

Troopers Investigating Crash with Submerged Vehicle – Becks Pond





Newark – The Delaware State Police are investigating a crash that occurred this morning in which a vehicle ended up submerged in Becks Pond.

The incident occurred at approximately 7:49 a.m., Sunday, September 2, 2018 on Salem Church Rd., in the area of Becks Pond, Newark. A 2009 Nissan Sentra operated by a 28 year old Newark woman was proceeding Salem Church Rd., southbound, south of Spruce Dr., when she failed to negotiate a curve on the wet roadway, resulting in her traveling off the right side of the road. After leaving the roadway the vehicle continued to travel in a southwest direction, through a yard and fence of a private residence before coming to rest, submerged in Becks Pond. The driver and a rear seat passenger were able to exit the vehicle under their own power. The driver sustained a minor injury to her hand while exiting the vehicle, the passenger was uninjured. The driver was ticketed for Failure to Drive at a Speed Appropriate for Conditions.

Members of the Delaware State Police SCUBA team responded to the scene to assist with the recovery of the vehicle.

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Homeless Sex Offender Notification

Dover– The following are not wanted. These are Homeless Sex Offender Public Notifications. If you have information that any of the listed subjects are occupying a residence, please call 302-672-5306. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>.

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Wanted Sex Offenders

Dover, DE- The Delaware State Police Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration Unit (S.O.A.R) is currently looking for the following wanted sex offenders after they either failed to register or re-register their current address. If anyone knows the location of these subjects, they are asked to call 302-672-5306. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com/>

This offender is currently wanted for charges that may or may not be related to sex offenses.
If you have any information concerning this offender, please contact your local law enforcement agency.

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Registration Information	
Risk Level:	Tier 3 (High Risk)
Verified On:	March 13, 2018
Registered Since:	June 15, 2007
In Prison:	No
Convicted Out of State:	No
Repeat Offender:	Yes

Police Agency of Jurisdiction	
Police Agency:	TROOP 3 STATE POLICE
Address:	3759 SOUTH STATE STREET CAMDEN, DE 19934
Phone:	3026974454

Identification Information			
Birth Date:	October 29, 1968 (age 49)	Height:	5' 7"
Gender:	Male	Weight:	150 lbs.
Race:	Black/African American	Eye Color:	Brown
Skin Color:	DARK BROWN	Hair Color:	BROWN

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Troopers Offer Safety Tips For Navigating Rain Storms and Flooded Roadways



As a result of today's scattered severe thunderstorms and localized flooding, the Delaware State Police would like to offer the following safety tips for operating a motor vehicle in a rain storm or on water covered roadways.

Drive a clean car in good condition

When visibility is limited by wet weather, it's important that your car itself doesn't impede your sight. Once a month, clean the outsides and insides of windshields and windows, and check your windshield wiper blades for wear. Check the level of your washer fluid once a week.

Routinely perform a quick check of headlights, taillights, turn signals and tire treads before driving the car for the first time each day.

Know the roads

Take a moment to consider your route. If it takes you through low-lying bridge underpasses or past ditches prone to flooding choose an alternate route of travel.

Utilize headlights but not high beams

Though many newer cars come with automatic running lights, turn on the actual headlights when using your windshield wipers so your taillights come on as well. The idea behind having headlights is so the other drivers can see you. When you turn your headlights on and your tail lights come on, you identify all four corners of the vehicle.

You don't, however, need to flip on your high beams; the brighter light will just reflect off wet surfaces, bouncing back into your eyes and irritating other drivers.

Slow down!

Leave at least five seconds of following distance between your own car and the one in front, and don't feel pressure to drive the posted speed limit. The speed listed on the side of the highway is the maximum speed for perfect weather and perfect road conditions, so if the road is wet, it could be too fast for existing conditions.

And remember: never use cruise control on wet roads. If you hydroplane under cruise control, the automatic acceleration can cause you to lose control of your vehicle when your tires regain traction.

Steer where you want to go

If you're going too fast and end up hydroplaning turn the wheel in the direction you want to go—and don't be afraid if you don't steer out of the skid on the first try. It may take three to five adjustments to get back on course.

Hold off on unnecessary trips

It's one thing if you need to get home to your children or you're already on the road, but otherwise, ask yourself if it is imperative to drive right now. Just as you would stay off the roads in heavy snow, it's OK to stay home in heavy rain.

Flood Safety Tips

Floods can occur anywhere, with floodwaters rising gradually or flash floods striking suddenly. Most flood fatalities happen because people try to drive through deadly waters rather than avoid them. Water's powerful force can easily overtake vehicles caught in a flood. Follow these tips to stay safe in your car during a flood.

Pay attention to barricades.

Don't ignore them by driving past them.

Do not drive through standing water on roads or in parking lots.

The average automobile can be swept off the road in 12 inches of moving water, and roads covered by water are prone to collapse. Attempting to drive through water also may stall your engine, with the potential to cause irreparable damage if you try to restart the engine. If you come upon a flooded street, take an alternate route.

Take extra precautions if you're forced to drive through water.

If no alternate route exists and you have no other reasonable alternative but to drive through standing water.

- Do your best to estimate the depth of the water (if other cars are driving through, take note of how deep the water is).
- Drive slowly and steadily through the water.

- Avoid driving in water that downed electrical or power lines have fallen in – electric current passes through water easily.
- Watch for items traveling downstream – they can trap or crush you if you're in their path.
- If you have driven through water up to the wheel rims or higher, test your brakes on a clear patch of road at low speed. If they are wet and not stopping the vehicle as they should, dry them by pressing gently on the brake pedal with your left foot while maintaining speed with your right foot.
- Stay off the telephone unless you must report severe injuries.
- If your vehicle stalls in the deep water, you may need to restart the engine to make it to safety. Keep in mind that restarting may cause irreparable damage to the engine.
- If you can't restart your vehicle and you become trapped in rising water, immediately abandon it for higher ground. Try to open the door or roll down the window to get out of the vehicle. If you are unable to get out safely, call 911 or get the attention of a passerby or someone standing on higher ground so that they may call for help.

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Troopers Arrest Wrong Way Driver for 5th Offense DUI

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police have arrested David Brower, 33 of Hockessin for his 5th DUI after he was involved in a wrong way crash on Limestone Rd. late Wednesday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 10:09 p.m. on Limestone Rd. in the area of Milltown Rd., Wilmington. Brower, who was operating a 2012 Subaru Impreza was traveling northbound in the southbound lanes of Limestone Rd. when he struck a 2010 Acura TSX operated by a 21 year old Bear man. Responding Troopers were able to take Brower in to custody as he attempted to flee the scene of the crash. Upon making contact with Brower, Troopers could detect a strong odor of alcohol at which time they initiated a DUI investigation. The investigation determined that Brower was under the influence of alcohol and a computer check further revealed that he had 4 prior DUI convictions.

Brower was charged with a total of 13 traffic violations to include 5th Offense DUI, Leaving the Scene of an Accident, Failure to Report an Accident, Failure to Report a DUI Related Accident, Driving Suspended, Careless Driving, Driving the Wrong Way, No Left Turn, Fail to Remain in Single Lane, Driving Across a Median (2 counts), No Proof of Insurance, No Proof of Registration.

Brower was admitted to the Christiana Hospital for medical evaluation. Upon discharge from the hospital Brower was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #2 and subsequently committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in lieu of \$7,109.00 secured bail.

The operator of the Acura was not injured as a result of the crash.

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Statewide DUI Enforcement Checkpoints Take Aim to Reduce DUI-Related Crashes

and Fatalities

Delaware – The Delaware State Police and the Office of Highway Safety in partnership with local law enforcement agencies are committed to improving the safety of Delaware's motoring public. As a result, CheckPoint StrikeForce will be conducted on Saturday, September 1, 2018 at locations throughout the state.

Law enforcement officers from across Delaware will assemble at locations in all three counties to conduct statewide impaired driving checkpoints. The focus will be on behavioral traffic safety issues such as impaired driving, seat belt use, speeding, child passenger safety, pedestrian and bicycle safety, motorcycle safety, and teen driving issues.

Drug Recognition Experts (DREs), law enforcement officers trained in detecting drug impaired drivers, will be on hand at the checkpoints to identify drivers impaired by illegal and prescription drugs as well. Please ensure that you plan ahead and find a safe ride home!

To continue its mission of saving lives by enhancing highway safety, the Delaware Office of Highway Safety will be implementing several countermeasures to combat impaired driving. (A DUI arrest can set you back an average of \$10,000 in attorney fees, fines, court costs, lost time at work, higher insurance rates, car towing and repairs, and more. It could also result in the loss of your license and possibly even your job.)

On Saturday, September 1st, police will be out in full force in Delaware as part of the "CheckPoint StrikeForce" deployment. Three sobriety check points, one in each county, will be conducted at the following locations:

1. New Castle County: U.S. Rt. 40 (Pulaski Hwy.), Newark
2. Kent County: State Rt. 10, Dover

3. Sussex County: State Rt. 54, Selbyville

During the 2017 Labor Day holiday weekend, from September 1st-4th, 12 DUI related crashes were investigated, one of which resulted in a fatality. There were also a total of 83 arrests made statewide for DUI.

If you celebrate the unofficial end of summer and choose to drink and drive during this Labor Day holiday weekend, in addition to jeopardizing the safety of you and other motorists, you could very well be jeopardizing your current job status as well as future employability. Think of those people that you care about, and who care about you, before deciding to get behind the wheel. One bad decision can have permanent ramifications.

For more information, please visit ohs.delaware.gov and www.arrivealivede.com/Drive-Sober.

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Troopers Arrest Maryland Man for Drug and Weapon Charges

Bridgeville— The Delaware State Police have arrested a Federalsburg, MD man for drug and weapon charges after he was found to be driving under the influence.

The incident occurred on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at approximately 11:23 p.m. when Troopers were dispatched to the intersection of Evans Drive and Iris Field Lane in reference to a check on the welfare complaint. Upon arrival, Troopers located a black Hunyadi Electra, stopped in the middle of the intersection, with front end damage, and the driver passed out behind the wheel. Contact was made with the driver, identified as 19 year-old **Gregory A. Dukes**, and an odor of marijuana was detected.

Further investigation revealed that the Electra was traveling southbound on Sussex Highway, when it exited the roadway and struck a ditch. The vehicle re-entered the roadway where it eventually came to a stop at the intersection of Evans Drive and Iris Field Lane.

A DUI investigation ensued and Dukes was taken into custody. A search of his person yielded drug paraphernalia. A search of the vehicle yielded approximately 1.4 grams of marijuana, six 1mg. Alprazolam pills, a .22 caliber revolver, a .22 caliber long rifle, ammunition, and drug paraphernalia.

Dukes was transported back to Troop 5 where he was charged with the following:

- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon (2 counts)

- Possession of Marijuana
- Possession of a Firearm while under the influence (2 counts)
- Possess/Consume a Controlled or Counterfeit Substance
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (2 counts)
- Leaving the Scene of Property Collision Accident
- Failure to Provide Information At Collision Scene
- Driving a Vehicle Under the Influence of Drug

Dukes was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on \$12,900.00 secured bond.

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Troopers Arrest Bridgeville Man After Pursuit

Bridgeville- The Delaware State Police have arrested a Bridgeville man after a pursuit led to the recovery of a stolen ATV.

The incident occurred on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at approximately 1:03 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the 21000 block of Mill Park Drive for reports of an off road vehicle driving on the roadway and causing a disturbance. Upon arrival to the area, Troopers observed a black ATV. As Troopers began to approach the ATV, the driver made a U-turn and began to flee. A vehicle pursuit ensued and the ATV drove off the roadway and into a field where it struck a tree. The operator jumped off the ATV and began to flee on foot. After a brief foot pursuit, the suspect was taken into custody and identified as 24-year-old **Tijere M. Baldwin**.

Further investigation revealed that the Honda ATV was reported stolen out of the Wicomico County Sheriff's Office.

Baldwin was transported back to Troop 5 where he was charged with the following:

- Receiving Stolen Property Value Over \$1500 (Felony)
- Disregarding a Police Officer Signal (Felony)
- Resisting Arrest
- Illegal Operation of an Off Highway Vehicle
- Operating an Off Highway Vehicle on Private Property
- Operating an Off-Highway Vehicle At an Excessive Rate of Speed
- Other traffic related offenses

Baldwin was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on \$4,007.00 secured bond.

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**Troopers Investigating
Shooting- Greenwood**



Greenwood– The Delaware State Police are investigating a shooting that occurred late last evening.

On Thursday, August 30, 2018, at approximately 1:52 a.m., Troopers responded to the 100 block of Unity Lane, for a late-reported shooting. Upon arrival, Troopers learned that a 55-year-old male had been shot in his lower extremity, on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 sometime between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Further investigation revealed that the victim was outside of his residence when he heard a female screaming near an abandoned house. The victim indicated that he walked towards the screaming when he observed it to be coming from inside of a dark colored pick-up truck. The truck was parked in a driveway of an abandoned house on Unity Lane. The victim approached the vehicle to check on the occupants when someone from inside the truck fired a single gunshot.

The victim returned to his residence where he later realized he had been shot. The victim was transported to a local area hospital where he is being treated for a single gun shot

wound.

This incident remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Criminal Investigations Unit. If anyone has any information in reference to this incident, they are asked to please contact Troop 3, Detective D. Blomquist at 302-698-8426. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of 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.

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***UPDATE 3* Search Warrants Lead to Multiple Drug and Weapon Arrests**

Harbeson/Milton- The Delaware State Police have arrested two suspects in connection with illegal drug activity.

On Tuesday, August 28, 2018, members of the Sussex County Drug Unit and Governor's Task Force concluded a three week long drug investigation. The Delaware State Police executed two search warrants at residences in the 22000 block of Harbeson Road and 28000 block of West Springside Drive.

Upon the execution of the search warrant at the residence on Harbeson Road, three subjects were located inside. Two of the subjects were taken into custody without incident. While in the process of the third subject, 50-year-old **Robert Knox**, being taken into custody, he proceeded to obtain a handgun that was in arms reach. A struggle over the weapon ensued which led to two Troopers discharging their divisionally issued handgun.

Robert Knox was transported to the Beebe Medical Center where he succumbed to his injuries.

The following items were seized from the residence:

- a loaded .22 caliber handgun, Ruger 9mm, Smith and Wesson 9mm, US Revolver .38 caliber handgun
- 815.82 grams of powder cocaine
- 51.93 grams of crack cocaine

- 1196.95 grams of marijuana
- 68.25 grams of crystal methamphetamine
- over \$23,000 in suspected drug proceeds
- various prescription pills
- various ammunition

Andrew Knox, 82, was taken into custody and transported back to Troop 4 where he was charged with Possession of a Firearm or Ammunition by a Person Prohibited Prior Violent Crime or Felony and Maintaining a Drug Property. He was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and released on \$13,000.00 unsecured bond.

The other occupant in the residence has not been charged at this time.

Upon the execution of the search warrant at the residence on West Springside Drive, one subject was located inside and taken into custody without incident.

The following items were seized from the residence:

- over \$24,000 in suspected drug proceeds
- 24.99 grams of crack cocaine
- 395.66 grams of marijuana
- a loaded Smith and Wesson .44 Magnum

Andrew Ayers, 54, was taken into custody and transported back to Troop 4 where he was charged with the following:

- Manufactures, delivers, or possesses with intent to deliver a controlled substance in a Tier 4 quantity
- Possession of a Firearm/Destructive Weapon If Previously Convicted of A Violent Felony
- Possession of a Firearm or Ammunition by a Person Prohibited Prior Violent Crime or Felony
- Possesses with intent to manufacture, deliver a controlled substance

- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Ayers was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on \$100,200.00 secured bond.

This case continues to remain under investigation.

[*UPDATE 2* Trooper Involved Shooting with Suspect Fatally Wounded-Harbeson](#)

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