

Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash –Seaford

Seaford- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash involving a bicyclist that occurred last evening.

The incident occurred on Friday, November 2, 2018 at approximately 9:52 p.m. when a 2016 Dodge Ram pick-up truck was traveling northbound on Sussex Highway just north of Tharp Road in the right lane, directly across from Rommel Harley-Davidson. A bicyclist was traveling northbound on the northbound shoulder, just off the edge of the right travel lane. It appears that the truck drifted onto the shoulder and struck the rear of the bicycle. The impact caused the bicyclist to project forward and come to a final rest on the northbound shoulder.

The operator of the Dodge Ram, a 29-year-old male from Georgetown was properly restrained and was not injured. Impairment does not appear to be a factor on his behalf.

The bicyclist, a 56-year-old male from Greenwood was not wearing a helmet. He was transported to the Nanticoke Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Impairment on his behalf is undetermined at this time. Identification of the victim is pending notification of next of kin.

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

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Troopers Investigating Serious Crash- Frankford

Frankford- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a serious crash that occurred last evening.

The incident occurred on Thursday, November 1, 2018 at approximately 9:32 p.m. when a 1999 Pontiac Firebird was disabled with no lights and stopped in the southbound lane in an unlit area of Shell Station Road south of Hastings Road. After becoming disabled, the occupants called an acquaintance who was at a residence nearby to assist them. While waiting for assistance, the operator exited the vehicle and was standing along the edge of the road. The owner of the vehicle, who was originally a right front passenger also exited the vehicle and was attempting to work on and restart the vehicle. A third passenger remained in the vehicle and was seated in the rear seat.

A 2014 Mazda MZ3 left a residence north of the scene and began to travel southbound on Shell Station Road. As the Mazda approached, the operator failed to observe the Firebird disabled in the road and struck the rear of the vehicle and one of the occupants that was outside of the vehicle.

The operator of the Firebird, a 17 year-old male from Frankford, DE who was outside of the vehicle at the time of the crash was not injured.

The operator of the Mazda, a 19-year-old male from Millsboro, DE was transported to the Peninsula Regional Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries. He was not properly restrained and impairment appears to be a factor on his behalf.

The rear seat passenger in the Firebird, a 20 year-old female from Georgetown, DE was not properly restrained and was transported to the Peninsula Regional Medical Center and later transferred to the Baltimore Shock Trauma Center in serious condition.

The passenger who was outside of the Firebird, a 22-year-old male from Selbyville, DE was transported to the Christiana Hospital in serious condition.

The roadway was closed for approximately 3 hours while the investigation was conducted and the roadway was cleared. The crash continues to remain under investigation.

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Applications Being Accepted for Position of Cadet- Application Deadline January 5, 2019

The Delaware State Police is currently seeking qualified applicants for the 2019 Cadet Process.

The Cadet Program was established in 1998 under House Bill #478 during the 139th Session of the General Assembly, and enables eligible persons to obtain training and limited enforcement powers while being exposed to the various sections of the Delaware State Police. Since the inception of the program, several Cadets have gone on to be hired as Delaware State Troopers.

An individual applying should have the following qualifications, knowledge and abilities:

- Must be 18 to 21 years of age to apply and enter the Cadet program
- Must be a citizen of the United States and a Delaware Resident
- Must be currently enrolled in a Delaware accredited university or college in an undergraduate program (full-time or part-time).
- Must possess a valid driver's license
- Must maintain a good personal appearance and physical condition
- Must have a sincere interest in the position and a continuing interest in the law enforcement profession
- May remain employed with the Division as a Cadet while actively pursuing an undergraduate degree, either full or part time, up until their 24th birthday

- Cadets completing their undergraduate degree with an active application for Trooper on file with Human Resources prior to their graduation may remain a cadet until they complete that Cadet SOP one applicant process.

The primary function of the Cadet Program, under enabling legislation of House Bill 478, is:

- Enforcement of Handicapped Parking under Title 21, Chapter 41, Section 4183.
- Enforcement of Fire Lane Parking under Title 21, Chapter 70, Section 7004.
- Assisting with targeted enforcement efforts (i.e., red light enforcement).
- Assisting with traffic control at Division-sponsored events. (i.e., Delaware State Police graduations, promotional ceremonies, etc.)
- Assignment of various administrative tasks at troop/section level.

Cadets earn \$13.55/hour.

Interested persons should apply online via: www.jobapscloud.com/DSP. The deadline to apply is **Friday, January 5, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.** Any questions should be directed to the Recruitment Office at (302) 739-5980 or via email at dsprecruiting@delaware.gov.

Important Notice – Cadets are NOT Troopers, and are limited in the scope of enforcement as contained herein. Cadets are considered to be casual seasonal employees of the Division and thus are not entitled to benefits. Cadets will receive forty (40) hours of training at the Delaware State Police Training Academy prior to being assigned to a Troop.

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Troopers Make Arrest in Pair of Liquor Store Robberies

Wilmington – Delaware State Police detectives have arrested Cameron Pierce, 28, of Wilmington for a pair of armed liquor store robberies that occurred over the summer.

On July 26 and August 16, 2018 armed robberies were committed at Silverside Liquors, located at 1401 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington. In each incident a masked suspect entered the business brandishing a handgun and demanded money and alcohol.

Through various investigative leads and measures detectives developed Pierce as a suspect and were able to positively link him to both robberies. On October 31, 2018 he was taken in to custody without incident and transported to Troop 2, where he was charged with 2 counts each of Robbery 1st Degree and Wearing a Disguise during the Commission of a Felony. He was then arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court # 2 and committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in lieu of \$10,000.00 secured bail.

Click on the following links to view related releases:

<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2018/07/27/troopers-investigating-armed-robbery-of-north-wilmington-liquor-store/>

<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2018/08/17/troopers-investigating-armed-robbery-of-north-wilmington-liquor-store-2/>

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Troopers Investigate Shooting Incident-Seafood

Seafood– The Delaware State Police are investigating a shooting incident that occurred last evening.

The incident was reported on Monday, October 29, 2018 at approximately 11:29 p.m., when Troopers responded to the Nanticoke Memorial Hospital for a report of a victim being shot. Upon arrival, Troopers made contact with a 26-year-old male from Seafood. The victim advised that he was visiting a friend in the 24000 block of German Road and while he was standing in the front yard, he heard what appeared to be gun fire. The victim proceeded to take off running when he realized he had been shot in his lower extremity.

The victim transported himself to the hospital where he was treated and released with a non-life threatening injury. There is no suspect information at this time.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Troop 4 Major Crimes Unit, Detective R. Mills at 302-752-3800. 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
Tractor Trailer Crash – I-295**

New Castle



New Castle – The Delaware State Police are investigating a single vehicle crash involving a tractor trailer that occurred Sunday night on I-295.

The incident occurred at approximately 9:33 p.m., Sunday, October 28, 2018 on southbound I-295, just north of DE-141. A 2017 Freightliner tractor trailer, hauling approximately 35,000 pounds of produce, operated by a 37 year old male from Ellicott City Maryland, was traveling in the right lane when he swerved to avoid striking another vehicle. After avoiding the vehicle the tractor trailer continued to veer right, striking a guardrail. After impacting the guardrail the tractor trailer traveled off the roadway, and down an embankment where it came to rest. There were no other vehicles involved in the collision, and the operator of the tractor trailer was not injured.

Traffic on I-295 southbound is restricted to a single lane while repairs are done to the damaged section of guardrail.

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Michael Austin

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Troopers Investigating Serious Crash- Seaford

Seaford, Delaware— The Delaware State Police are investigating a serious crash that occurred yesterday afternoon.

The incident occurred on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at approximately 1:04 p.m. when troopers responded to Hastings Farm Road in the area of Old Furnace Road for a report of a motor vehicle collision. Upon arrival EMS units were attempting to remove the driver from a 2013 Chevrolet Traverse. It was reported the black SUV went off the road and struck a tree.

The vehicle was traveling west bound on Hastings Farm Road and exited the south side of the road and struck an electrical phone box with its front right bumper. The vehicle continued to travel in a south west direction and sideswiped a tree with its side and then rotated counterclockwise.

The operator of the 2013 Chevrolet Traverse, a 17 year old of Greenwood, was not wearing a seat-belt at the time of the collision. The driver was initially transported by ambulance to the Nanticoke Memorial Hospital in Seaford. He was later

transferred to the Chistiana Hospital due to his serious injuries. During the investigation, the trooper noticed an odor of marijuana coming from within the vehicle. In addition, EMS administered narcan to the driver.

The operator is facing the following charges; Driving Under the Influence-Drugs, Out of State Vehicle-Fail to have Insurance and Failure to Remain within a Single Lane.

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police. Hastings Farm Road in the area of the crash was closed while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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Sergeant Richard Bratz*

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***UPDATE #2- Victim Identified* Chestnut Hill Rd. Closed at Marrows Rd. Due to Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash – Newark**

Newark – The Delaware State Police are identifying Shadi Mabrouk, 64 of Wilmington as the operator of a Mazda M3, who was killed in a single vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 1:01 p.m., Friday, October 26, 2018 on E. Chestnut Hill Rd. (DE Rt. 4) in the area of Marrows Rd.

Click on the following links to view related releases:

<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2018/10/26/traffic-advisory-chestnut-hill-rd-closed-marrows-rd-due-serious-motor-vehicle-crash-newark/>

<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2018/10/26/update-crash-now-classified-as-fatal-chestnut-hill-rd-closed-at-marrows-rd-due-to-serious-motor-vehicle-crash-newark/>

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***Update #3 Name Released* Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash-Lewes**

Lewes- The Delaware State Police have identified the name of the individual who was killed in a crash on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at approximately 6:38 p.m., on John J. Williams Highway (SR 24) approaching the entrance of the Peddler's Village Shopping Center as 28-year-old **Christopher F. Keech** of Georgetown..

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

<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2018/10/26/update-2-driver-succumbs-injuries-troopers-investigating-crash-involving-moped-lewes/>

<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2018/10/24/update-troopers-investigating-serious-crash-involving-moped-lewes/>

<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2018/10/23/traffic-advisory-john-j-williams-hwy-harts-road-closed-due-serious-crash-lewes/>

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Multi-Agency Crime Blitz

Results in Mass Arrests

New Castle – A multi-agency operation conducted on Thursday, October 25, 2018, at targeted locations in the greater New Castle area has resulted in the arrest of 42 individuals on criminal charges.

This crime blitz focused on the Route 13/40 corridor as well as Rt. 9 (New Castle 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 44 individuals for either a criminal charge or outstanding capias, resulting in the clearance of 78 active warrants. Seized during the operation was a .45 Caliber handgun, 85.5 grams of Marijuana, 3.064 grams of Heroin, 17 grams of crack cocaine, \$720.00 in suspected drug proceeds, 8 prescription pills, and an assortment of drug paraphernalia. In total 57 traffic arrests, 41 criminal arrests, 11 prostitution arrests and 1 DUI arrest occurred during the crime initiative.

Two significant felonious arrests made during the operation were of Percy A. Skinner, 32, and Paul R. Anderson, 42, both of Wilmington.

Skinner was found to be in possession of 2 grams of raw heroin, 61 bags of heroin, 17 grams of crack cocaine and \$466 in suspected drug proceeds. He was charged with Possession of Heroin, Possession with Intent to Deliver Cocaine, Possession of Cocaine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Anderson was found to be in possession of a Springfield Armory .45 ACP and 13 rounds of ammunition, 4.1 grams of Marijuana and related paraphernalia. He was charged with Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon, Possession of a Firearm while Possessing Drugs and Possession of Marijuana

This initiative was a collaborative effort between the Delaware State Police, Governors Task Force, Probation and Parole, New Castle County 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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