Troopers Investigating Rash of Vehicle Break-Ins-Kent County

Kent County- The Delaware State Police have recently taken several complaints where vehicle windows have been smashed and items taken from within.

The incidents began in early November 2018 when Troopers began receiving reports of vehicles being broken into by the suspect(s) smashing out their windows. The State Police have handled 5 similar incidences occurring at the Delaware Turf, The Bridge Radio Station, Wild Quail, Brown Branch County Park, and the Calvary Church in Dover.

The incidents reported appear to be connected. Several witnesses and surveillance have reported seeing a white Dodge Charger/Chrysler 300 flee the area after each incident.

On November 9, 2018 a credit card was stolen from one of the vehicle break-ins in the Browns Branch Country Park and utilized by the pictured suspect at the Milford Walmart shortly after.



The Troop 3, Criminal Investigations Unit is seeking the public's assistance in identifying the pictured suspect. Anyone with information in reference to these cases or the identity of the suspect is asked to please contact the Criminal Investigations Unit, Detective Nash at 302-698-8444 or Detective Baker at 302-698-8435. 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 Bank Robbery – Newark



Newark – The Delaware State Police are investigating a robbery at the WSFS bank, located inside the Peoples Plaza Safeway grocery store that took place Wednesday afternoon.

The incident occurred at approximately 12:36 p.m., Wednesday, December 26, 2018, at the WSFS branch, located inside the Safeway, at 2400 Peoples Plaza, Newark. The pictured suspect approached the counter, announced “this is a robbery” and demanded money from two separate tellers. Both employees complied with the demand and turned over an undisclosed amount of money to the suspect who then fled in an unknown direction. Neither employee were injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a black male, 35-40 years of age, 5’9”-6’00” tall, wearing a black knit cap, dark wired sunglasses, green jacket and denim jeans.

Anyone with information regarding the identity or whereabouts of the suspect are 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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UPDATE #2-Public's Help Requested Troopers Investigating Fatal Hit and Run Pedestrian Crash-Wilmington

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a fatal hit and run crash involving a pedestrian that occurred on December 24, 2018 on DE 141 (Centre Rd.) in the area of DE 48 (Lancaster Pike), and are asking for the public's help in locating the fleeing vehicle.

Further investigation has determined that parts belonging to the fleeing vehicle, which were collected at the scene of the crash, were to a 2011-2017 Mazda 3 sedan. Also collected on scene was the above pictured emblem. Due to it's distinct nature, Troopers are hopeful that someone will recognize it and be able to provide further investigative leads.

Anyone with information regarding the incident or the fleeing vehicle are asked to contact Cpl. J. Breen of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit at ***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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https://dsp.delaware.gov/2018/12/25/troopers-investigating-fatal-hit-run-pedestrian-crash-wilmington/

https://dsp.delaware.gov/2018/12/26/update-victim-identified-troopers-investigating-fatal-hit-run-pedestrian-crash-wilmington/

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Troopers Investigating Robbery- Lewes

Lewes– The Delaware State Police are investigating a report of a robbery that occurred in the Plantations East Development.

The incident occurred on December 25, 2018 at approximately

10:00 p.m. when Troopers were dispatched to the unit block of Cottonwood Lane for a report of a robbery. Upon arrival, Troopers made contact with a 30-year-old male who advised that while he was sitting on his front porch using his mobile phone, he was approached by two male subjects when a scuffle ensued and his cell phone was taken.

It was also reported that there was a third female suspect who entered the residence and made contact with a 63-year-old female who was inside. The female suspect was inquiring about an individual and left after the brief conversation.

The suspects were described as the following:

- White male, 6’01” tall, approximately 210 lbs., with black hair and wearing dark clothing
- Black light skinned male approximately 6’04” tall, wearing dark clothing
- White female, blonde hair, 5’05” tall approximately 110 lbs., wearing dark clothing

There were no reports of injuries as a result of this incident.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Troop 4, Major Crimes Unit, Detective Doughty 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 Name Released Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash-Milford

Milford– The Delaware State Police have identified the name of the individual who was killed in a single motor vehicle crash on Wednesday, December 26, 2018, in the town limits of

Milford, as 54-year-old **Timothy A. Hogan** of Greenwood.

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

https://dsp.delaware.gov/2018/12/26/troopers-investigating-fatal-crash-milford-2/

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Delaware State Police Encourages – “See Something Say Something”

Delaware – Far too many times active shooter events have occurred at “soft targets” throughout the United States. Many of these peaceful venues include school campuses, shopping malls, movie theaters, Houses of Worship, nightclubs and other popular locations. Hundreds of innocent lives have been lost to this epidemic. Unarmed citizens may reduce the risk of mass violence by taking fundamental steps. In light of the most recent incident at a mall, the Delaware State Police would like to provide citizens with vital preparation techniques that may increase safety and survivability during a dangerous event.

The most critical step is prevention. Citizens are positioned to observe and detect behaviors that may indicate possible or impending violence. Quickly reporting these behaviors to authorities is essential to allow an opportunity for intervention before threats evolve into violence. For example, in the workplace, security concerns should be reported to organizational leadership, human resources and security staff. Local law enforcement should always be contacted for immediate threats.

The Delaware State Police train in how to respond to an active shooter and violent intruder situations, whether at a school, shopping mall, corporate setting or other venue. This training is facilitated by the FBI and is called Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT).

In 2014, the Delaware State Police partnered with the Federal Bureau of Investigation with the intention of constructing an active shooter response training program for all law

enforcement agencies in the State of Delaware. During that time with the FBI and Delaware Law Enforcement training officials, the ***Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT)*** program through Texas State University was recommended and endorsed by the FBI as the optimal program to pursue in Delaware. The FBI established training opportunities for Delaware law enforcement trainers and acquired the necessary equipment (ammo, safety gear, handguns, power point) to allow each instructor to go forward and teach the tactics to every law enforcement officer in the State. Instructor training consisted of 40 hours of classroom and scenario work, and the subsequent training delivered to in-service personnel was 16 hours in duration. In short, the partnership with the FBI was instrumental in model program identification, train the trainer opportunities, assistance instructing, and equipment acquisition.

It was the direction of the Delaware Council on Police Training to mandate this training for all law enforcement in Delaware. The goal of this training was to prepare all federal, state and local agencies for an active shooter event so that similar tactics were utilized. An added mandate was to have the training completed by January of 2017. As of today, all Law enforcement Officers in Delaware are trained in the same response and tactics so there is no confusion and/or question on best practices to achieve a safe and effective outcome. It should be noted that this training was conducted with a blend of agencies working in classrooms and on scenarios together- not exclusively with other members of their own agency- in order to reinforce the likelihood of multi-agency response. This training is mandated in all Delaware law enforcement academies as new officers are hired and trained.

The Delaware State Police does work with various entities and community partners in regards to the prevention of and response to a violent intruder or critical event. The safety

of our citizens is paramount and we will continue to work with our allied law enforcement agencies to make Delaware safer.

As law enforcement advances, the Delaware State Police leverages innovative technology and continues to deliver quality police services to reduce crime and improve public safety. Our comprehensive website provides valuable information to the public through programs, initiatives and resources aimed to create various avenues of communication with the communities we serve for a safer Delaware.

Please click on the below link for more information and resources provided by the Delaware State Police:

Keeping Delaware Safe

Overview "Run, Hide, Fight Strategy"



Delaware organizations are encouraged to have emergency action plans for staff and customers. Emergency plans should be shared with staff, rehearsed during training drills, assessed annually and updated if necessary. Additionally, citizens are also encouraged to have individual emergency plans and practice the "Run, Hide, Fight" strategy. During an active shooter event citizens should quickly and safely move away from the violent intruder seeking cover and alternate routes out of a building. When in a safe location, citizens should block access or barricade themselves preventing the violent intruder access. As a last resort, and only when lives are in imminent danger, citizens may attempt to defend themselves and incapacitate the shooter by any means necessary. When police

arrive, citizens should raise their hands with their empty palms facing forward while complying with all police instructions. Citizens should never run toward police, make any sudden movements or reach for any items.

Report Suspicious Activity:

While the epidemic of active shooter events continues across America, unarmed citizens can play a vital role in deterring these violent acts and increasing survivability rates should an incident occur. Suspicious activity reporting can be reported to Delaware's Anti-Terrorism Tip Line by calling 1-800-FORCE-12, e-mailing force12@delaware.gov, or contacting local law enforcement agencies. Any emergency should always be immediately reported to 911. Click on: Report Suspicious Activity

With domestic and international terrorism threatening our homeland, there is a recognized need to gather and disseminate timely information regarding homeland security. To meet the need for communication and exchange of terrorist threat information to the public and Delaware's critical infrastructure, the Delaware State Police has established a comprehensive and easy to follow web site. The purpose of this web page is to allow citizens to provide tips about suspicious activity that may be related to terrorism and/or homeland security.

In order to provide the most useful information to law enforcement, you are urged to make the following observations when reporting a tip:

Who did you observe?

What did you see? (Be specific as possible)

Where did you see it?

When did you see it?

Why is it suspicious?

If the person is driving a vehicle, provide the vehicle's license plate, year, make, size and color.

If you prefer to remain anonymous, you can call us toll-free on the **Anti-Terrorism Tip Line at 1-800-FORCE-12 and speak to a Delaware State Police employee 24 hours a day, seven days a week.** The callers will not be required to identify themselves.

Violent Intruder Preparedness & Response Training Program

Since the tragic events at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999, "Active Shooter" has evolved into a household term. This single event radically changed school security and the law enforcement profession while also introducing American citizens to an entirely new epidemic of violence.

Unarmed American citizens can counter these mass casualty attacks by taking effective action with these simple steps. Recognizing pre-incident behaviors and preventing violent attacks is the best defensive strategy but not all violent attacks can be prevented. Therefore, organizations are encouraged to have emergency action plans, conduct training exercises and work with local law enforcement in seeking guidance to increase readiness levels. Citizens implementing the "Run, Hide, Fight" strategy may reduce casualty counts while increasing survivability rates during active shooter events.

Organizations frequently request law enforcement agencies to provide guidance on how to effectively prepare for active shooter events. The Violent Intruder Preparedness & Response (VIPR) training program is designed for unarmed citizens and built on the "Run, Hide, Fight" strategy that has been recognized as an industry standard. The VIPR training objectives are simple yet effective. The key concepts of the VIPR program are to 1) Increase situational awareness of active shooter events; 2) Encourage organizations to have

emergency action plans that are shared with employees and rehearsed; 3) Provide practical examples of barricading confined spaces and considerations for utilizing self-defense options; 4) Demonstrate basic emergency casualty care tactics for the injured. Through steadfast commitment to help Delawareans enhance readiness levels against mass violence, the VIPR training program will provide immeasurable benefits against violent threats for many years to come.

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VIOLENT INTRUDER PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

READINESS GUIDELINES

The basic components for preparing for and responding to Active Shooter Events include: Incorporate Active Shooter emergency response procedures in the organization's Emergency Action Plan and conduct associated training and exercises while considering the below referenced items:

1) Inform employees of preferred method for reporting emergencies and non-emergencies

2) Identify emergency escape routes, procedures and employee roles

3) Identify reasonable options for employees during an active shooter event

4) Emergency plans should include provisions for individuals with special needs or disabilities

5) Contact information for and responsibilities of persons to be contacted under the Emergency Action Plan

6) Emergency notification system to alert law enforcement, hospitals and persons at remote work sites within the area of the shooting

7) Conduct mock active shooter training exercises and table-top exercises

8) Incorporate Active Shooter emergency plans into organizational policy and update/review with staff regularly

9) Being sensitive to and aware of behaviors generally associated with those individuals who may become an active shooter so that, if possible, preventive assistance may be provided to those persons.

B) Certain pre-incident behaviors may be associated with Active Shooter Events; While not meant to be all inclusive, the below list of behaviors and events may be associated:

1) Increased use of alcohol and/or illegal drugs

2) Unexplained increase in absenteeism and alarming outbursts of rage

3) Recent job termination and the person has expressed violent intentions

4) Suicidal/Homicidal remarks

5) Sudden depression/withdrawal from society and colleagues

6) Increased severe mood swings and noticeably emotionally unbalanced

7) Sudden interests in weapons, violence and individuals associated with mass violence

8) Interest in and empathy for groups associated with violence and support of groups that encourage others to commit acts of mass violence

9) Expressions of unhealthy world views and statements of revenge

C) Report behaviors that may be attributed to mass violence:

1) Inform work supervisors, managers and/or human resources of alarming non-emergency behaviors in the workplace

2) Call 911 to report emergencies and criminal activity, including verbal threats, that are indicative of violence

3) Non-emergency Homeland Security threats and non-criminal suspicious behaviors attributed to mass violence should be reported to **1-800-FORCE-12 (Delaware's Anti-Terrorism tip line)**

II) Emergency responses to an active shooter event:

A) **RUN** (First preference and priority)

1) Have an escape route and plan in mind

2) Alert others quickly while determining escape route

3) Leave your belongings behind

4) If being targeted, run in a serpentine or zigzag motion

B) **HIDE** (Second preference and priority)

1) Utilize dense structure (cover) out of view from the shooter

2) Block entry to your hiding place, lock the doors and barricade yourself

3) Silence your cell phone

4) Call 911 only when safe to do so; not while in proximity to the shooter

C) **FIGHT** (Third preference and priority)

1) If confronted, and as a last resort when your life is in imminent danger,

attempt to incapacitate the shooter with physical aggression

2) Act with physical aggression to overcome shooter, utilize multiple people

when engaging with shooter, throw items at shooter to disable shooter’s

vision, utilize any available instrument to enhance your safety, fully

commit to your effort

III) When law enforcement arrives:

Remain calm and follow instructions from law enforcement officers:

1) Put down any items in your hands (i.e., cell phone, weapon, bags)

2) Raise hands, spread fingers and position palms facing officers

3) Keep hands visible at all times

4) Avoid quick movements toward officers, no pointing and screaming at police

B) Initial role of the on scene law enforcement officers is to stop the violence

1) Officers will pass by injured victims to engage with and neutralize threats

2) Rescue efforts and emergency medical care will be provided after law enforcement eliminates threats

The aforementioned material is provided to help organizations mitigate risk and increase readiness levels for episodes of mass violence. The information provided does not guarantee safety during episodes of mass violence; however, being prepared for violent episodes may reduce risk and increase

survivability rates.

For additional resources please visit the following websites:

U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Active Shooter website

http://www.dhs.gov/active-shooter-preparedness

FBI “Active Shooter” Website

https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/office-of-partner-engagement/active-shooter-incidents

FEMA Emergency Management Institute Active Shooter Independent Study Course

http://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=is-907

Anyone with 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-Milford

Milford– The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash involving a single vehicle that occurred earlier this morning in the town limits of Milford.

The incident occurred on Wednesday, December 26, 2018 at approximately 5:30 a.m. when a 2016 Kia Forte was traveling eastbound on Shawnee Road (SR 36) approaching the intersection of DuPont Boulevard (US 113). While traveling eastbound, the operator of the Kia failed to maintain his lane and exited the roadway. Shortly after exiting the roadway, the Kia re-entered Shawnee Road and continued traveling eastbound for a distance before exiting the roadway a second time where its front end collided with a utility pole.

The operator and sole occupant of the Kia, a 54-year-old male from Greenwood, was not wearing his seatbelt. He was transported to the Milford Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. His name is being withheld at this time

pending notification of next of kin.

Shawnee Road was closed between Calhoun Road and DuPont Boulevard for approximately 4 hours during the investigation and replacement of the utility pole.

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

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UPDATE-Victim Identified Troopers Investigating Fatal Hit and Run Pedestrian Crash-Wilmington

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police have identified Bryan K. Lott, 32, of Philadelphia, PA as the pedestrian who was struck and killed by a hit and run driver, at approximately 9:02 p.m., Monday, December 24, 2018, on DE Rt. 141 (Centre Rd.) just south of DE Rt. 48 (Lancaster Pike) in Wilmington.

Click on the following link to view the original release:

https://dsp.delaware.gov/2018/12/25/troopers-investigating-fatal-hit-run-pedestrian-crash-wilmington/

Anyone with information regarding the incident or the fleeing vehicle are asked to contact Cpl. J. Breen of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit at 302-365-8486.

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Troopers Investigating Fatal Hit and Run Pedestrian Crash-Wilmington

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal hit and run crash involving a pedestrian that took place Monday night.

The initial investigation has determined that at approximately 9:02 p.m., Monday, December 24, 2018, two pedestrians were walking northbound on DE Rt. 141 (Centre Rd.) within the right

turn lane, for DE Rt. 48 (Lancaster Pike). An unknown make and model vehicle traveling northbound on DE 141 in the right turn lane struck both pedestrians from behind, approximately 400' south of the intersection with DE 48.

One pedestrian, a 37 year old Wilmington man, was thrown into a ditch off the east side of the roadway. He was evaluated by EMS on scene and refused medical treatment.

The second pedestrian a 32 year old Philadelphia PA, was thrown into the roadway where he came to rest in the right thru lane of DE 141 northbound. He was transported to the Christiana Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Identification is pending notification of next of kin.

Both pedestrians were wearing all dark clothing without any reflective material.

Impairment on their behalf is undetermined at this time.

The fleeing vehicle could only be described as being dark gray in color and should be missing the passenger side mirror.

Northbound DE 141 south of DE 48 was closed for approximately 3 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

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Troopers Investigating Multiple Criminal Mischief Complaints-Sussex County

Sussex County– The Delaware State Police have handled numerous reports of criminal mischief to vehicles and residences, and are seeking the public's assistance.

The reports of criminal mischief began on Friday, December 21,

2018 and between Friday and Saturday, December 22, 2018, the State Police have handled eleven complaints in the Georgetown, Millsboro, Frankford, and Dagsboro areas. The suspects are using what appears to be white marbles fired with a slingshot or other projectile firing device. The suspect(s) are causing damage to house windows, car windows, and siding.

The State Police is asking anyone with information in reference to these incidences to please contact Troop 4, 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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