

Troopers Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash – New Castle

New Castle, Delaware – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash involving a pedestrian that took place last night.

The incident occurred at approximately 10:11 p.m., Friday, November 16, 2018, on southbound (U.S. 13) DuPont Parkway in the area of Jefferson Avenue, New Castle, Delaware.

A 1992 Dodge Dakota was traveling southbound on (U.S. 13) DuPont Parkway in the left lane in the area of Jefferson Avenue. A pedestrian was in the grass median attempting to cross the southbound lanes of (U.S. 13) from the east side of the roadway to the west side. The pedestrian crossed directly into the path of the Dodge Dakota. The driver attempted to swerve left to avoid the collision but was unable to miss the pedestrian. As a result the front right of the Dakota collided with the pedestrian. The Dodge Dakota came to a controlled stop on Stahl Avenue near the collision scene.

The pedestrian, a 39 year-old Newark woman, succumbed to her injuries prior to being transported to the Wilmington Hospital. The investigation determined that she was wearing dark clothing and not wearing any reflective clothing or carrying a flashlight. She was not at a marked crosswalk. Impairment on her behalf is unknown at this time. Identification is pending the notification of next of kin.

The driver, 42 year-old man of Newark, was properly restrained and not injured in the collision. There is no impairment on the part of the driver.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. The road in the area of the crash was closed for approximately two hours while the crash

Assistance in Locating Wanted Suspect- Middletown

Middletown, – The Delaware State Police is asking for the public's assistance in locating: **Johan Rodriguez, 34 of Dover**. He is wanted for fleeing from police, resisting arrest, criminal impersonation as well as numerous traffic charges. Rodriguez is also wanted for several capiases from family court as well as violation of probation. He is known to drive a blue Buick LaCrosse, Delaware registration 958589 and travel from Dover to Middletown.

The incident occurred on September 26, 2018 at approximately 3:39 p.m. when a traffic stop was initiated on a Buick LaCrosse (DE#958589) for speeding northbound on U.S. 13 in the area of Shannon Cove Boulevard east of Middletown. During the traffic stop it was learned the driver did not possess a driver's license and gave a false name. The driver drove off and fled at a high rate of speed squealing his tires and crossing two lanes of northbound traffic in a reckless manner. The driver then drove across the grassy median and into the southbound lanes of U.S. 13. Troopers activated emergency equipment and pursued the driver until the pursuit was called off for safety. Through investigative measures the driver was positively identified as Johan Rodriguez, 34 of Dover, Delaware. He is described as 5'05" tall approximately 150 lbs. with brown hair and brown eyes.

Troopers have been unable to locate Johan Rodriguez, who currently has active warrants out of Troop 9, Odessa for the following:

- Disregarding a Police Officer Signal
- Criminal Impersonation Impersonates Another to Obtain Benefit or Defraud
- Resisting Arrest
- Driving While Suspended or Revoked

- Reckless Driving
- Accelerate or Try to Accelerate to Cause Wheels to Spin or Slip on Road
- Speeding in Excess of Posted Limits
- Improper Lane Change
- Driving Vehicle at Unreasonable or Imprudent Speed
- Failure when Moving Right, Left or Turning to Signal Continuously
- Driving Across a Median

Prior to this incident, Johan Rodriguez was issued several active capiases from the New Castle County Superior Court, New Castle County Family Court and New Castle County Court of Common Pleas, Kent County Superior Court, Kent County Court of Common Pleas, and Kent County Family Court as well as a warrant from the Dover Police Department for Criminal Impersonation.

If anyone has information on the whereabouts of Johan Rodriguez, they are asked to please contact Troop 9, at 302-378-5749. 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 Join Forces with Belvedere Fire Fighters for Annual Christmas Toy Drive

Wilmington –Delaware State Police *Troop 6* has partnered with the *Belvedere Fire Company* to assist them with their annual Christmas toy drive that benefits local area children. Anytime between now and Wednesday, December 14, *new, unwrapped toys* can be dropped off at Troop 6, which is located at 3301 Kirkwood Highway, Prices Corner. The toys should be appropriate for children 6 months to 10 years of age.

Anyone with questions can contact the Belvedere Fire Company by calling 302-998-8021 or Troop 6 at 302-633-5000.

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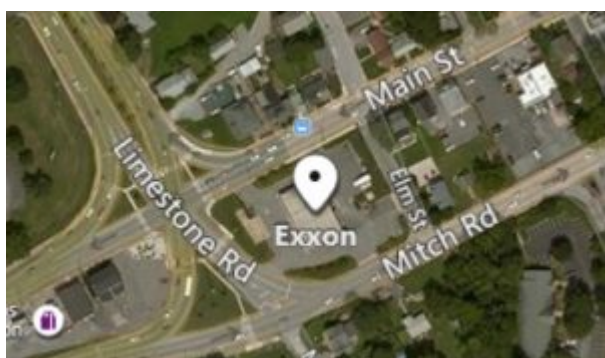
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Troopers Investigating Armed Robbery – Stanton



Stanton – The Delaware State Police are investigating an armed robbery that took place at a Stanton gas station, Thursday evening.

The incident occurred at approximately 7:54 p.m., Thursday, November 15, 2018 at the Exxon gas station located at 414 Main St., Stanton. A male suspect with his face concealed entered the business while brandishing a handgun, confronted an employee and customer at the sales counter, and demanded cash. The employee complied with the demand and turned over an undisclosed amount of cash to the suspect who then fled on

foot in an unknown direction. Neither the employee nor the customer were injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a black male, 5'9" tall, wearing all dark clothing to include a hood and cloth covering his face. He was in possession of a black, unknown make and model handgun.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

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

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Bear Man Arrested for Firing Handgun during Road Rage Incident – Middletown

Middletown – The Delaware State Police have arrested 23 year old Stanley L. Bates of Bear, for shooting at two vehicles during a road rage incident, early Thursday morning.

At approximately 12:12 a.m., Thursday, November 15, 2018 three acquaintances, who were driving separate vehicles, were traveling U.S. 13 northbound in the area of Port Penn Rd., in Middletown. A black Acura TL operated by Bates was tailgating one of the vehicles at which time words were exchanged from vehicle to vehicle, as they were in motion. All four vehicles then stopped at a red light on the ramp from U.S. 13 northbound to State Route 1 northbound. As the vehicles were stopped, one of the operators exited his vehicle and approached Bates at is driver's side door. As he approached, the window was rolled down and Bates pointed a handgun at him, at which time the male retreated to his vehicle. Bates then proceeded to drive on the left shoulder, passing the other two stopped vehicles, and as he passed, fired two rounds through his open passenger door window, striking each vehicle one time. The male who originally confronted Bates was able to

obtain Bates' tag number and contacted the police. None of the parties were injured as a result of the incident.

Troopers located Bates at his Bear area home where he was taken in to custody without incident. They also recovered a Ruger 9mm handgun which was confirmed to be the weapon used during the incident.

Bates was transported to Troop 2 where he was charged with 3 counts of Reckless Endangering 1st Degree, 1 count of Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Felony, and 2 counts of Criminal Mischief. He was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #11 and released on \$27,000.00 unsecured bail.

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Troopers Investigating Armed Robbery – New Castle



New Castle – The Delaware State Police are investigating the armed robbery of a New Castle area Burger King that took place Wednesday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 10:25 p.m., Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at the Burger King, located at 1530 N. DuPont Highway, in the area of Wilmington Manor. The suspect accessed the business through the drive thru window and confronted two employees in the manager's office. The suspect then displayed a handgun and demanded cash. The victims complied with the demand by turning over an undisclosed amount of cash to the suspect who then exited the business and was last seen on foot towards Boulden Blvd. Neither victim was injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a black male, 5'9"-5'10" tall, wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt, a dark cloth covering his face and in possession of a black and silver handgun.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

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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Troopers Investigating Attempted Robbery – North Wilmington



Wilmington (19803) – The Delaware State Police are investigating the attempted robbery of a North Wilmington Walgreen's that took place Wednesday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 8:36 p.m., Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at the Walgreen's pharmacy, located at 1601 Naaman's Rd., Wilmington. A male suspect approached an employee at the pharmacy counter and demanded a specific drug, while implying that he had a weapon in his waistband. The employee became alarmed and did not immediately comply with the demand, which caused the suspect to flee the business without obtaining any property. The employee was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect is described as a white male, 40-45 years of age, 5'10"-6'00", 155-160 lbs., wearing a blue hooded jacket, tan

pants with a cloth covering his face.

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.

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Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash – Cheswold

Cheswold, Delaware- The Delaware State Police have identified the name of the individual who was killed in a crash on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 on U.S. 13 North DuPont Highway at Jerome Drive south of Cheswold town limits as, John E. Lowman 3rd, 42 of Kenton, Delaware.

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

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Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash – Cheswold

Cheswold, Delaware- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash that occurred late last night.

The incident occurred on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at approximately 11:20 p.m. when a 2006 Ford F-150 was traveling northbound on U.S. 13 North DuPont Highway south of Cheswold, Delaware. The F-150 was in the right lane approaching the traffic light at Jerome Drive directly behind a Tour Bus. The Tour Bus was traveling northbound on North DuPont Highway in the right lane approaching the traffic light at Jerome Drive in front of the F-150. The bus was slowing for the red light and almost stopped when the F-150 drove into the rear of the bus in the right lane. The Tour bus continued northbound and stopped in the right lane just south of Jerome Driver. The F-150 pickup truck rotated slightly counterclockwise and stopped facing in a north easterly direction in the right lane behind the bus in the area of the impact.

The operator of the Ford F-150, a 42 year old male from Kenton, Delaware, was not wearing his seat-belt. He was pronounced deceased at the scene. Identification of the victim is pending notification of next of kin and extended family.

The operator of the Commercial Tour Bus, 47 year old male of New York was not injured in the collision. The bus was carrying four passengers traveling to Chinatown in New York City. None of the passengers were injured in the collision and were released from the scene.

U.S. 13 North DuPont Highway in the area of the crash was closed for approximately four hours while the investigation was completed and the roadway was cleared.

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Multi-Agency Crime Blitz Results in Mass Arrests

Wilmington/Claymont – A multi-agency operation conducted on Thursday, November 8, 2018, at targeted locations in the greater North Wilmington area has resulted in the arrest of 35 individuals on criminal charges.

This crime blitz focused on areas in North Wilmington and Claymont, to include Route 202, Philadelphia Pike, Governor Printz Blvd., and Lancaster Avenue. 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 35 individuals for either a criminal charge or outstanding capias, resulting in the clearance of 48 active warrants. Seized during the operation was 66.36 grams of PCP, 59.1 grams of Marijuana, 2.133 grams of Heroin, 6.7 grams of Crack Cocaine, 27 prescription pills, \$31,528.00 in suspected drug proceeds and an assortment of drug paraphernalia. In total 71 traffic arrests, 23 criminal arrests and 1 Felony DUI arrest occurred during the crime initiative.

Of significance was the arrest of 37 year old Morris J. Hudson, of New Castle, who as a result of a traffic stop conducted during the initiative, was found to be in possession of 66.36 grams of PCP, 37.65 grams of Marijuana, 6 Oxycodone pills and \$334.00 in suspected drug proceeds. Morris was charged with Possession with Intent to Deliver Marijuana, Possession of Marijuana, Possession with Intent to Deliver PCP, Possession of PCP, Possession of Oxycodone w/o Prescription and Speeding.

This initiative was a collaborative effort between the Delaware State Police, Governors Task Force, 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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