

# **\*Update – Suspect Arrested\***

## **State Police Investigating Knifepoint Parking Lot Robbery at Kohl's in Wilmington**

Delaware State Police have arrested 45-year-old **Juan Carbajal** of Newark, Delaware, for a [knifepoint robbery](#) that occurred on Wednesday in Kohl's parking lot in Wilmington.

On August 20, 2025, at approximately 6:50 p.m., troopers responded to a report of a knifepoint robbery in the parking lot of Kohl's, located at 4437 Kirkwood Highway in Wilmington. The preliminary investigation revealed an unknown dark-skinned male suspect approached a woman, as she sat in her car, opened the door and demanded her property while pointing a knife at her. The victim complied, and the suspect fled in a white Dodge Ram pick-up truck towards Kirkwood Highway. The victim was not injured.

Through investigative means, detectives identified Juan Carbajal as the suspect in the robbery and obtained a warrant for his arrest.

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On August 21, 2025, Carbajal was arrested and taken to Troop 6. He was charged with the crimes listed below, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2, and committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on a \$50,000 cash bond.

- Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (Felony)
- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)

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# State Police Arrest Man for Fourth Offense DUI Following Traffic Stop in Clayton

Delaware State Police have arrested 40-year-old **Tarazs Abrams**, of Dover, Delaware, for his fourth offense DUI and multiple traffic violations following a traffic stop yesterday afternoon.

On August 21, 2025, at approximately 3:30 p.m., a trooper observed a Nissan Altima traveling westbound on Seven Hickories Road near White Tail Run at a high rate of speed. A registration check revealed the vehicle's license plate was fictitious. Before the trooper activated his emergency equipment, the car pulled over to the shoulder of the road.

The trooper contacted the driver, identified as Tarazs Abrams, who was unable to provide a driver's license or any vehicle documents. While speaking with Abrams, the trooper smelled an odor of alcoholic beverages and noticed signs of impairment. Abrams refused Standardized Field Sobriety Tests and was placed in the patrol car, where the odor of alcohol and marijuana became stronger.

A search of Abrams' car revealed several opened and unopened mini liquor bottles, marijuana residue, and drug paraphernalia. A computer inquiry confirmed that Abrams had three prior DUI-related convictions.

Abrams was taken to Troop 9, where the trooper obtained a search warrant for a blood draw. He was charged with the offenses listed below, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 7, and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on a

\$5,551 secured bond.

- 4<sup>th</sup> Offense Driving Under the Influence (Felony)
  - Driving While Suspended or Revoked
  - Failure to Have Required Insurance
  - Operation of an Unregistered Motor Vehicle
  - Fictitious or Canceled Registration Card, Plate, or Tag
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## **State Police Arrest New Castle Man on Felony Drug and Weapon Charges**

Delaware State Police have arrested 44-year-old **Kyrob Smith** of New Castle, Delaware, on multiple felony charges following an attempted traffic stop that led to a foot pursuit and the recovery of drugs and weapons.

On August 20, 2025, at approximately 11:00 p.m., a trooper observed a Chevrolet Malibu stopped at a red light on Northeast Boulevard in Wilmington with expired registration. As the vehicle turned left onto East 26<sup>th</sup> Street, the trooper activated his emergency equipment to initiate a traffic stop. The vehicle failed to stop and continued traveling until it reached the 1000 block of East 24<sup>th</sup> Street, where it finally came to a stop.

The driver, later identified as Kyrob Smith, exited the vehicle and fled on foot. The trooper gave multiple commands to stop, but Smith continued running and entered a residence later determined to belong to an acquaintance. The trooper pursued him into the residence and attempted to take him into

custody. Smith resisted arrest and repeatedly reached for his waistband. During the struggle, the trooper confirmed that Smith was armed with a firearm. Smith continued to resist and was eventually subdued with a Taser and taken into custody without further incident.

A loaded .40 caliber handgun was recovered from Smith. A search of the vehicle revealed a 12-gauge shotgun, additional ammunition, and approximately 45 doses of methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA), 30 grams of marijuana, and drug paraphernalia.

Smith was transported to Troop 1, where he was charged with the following offenses:

- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Possession of a Deadly Weapon by a Person Prohibited – 2 counts (Felony)
- Possession with Intent to Deliver Controlled Substance Tier 2 (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm or Ammunition by a Person Prohibited – 4 counts (Felony)
- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon – 2 counts (Felony)
- Possession of Controlled Substance Tier 2 (Felony)
- Resisting Arrest with Force (Felony)
- Disregarding a Police Officer Signal (Felony)
- Driving while Suspended or Revoked
- Failure to Have Required Insurance
- Operation of an Unregistered Vehicle

Smith was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 11 and committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on a \$40,850 secured bond.

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# Troopers Arrest Smyrna Man for 5th Offense Felony DUI Following Crash Investigation

Delaware State Police have arrested 53-year-old **Wesley Smith** of Smyrna, Delaware, for 5th offense felony DUI and other traffic offenses following a crash investigation yesterday in Middletown.

On August 20, 2025, at approximately 12:48 p.m., troopers responded to Summit Bridge Road near Churchtown Road for a personal injury vehicle crash. When troopers arrived, they learned that a Nissan Frontier, driven by Wesley Smith, was traveling southbound on Summit Bridge Road near Churchtown Road when it left the southbound lane and entered the northbound lane. The Nissan then re-entered the southbound lane of Summit Bridge Road and struck a Chevrolet Equinox, causing it to overturn.

The driver of the Chevrolet, a 35-year-old woman from Middletown, Delaware, was taken to an area hospital for non-life-threatening injuries.

While Smith was being treated by EMS, troopers observed signs of impairment, and he was taken to an area hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. When troopers contacted Smith at the hospital, he attempted to run away but was ultimately taken into custody. A computer check showed that Smith had four prior DUI-related convictions.

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Smith was taken to Troop 9, where he was charged with the crimes listed below, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2, and committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on a secured bond.

- 5<sup>th</sup> Offense DUI (Felony)
  - Vehicular Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree
  - Resisting Arrest
  - Several Traffic Violations
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## **\*Update – Victim Identified\***

# **State Police Investigating Fatal Two-Vehicle Crash Near Angola**

Delaware State Police have identified 68-year-old **Tracey Harden** of Lewes, Delaware, as the woman who died in the [fatal two-vehicle crash](#) on Tuesday near Angola.

The investigation remains ongoing. Anyone who witnessed the crash or has relevant information is asked to contact Master Corporal K. Argo at (302) 703-3264. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

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The suspect is described as an unknown dark-skinned male, approximately 5'6" tall, weighing approximately 150-160 pounds, wearing a ski-mask, dark-colored t-shirt, and dark pants. Surveillance video and images of the suspect are not available.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Robbery Unit continues to investigate this incident. Detectives are asking anyone with information about this case to contact Detective J. Dempsey by calling (302) 365-8472. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

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## State Police Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Hit and Run Crash Near Felton

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal pedestrian hit-and-run crash that occurred earlier this month near Felton.

On August 1, 2025, at approximately 9:19 p.m., a Ford Transit van was traveling westbound on Sandtown Road, approaching John Hurd Road. At the same time, a pedestrian was walking in the westbound lane of Sandtown Road, east of John Hurd Road. The preliminary investigation revealed that the Ford struck the pedestrian and continued westbound on Sandtown Road.

The pedestrian, identified as 36-year-old **Evan Young** from Centreville, Maryland, was taken to an area hospital with life-threatening injuries.

On August 2, 2025, as part of the ongoing investigation, troopers located the Ford Transit van and ultimately identified the driver as a 42-year-old man from Ellendale, Delaware.

On **August 16, 2025**, Young died as a result of his injuries.

The Delaware State Police Troop 3 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this incident and charges related to the crash are pending. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this crash or might have more information to contact Master Corporal J. Lane by calling (302) 698-8457. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

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## **Search Warrant in Selbyville Leads to Arrest for Gun and Drug Offenses**

Delaware State Police have arrested a 42-year-old **Troy Hudson** from Selbyville, Delaware, for felony drug and gun charges following a search warrant yesterday in Selbyville.

On August 19, 2025, members of the Sussex County Drug Unit, Sussex County Governor's Task Force, and Department of Correction – Probation and Parole, executed a search warrant at a residence on the 31000 block of Polly Branch Road in Selbyville. The search warrant was obtained following an

investigation of Troy Hudson for the distribution of illegal narcotics from the residence. During the search warrant, Hudson was detained in the residence. A child was also in the residence at the time.

A search of the residence led to the discovery of the following items:

- Approximately 91.22 grams of cocaine
- Approximately 52.66 grams of crack cocaine
- Approximately 9.78 grams of heroin
- 9mm handgun and ammunition
- .32 caliber handgun and ammunition
- Short double barrel shotgun
- 2 12-gauge shotguns
- 2 .40 caliber magazines and ammunition
- Digital scale
- Drug paraphernalia
- \$8,535.00 in suspected drug proceeds

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Hudson was arrested and taken to Troop 4, where he was charged with the crimes listed below, arraigned by Justice of the Peace 7, and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on a \$206,400 cash bond.



- Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance, Tier 3 (Felony) – 3 counts
  - Possession of a Controlled Substance, Tier 3 (Felony) – 3 counts
  - Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
  - Possession of a Firearm/Destructive Weapon if Previously Convicted of a Felony (Felony) – 5 counts
  - Possession of a Firearm or Ammunition by a Person Prohibited – Prior Violent Crime or Felony (Felony) – 3 counts
  - Endangering the Welfare of a Child by Committing a Drug Offense with a Child in the Dwelling
  - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
  - Unsafe Storage of a Firearm
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# State Police Arrest Woman for Stabbing Incident in New Castle

Delaware State Police Detectives have arrested 32-year-old **Tanekqua Stanford** of New Castle, Delaware for felony offenses following a stabbing incident that occurred in New Castle that left one man injured.

On August 18, 2025, at approximately 2:30 p.m., troopers responded to Best Knight Inn, located at 1200 West Avenue in New Castle, for a report of a stabbing. When troopers arrived, they learned that a male victim had been stabbed by a female suspect, later identified as Tanekqua Stanford. The victim was taken by ambulance to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The investigation revealed that while the victim was talking to Stanford and three other people, she removed a pocketknife from the victim's pocket. When the victim confronted her about returning the knife, she stabbed him in the arm. Stanford was located a short time later and taken into custody without incident.

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Stanford was arrested and taken to Troop 2, where she was charged with the crimes listed below, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2, and committed to Delores J. Baylor Women's Correctional Institution on a \$61,000 cash bond.

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Assault 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree – Recklessly or Intentionally Causes Physical Injury with a Weapon (Felony)
- Theft Under \$1,500

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# State Police Investigating Fatal Two-Vehicle Crash Near Angola

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal two-vehicle crash that occurred yesterday near Angola that left one woman dead.

On August 19, 2025, at approximately 1:55 p.m., a Honda CRV was traveling southbound on Harts Road, stopped at the stop sign at John J. Williams Highway. At the same time, a Freightliner Cascadia tractor and trailer was traveling westbound on John J. Williams Highway, approaching Harts Road. For reasons still under investigation, the Honda failed to remain stopped and proceeded to turn left, to travel eastbound on John J. Williams Highway, and entered the Freightliner's path of travel. As a result, the front of the Freightliner struck the driver's side of the Honda.

The left rear seat passenger in the Honda, a 68-year-old woman from Lewes, Delaware, was taken to an area hospital where she died. Her name is being withheld until her family is notified. The driver of the Honda, a 78-year-old man from Lewes, Delaware was taken to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The front seat passenger, a 36-year-old woman from Lewes, Delaware, was taken to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The right rear seat passenger, a 37-year-old woman from Jersey City, New Jersey, was taken to an area hospital with critical injuries.

The driver of the Freightliner, a 64-year-old man from Bowie, Maryland, refused transport to the hospital.

[John J. Williams Highway was closed](#) for an extended time while the scene was investigated and cleared.

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