

***Public's
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Investigating
Crash – Stanton**

**Assistance
Troopers
Pedestrian**



Jose Angel

Stanton – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a crash involving a pedestrian that occurred at approximately 9:39 p.m., Tuesday, August 7, 2018, on DE Rt. 4 eastbound, east of Chestnut St., Stanton.

The pedestrian has been identified as Jose Angel, 39, of Wilmington, however investigators have been unable to locate or contact any family or friends of Jose in order to make proper notification.

Anyone who has an association with Jose or who may be able to provide information is asked to contact Cpl. J. Breen of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8486.

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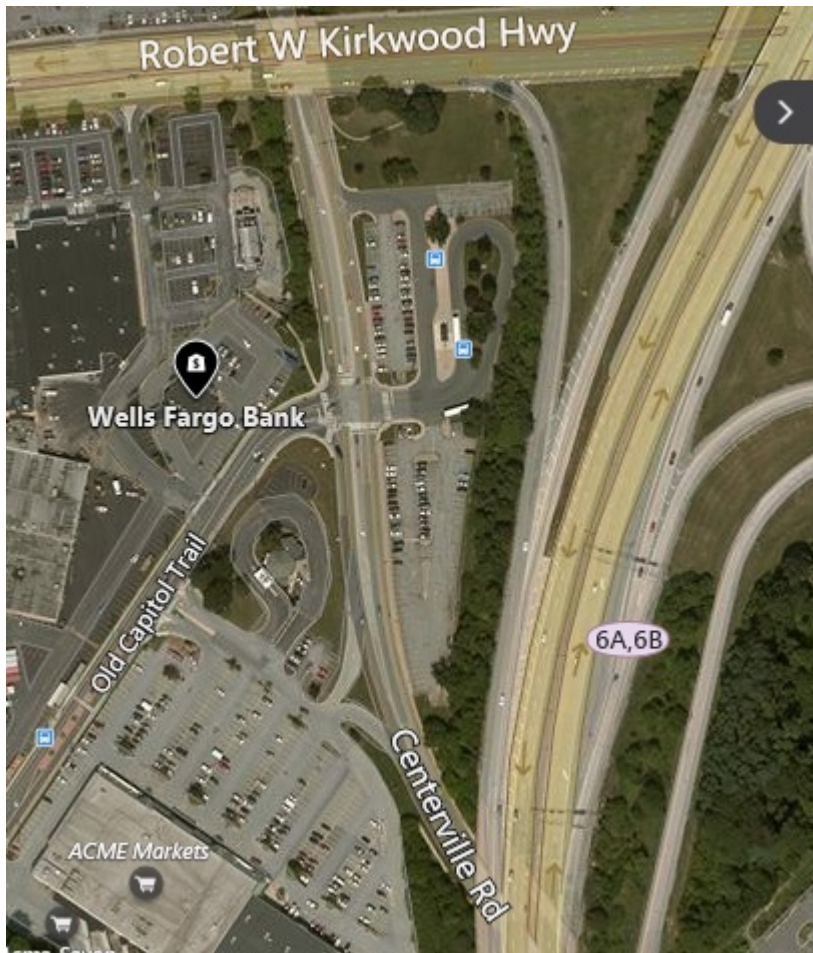
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Troopers Investigating Prices Corner Bank Robbery



Wilmington (19808) – The Delaware State Police are investigating a bank robbery that took place at the Prices Corner Wells Fargo branch, Thursday afternoon.

The incident occurred at approximately 4:05 p.m., Thursday, August 9, 2018 at the Wells Fargo bank, located at 3215 Old Capitol Trail, Wilmington. The suspect approached an employee at the teller window and presented a demand note, instructing her to turn over money or she would be physically harmed. The employee complied with the demand by turning over an undisclosed amount money to the suspect, who then exited the bank. The suspect was last being seen fleeing eastbound from the bank on foot. The employee was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a black male with a dark complexion, 20-30 years of age, 6'1", with a thin build.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact the Troop 2 Robbery Unit at 302-365-8566.

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Troopers Investigating Report of Police Impersonator

Wilmington (19809) – The Delaware State Police are investigating the report of a police impersonator who performed a traffic stop on a female driver in late July.

The incident, which was not immediately reported, occurred at approximately 9:00 p.m., Saturday, July 14, 2018 in the 500 block of Marsh Rd., Wilmington. The victim, a 26 year old Newark woman advised that she was driving northbound on Marsh Rd., just south of Washington St., when she saw a vehicle with flashing blue lights directly behind her. After observing the lights she immediately pulled on to the right shoulder and came to a stop, at which time the trailing vehicle came to a stop directly behind her. A subject then exited the vehicle and approached the victim at her driver's side window. The subject began asking her why she was in the area and accused her of having drugs in her vehicle. The subject then opened the driver's door, removed the victim from the vehicle and proceeded to frisk her, allegedly for drugs. The subject then did a search of the interior of the victim's vehicle. After finishing the search he returned to his vehicle and fled the scene. The victim was not injured during the incident and no property was taken from her or the vehicle.

The suspect, who did not identify himself or claim to be with any agency, was described as a black male, bald head, with a muscular build, wearing a dark blue uniform, with a yellow stripe down each pant leg. The suspect vehicle was described as a dark blue SUV with an all blue light bar on the roof and no other markings or signage.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Cpl. D. Hudak at Troop 1 by calling 302-660-4300. 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>

The Delaware State Police State would like to advise motorists who are being pulled over by a person in an unmarked vehicle or who believe may not be a police officer to follow a few safety tips:

- Put on your flashers, drive the speed limit and call 911 from your cell phone. Tell the 911 dispatcher that you are concerned. If you do not have a cell phone, drive to a well-lit, busy area, such as the parking lot of a busy store.
- Do not stop your vehicle or get out of your vehicle until a dispatcher can confirm you are being pulled over by a legitimate police officer.
- If the dispatcher cannot confirm that you are being pulled over by a police officer, stay on the line with the dispatcher. Drive carefully to a safe place, such as a local police department.
- If you are issued documents that may be suspicious, contact the issuing agency about their legitimacy.
- Report anything that you believe to be suspicious or just does not seem right.
- Trust Your Gut
- See Something – Say Something

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Troopers Arrest Suspect for Assault on Law Enforcement Officers - Smyrna

Smyrna— The Delaware State Police have arrested a Smyrna man after a traffic stop led to an assault on two Law Enforcement Officers.

The incident occurred on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at approximately 8:25 p.m., when members of the of the Kent County Governor's Task Force conducted a traffic stop on a white Honda Accord that was traveling northbound on Dupont Parkway (SR 13), south of Smyrna Landing Road. It was known to Troopers, that the driver, identified as 38-year-old **James Mayer** had an active warrant in reference to a drug investigation.

As Troopers attempted to place Mayer into custody, he began to resist. The Trooper deployed his TASER at which time Mayer was able to be detained. During the struggle with Mayer, two Troopers sustained minor injuries. One Trooper responded to the Bayhealth Kent General Hospital where he was treated and released. The second Trooper declined medical treatment.

During this incident Mayer was found to be in possession of 54.67 grams of crack cocaine and 17 Oxycodone pills. Mayer was transported back to Troop 3 where he was charged with the following:

- Possession of a controlled substance in a Tier 5 quantity
- Manufactures, delivers, or possesses with intent to deliver a controlled substance in a Tier 4 quantity
- Assault 2nd injure a Law Enforcement Officer (2 counts)
- Resisting Arrest
- Possession of a Controlled or Counterfeit Substance
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Mayer was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 11, for his active warrant on drug related charges and current charges. He was committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on \$120,000.00 secured bond.

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Troopers Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash – Stanton



Stanton – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash involving a pedestrian that took place Tuesday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 9:39 p.m., Tuesday, August 7, 2018, on DE Rt. 4 eastbound, east of Chestnut St., Stanton. A 2010 Honda Accord, operated by a 37 year old Drexel Hill, PA man, was traveling eastbound on Rt. 4 in the right lane, east of Chestnut St. A pedestrian, who was initially on the right shoulder of Rt. 4, entered into the right lane of travel, directly into the path of the Accord at which time he was struck by the front right end of the vehicle and thrown onto the windshield, before coming to rest in the roadway. The Accord was brought to a controlled stop and remained at the scene.

The pedestrian, a 39 year old Wilmington man, was transported to the Christiana Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. The initial investigation determined that he was not wearing any reflective clothing, not carrying a flashlight and not utilizing a marked crosswalk. Impairment on his behalf is

unknown at this time. Identification is pending the notification of next of kin.

The operator of the Accord was properly restrained and did not sustain any injuries. Impairment on his behalf is not a factor in the crash.

DE Rt. 4 eastbound was closed for approximately 2 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Cpl. J. Breen of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8486.

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Troopers Arrest Three Suspects for Burglary- Georgetown

Georgetown- The Delaware State Police have arrested three suspects in connection with a burglary that occurred in late July 2018.

The incident occurred on July 21, 2018, at approximately 5:27 a.m., when Troopers were dispatched to Old Furnace Road for a report of a burglary. Upon arrival, contact was made with a 95-year-old female victim who advised she was awoken in the middle of the night by a person standing in the doorway to her bedroom. As the victim proceeded out of her bedroom, she encountered a second suspect and both immediately fled.

Further investigation revealed that several items were missing from her residence. It was discovered that the suspects had entered the victim's residence by prying open a window on the screen in porch, causing damage to the screen and frame. The suspects removed two rifles, a set of spoons, the victim's credit and debit cards, a jar of change, a jewelry box with assorted jewelry, and her emergency medical alert transponder.

Through investigative measures, Troopers were able to identify, three suspects, 27-year-old **Ethan A. Mulford** of Seaford, 27-year-old **Mark J. Smith Jr.** of Georgetown, and 32-year-old **Matthew R. King Jr.** of Laurel.

On Tuesday, August 7, 2018 **Ethan Mulford** responded to Troop 4 where he turned himself in without incident and was charged with the following:

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony
- Burglary First Degree
- Possession or Control of a Firearm or Ammunition by a Person Prohibited
- Possession of Burglar Tools
- Theft of a Firearm (2 counts)
- Theft Under \$1500 Where a Victim is 62 Years of Age or Older
- Conspiracy Second Degree
- Theft By False Pretense
- Falsifying Business Records
- Selling Stolen Property
- Criminal Mischief

Mulford was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on \$106,100.00 secured bond.

On Tuesday, August 7, 2018, **Mark J. Smith Jr.** was taken into custody at his residence on Old Furnace Road without incident. Smith was transported to Troop 4 where he was charged with the following:

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony
- Burglary First Degree
- Possession of Burglar Tools
- Theft of a Firearm (2 counts)
- Theft Under \$1500 Where a Victim is 62 Years of Age or Older
- Conspiracy Second Degree
- Theft By False Pretense

- Falsifying Business Records
- Selling Stolen Property
- Criminal Mischief

Smith was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on \$14,200.00 secured bond.

On Tuesday, August 7, 2018, **Matthew R. King Jr.** was taken into custody at his residence on Oak Street in Laurel without incident. He was transported back to Troop 4 where he was charged with the following:

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony
- Burglary First Degree
- Possession or Control of a Firearm or Ammunition by a Person Prohibited
- Possession of Burglar Tools
- Theft of a Firearm (2 counts)
- Theft Under \$1500 Where a Victim is 62 Years of Age or Older
- Conspiracy Second Degree
- Criminal Mischief Under \$1000

King was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on \$103,100.00 cash only bond.

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Troopers Seek Public's Assistance in Locating Wanted Subject

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police are requesting assistance in locating **Christan K. Washington, 35, of Wilmington**, who is wanted on Stalking and Terroristic Threatening charges.

Washington is wanted in connection with an alleged domestic incident that occurred on consecutive days, Monday, August 6th and Tuesday, August 7th, 2018 when he repeatedly contacted, followed and made threatening statements to an ex-girlfriend.

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Washington are asked to contact Detective H. Carroll of the Troop 2 Major Crimes Unit by calling 302-365-8467 or by calling 911.

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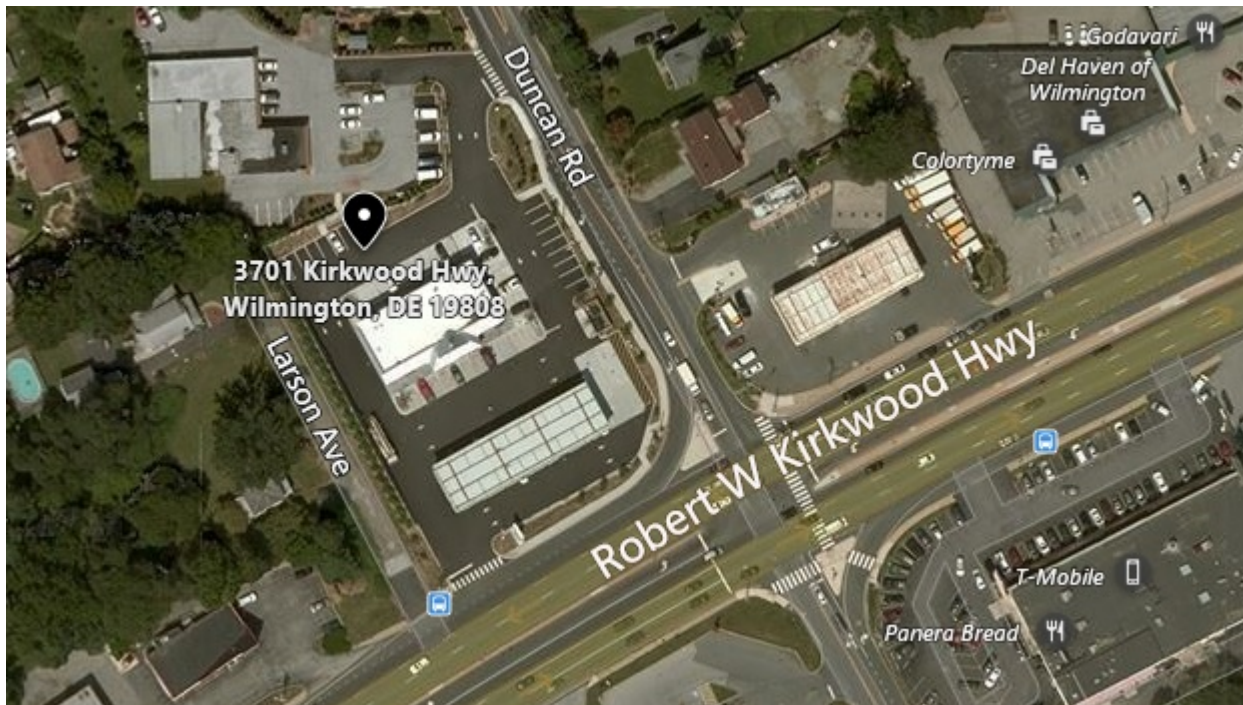
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**Troopers Investigating Royal
Farms Armed Robbery –
Wilmington**



Wilmington (19808) – The Delaware State Police are currently investigating the armed robbery of a Wilmington area Royal Farms that took place early Sunday morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 1:30 a.m., Sunday, August 5, 2018 at the Royal Farms, located at 3701 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington. A suspect armed with a handgun, entered the store via the rear entrance doors and confronted an employee and five patrons at the sales counter. The suspect proceeded to order all of the patrons to get down on the floor, striking one of them in the head with the handgun in the process. The suspect then ordered the employee to turn over all the money from the register while pointing the gun directly at him. As the employee was gathering the money the suspect grew impatient and pulled the trigger, however the weapon did not fire. The employee ultimately turned over an undisclosed amount of cash to the suspect who then fled through the rear doors of the business. The patron who was initially struck by the suspect was the only subject injured during the incident however medical treatment was declined.

The suspect was described as a black male, 6'0"-6'2", 150-170 lbs., thin build, wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt, black

pants, with a white cloth covering his face and in possession of a black, unknown make and model handgun

No surveillance images are available at this time.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Troop 2 Robbery Unit at 302-365-8566.

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Troopers Investigating Robbery at New Castle Area Motel



New Castle (19720) – The Delaware State Police are currently investigating an incident at a New Castle area motel in which the victim was pistol whipped and robbed.

The incident occurred at approximately 12:16 p.m., Sunday, August 5, 2018 at the Best Knight Inn located at 1200 West Avenue, New Castle. A 30 year old Claymont man was on a second floor balcony of the motel when he was confronted by a suspect who was armed with a handgun. The suspect proceeded to strike the victim in the head and face with the handgun and then took an undisclosed amount of money from him before fleeing. The victim was treated at the Christiana Hospital for lacerations

to his head and face.

Through further investigation Troopers obtained a search warrant for one of the motel rooms, resulting in the recovery of a fully loaded Smith & Wesson .38 revolver which is believed to be the weapon used in the assault.

The suspect was described as a black male, 40 years of age, 5'9", 175-200 lbs.,

No surveillance images are available at this time.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Troop 2 Robbery Unit at 302-365-8566.

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Troopers Investigating Carjacking – Bear



Bear – The Delaware State Police are currently investigating a carjacking that took place in the parking lot of a Bear area shopping center Saturday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 9:00 pm., Saturday, August 4, 2018 in the parking lot of the Food Lion, located at 1607 Pulaski Highway, Bear. A 24 year old Wilmington man had just left an event at the Greater Newark Boys & Girls Club and returned to his maroon, 2010 Nissan Maxima, which was parked in the Food Lion lot. As the victim sat in his vehicle he was confronted by an armed suspect who ordered him to get out of

the vehicle and to turn over all his money. The victim complied with the demands at which time the suspect entered the Maxima and fled westbound on Pulaski Highway. The victim was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a black male, wearing a black t-shirt, blue jeans and in possession of a black unknown make and model handgun.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Troop 2 Robbery Unit at 302-365-8566.

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