a shots fired complaint that occurred just after midnight in the Eagle Meadows development.

The incident occurred on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at approximately 12:54 a.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the 4400 block of Vermont Drive for a shots fired complaint. Upon arrival, Troopers discovered that the residence had sustained two bullet holes to the exterior. There were two adults, a male and female both 37-years old, and a 12-year-old child who were in the residence at the time of this incident and not injured.

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 3, Criminal Investigative Unit, at 302-697-4454. 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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## **Multi-Agency Crime Blitz Results in Mass Arrests**

***Wilmington/Newport***– A multi-agency operation conducted on Thursday, November 29, 2018, at targeted locations throughout greater Wilmington has resulted in the arrest of 37 individuals on criminal charges.

This crime blitz focused on the Kirkwood Hwy., Maryland Ave. and Churchman's Rd. corridors as well as the greater Newport vicinity. The operation was conducted in these areas to target criminal activity and to address ongoing quality of life issues.

During the eight hour enforcement blitz, police arrested 37

individuals for either a criminal charge or outstanding court  
capias, resulting in the clearance of 54 active warrants.  
There were a total of 112 traffic and 27 criminal arrests  
made.

Seized during the operation was 57.189 grams of Heroin, 777.2  
grams of Marijuana, 1.0 grams of Cocaine, 8 prescription pills  
along with an assortment of drug paraphernalia. Also seized  
was \$2,043.00 in suspected drug proceeds and a 2013 Toyota  
Avalon, suspected to be associated with illegal drug activity.

***This initiative was a collaborative effort between the  
Delaware State Police, Governor's Task Force, Drug Enforcement  
Administration (DEA), Probation and Parole, New Castle County  
Police Department, Wilmington Police Department, Newport  
Police Department, Department of Corrections and Justice of  
the Peace Courts.***

This combined effort highlights how the cooperation of  
multiple law enforcement agencies can effectively combat crime  
which in turn increases the quality of life for the  
communities we serve.

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# **Troopers Arrest Couple for Dollar Tree Robbery – North Wilmington**

*Wilmington (19802)* – The Delaware State Police have arrested a Wilmington couple on robbery charges after they assaulted an employee while attempting to shoplift.

The incident occurred at approximately 9:45 a.m., Tuesday, November 18 at the Dollar Tree, located at 3600 Miller Rd., Wilmington. A female suspect, later identified as Valencia C. Weddington, 57, of Wilmington was observed by Dollar Tree employees exiting the store with a shopping cart filled with merchandise, which she had not payed for. Weddington then forced open the entrance door and began to exit at which time she was confronted by the employee, and asked to return the merchandise. Weddington refused to comply at which time the employee attempted to gain control of the shopping cart. Weddington then grabbed the employee by the arm and threatened to punch her in the face if she didn't let her leave. A second suspect later identified as Weddington's husband, John Singleton, 54, approached and also grabbed the employee and made a threatening statement. The employee was able to break free from the grasp of both suspects and returned back inside the business, recovering the cart in the process. Both Weddington and Singleton then fled in a vehicle which was

parked in the lot. The employee sustained minor injuries as a result of the altercation.

Through a variety of investigative measures Troopers were able to locate the vehicle involved in the incident which was then positively linked to Weddington and Singleton. On Monday, December 3, 2018 both suspects turned themselves in at Troop 1 where they were each charged with one count of Robbery 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. They were then arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #11, with Weddington being released on \$5000.00 unsecured bail and Singleton on \$1000.00 unsecured bail.

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# Troopers Investigating Serious Crash-Bridgeville

**Bridgeville-** The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is currently investigating a serious crash involving a bicyclist that occurred yesterday.

The incident occurred on December 3, 2018 at approximately 5:17 p.m. when a 2003 Jeep Grand Cherokee, was traveling southbound on Conrail Road (CR 546) just south of Cannon Road (SR 18). A bicyclist was riding his bike walking a dog secured to the handlebars in the roadway. The operator of the Cherokee failed to see the bicyclist in the roadway and struck the bike within the southbound lane of travel.

The operator of the Cherokee, a 29-year-old male from Seaford was properly restrained and not injured as a result of this crash.

The bicyclist, a 16-year-old male from Bridgeville was not wearing a helmet and was wearing all dark clothing without reflective material. He was transported to the Nanticoke Memorial Hospital with serious injuries and later transferred to the Christiana Hospital. The dog did not sustain injuries.

Conrail Road was closed for approximately 3 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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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](mailto:debra.reed@delaware.gov)

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# **Troopers Attempting to Locate Two Burglary Suspects -**

# Georgetown

**Georgetown-** The Delaware State Police are seeking the public's assistance in attempting to locate two females who are wanted in connection with two burglaries.

**Kathy Hunsucker**, 45 of Selbyville and **Christina Harvey** 49 of Dagsboro, are wanted in connections with two burglaries that occurred in the unit block of Leah Street, Fish Hook MHP, Georgetown in early November. On both occasions, Hunsucker and Harvey forced entry into the residences and removed purses, jewelry, and other various items prior to fleeing the scene.

Troopers have been unable to locate Hunsucker and Harvey who currently have active warrants out of Troop 4 for the following:

- Burglary Second Degree Dwelling (2 counts)
- Possession of Burglar Tools
- Theft (felony) (2 counts)
- Conspiracy Second Degree (2 counts)
- Criminal Mischief Under

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Hunsucker and Harvey, are asked to contact Troop 4 Detective Powell 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://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

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