Troopers Ask for Public's Help in Locating Wanted Subject



Devin K. CHAVIS

New Castle – The Delaware State Police are asking for the public's assistance in locating Devin K. Chavis, 32, of New Castle, who is wanted for multiple weapons related offenses as well as resisting arrest, stemming from an incident that occurred last week.

On Thursday, August 23, 2018 at approximately 2:44 a.m., Troopers were dispatched to the Wawa located at 4000 N. DuPont Highway, New Castle in reference to a subject, later identified as Chavis, who was being disorderly inside the business.

Upon the Troopers arrival on scene witnesses pointed out Chavis who was now seated in a vehicle in the parking lot. The Trooper made contact with Chavis and had him exit the vehicle. Once outside the vehicle Chavis refused to comply with verbal commands and a struggle ensued as the Trooper attempted to take him in to custody. During the struggle Chavis was able to break free from the Troopers grasp and then fled on foot, with the Trooper giving chase. As Chavis was fleeing he was observed by the Trooper to be in possession of a handgun. As

the foot chase continued, Chavis proceeded to climb over a concrete barrier, at which time he dropped the handgun, with it being recovered by the Trooper. Chavis was ultimately successfull in evading apprehension. The Trooper did sustain minor injuries as a result of the incident.

In addition to positively identifying Chavis, further investigation was able to determine that the recovered Sig Sauer 9mm handgun was loaded and that it had been reported as stolen out of Lee County, Florida.

Active warrants are currently on file charging Chavis with one count each of Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon, Possession of a Deadly Weapon by a Person Prohibited, Possession of a Deadly Weapon during the Commission of a Felony, Receiving a Stolen Firearm and Felony Resisting Arrest.

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Chavis are asked to contact Detective G. Biddle of the Troop 2 Major Crimes Unit at 302-365-8475 or by calling 911.

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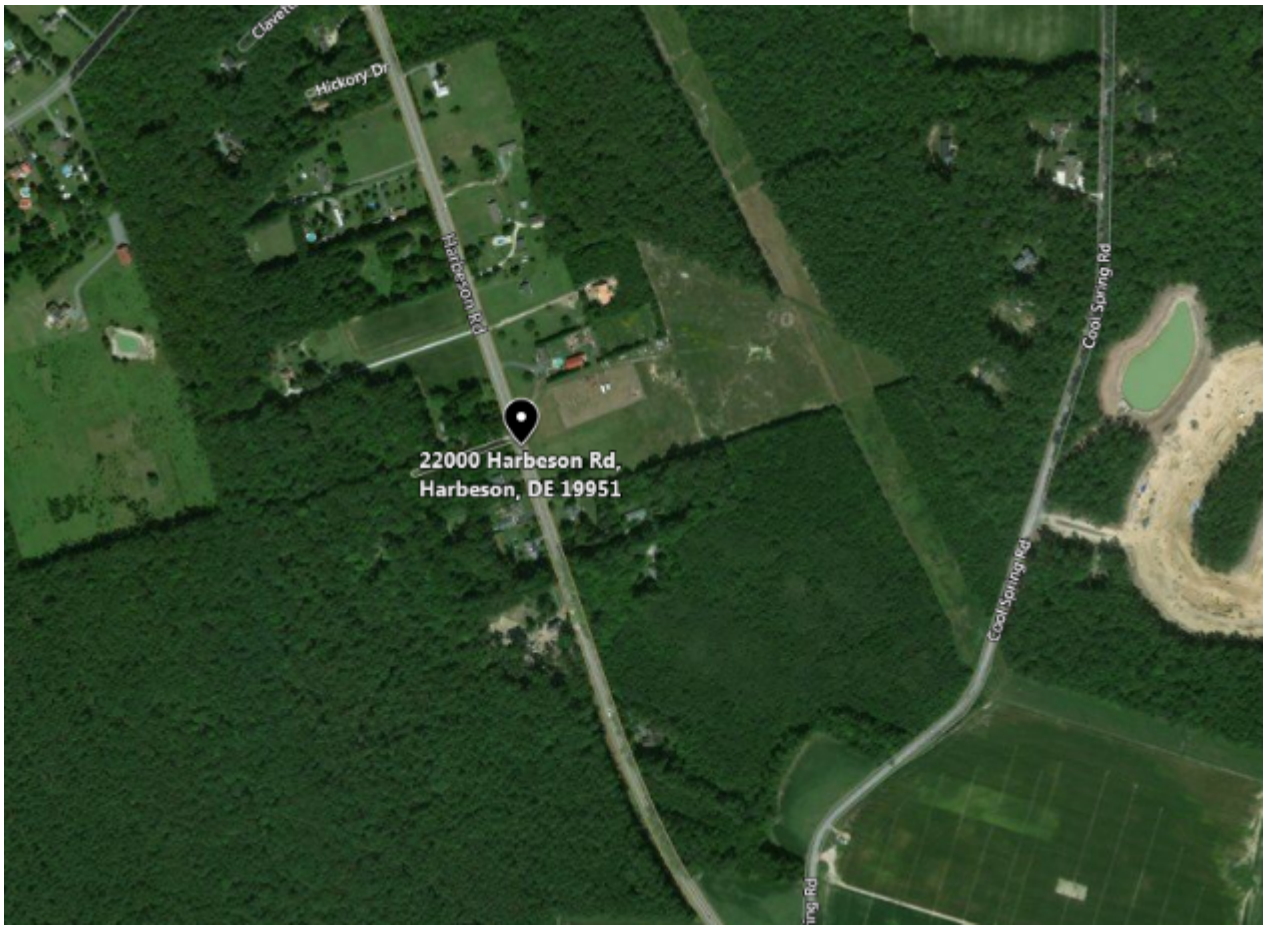
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Search Warrant Leads to Trooper Involved Shooting – Harbeson



Harbeson– The Delaware State Police are currently investigating a Trooper involved shooting that occurred earlier this morning.

The initial investigation has determined that at approximately 6:07 a.m., Tuesday, August 28, 2018, a search

warrant was executed by the Delaware State Police at a residence in the 22000 block of Harbeson Road.

The investigation is in it’s early stages in which a male suspect in the residence was shot and transported to a local area hospital.

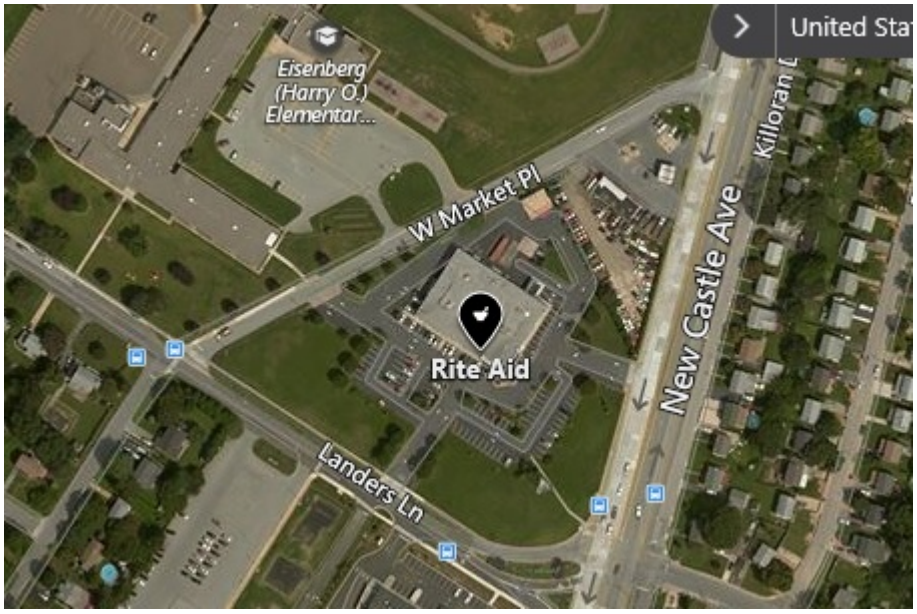
This case continues to remain active and ongoing, with further details being released as they become available.

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Troopers Investigating Pharmacy Robbery – New Castle



New Castle – The Delaware State Police are investigating the armed robbery of a New Castle area Rite Aid pharmacy that took place early Monday morning, in which a firearm was discharged.

The incident occurred at approximately 2:37 a.m., Monday, August 27, 2018 at the Rite Aid pharmacy, located at 2034 New Castle Avenue, New Castle. An armed suspect entered the business brandishing a handgun and confronted an employee at the sales counter. The employee then complied with the suspects demand for money by turning over an undisclosed amount of cash. After the employee provided the money to the suspect a struggled ensued between the two over possession of the firearm, at which time a round was fired in to the ceiling. After discharging the firearm the suspect fled the business via the rear door. There were no injuries as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a male, with a medium brown skin tone 6'2"-6'3", 230-240 lbs., wearing all black clothing, a black covering concealing his face and in possession of a black semi-automatic 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 Shoplifting/Robbery Incident– Wilmington

Wilmington (19810)- The Delaware State Police are investigating a robbery which began as a shoplifting that took place at a Wilmington pharmacy. Troopers are seeking the public's assistance in identifying the pictured suspects.

The incident occurred on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at approximately 9:52 p.m., when three subjects entered the Walgreens pharmacy located at 1601 Naamans Road, just prior to the business closing. The suspects placed several items of merchandise into shopping baskets and proceeded to exit the

store without rendering payment. The sales associate attempted to grab the shopping basket to retrieve the merchandise. As the sales associate grabbed the basket, one of the suspects aggressively pulled back, causing the sales associate to sustain a cut to his hand. Two of the suspects fled the business with shopping baskets of merchandise, while the third suspect appeared to act as a "look-out", waiting for the other two suspects to exit the store. All three suspects were seen leaving the business in a 2005, silver BMW 320i, with DE registration 323071.

The sales associate was transported to a local area hospital where he was treated and released for his injuries.

The suspects were described as the following:

- Suspect 1: Black male, approximately 6′ 00″ tall, 230 – 250 lbs., short gray hair, 50 to 59 years of age, wearing a light colored t-shirt and dark colored shorts.
- Suspect 2: White male, approximately 5′ 9″ tall, 180 lbs., with short brown/gray hair, 40 to 49 years of age, with a blonde goatee, wearing a dark colored t-shirt and light colored shorts.
- Suspect 3: White male, approximately 6′ 00″ tall, 250 lbs., with blonde/strawberry blonde hair, 30 to 39 years of age, with a full beard, wearing a dark colored t-shirt and dark colored pants.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to please contact Troop 1, Corporal J. Gliem at 302-761-6677

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Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash- Felton



Felton- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a crash that occurred in July, 2018 that has turned into a fatal.

The incident occurred on Monday, July 30, 2018 at approximately 8:55 a.m., when a 2002 Chevrolet Cavalier was traveling northbound on Canterbury Road (SR15) just north of Roseville Road (CR 387). A 2013 Dodge Avenger was traveling southbound on Canterbury Road north of Roseville Road. The Cavalier crossed into the southbound lane and struck the left front bumper and side of the Avenger.

Following the impact, the Cavalier spun in a counter-clockwise direction before coming to a final rest on the shoulder. The Avenger continued southbound and rotated in a counter-clockwise direction before coming to a stop in the roadway.

The operator of the Cavalier, 19-year-old **Terri Monae Nashie Bruinton** of Ellendale, was not wearing her seatbelt and was

initially transported to the Bayhealth Kent General Hospital before being transferred to the Christiana Medical Center. Bruinton had an extended stay at Christiana Medical Center before succumbing to her injuries on August 24, 2018.

The operator of the Avenger, a 56-year-old male from Houston, DE was wearing his seatbelt and was transported to the Milford Memorial Hospital where he was treated and released for his injuries.

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

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Traffic Stop Leads to Drug and Weapon Arrest – Dover

Dover- The Delaware State Police have arrested a Virginia man after a traffic stop led to the discovery of drugs and a weapon.

The incident occurred on Friday, August 24, 2018 at approximately 1:45 a.m. when a trooper observed a maroon Hyundai sedan traveling southbound on South State Street north of Webbs Lane in the right turn lane. The vehicle abruptly changed lanes without using its turn signal. Trooper then activated emergency equipment and made contact with the operator, identified as Stevie Cornwell. A computer check revealed his Virginia driver license was suspended. An adult female passenger and their child was located in the vehicle. The child was in a car seat, however was not properly secured in the child restraint seat.

During the traffic stop, a strong odor of marijuana was detected coming from the occupant compartment of the vehicle and a search of the vehicle yielded a loaded handgun. The handgun had a fully loaded magazine with one round in the chamber. There was approximately 133 grams of marijuana and drug paraphernalia also located. Approximately $800.00 in suspected drug proceeds were located in the vehicle. The Division of Family Services was contacted for the child. A

computer check revealed Cornwell has a prior possession of a firearm and drug dealing charges.

Stevie S. Cornwell, 26 of Hampton, Virginia was transported to Troop 3 and charged with:

- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony
- Manufactures, delivers, or PWID a controlled substance w/ an aggravating factor
- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon A Firearm
- Possess, Purchase, Own or Control a D/Weapon A Semi Auto or Auto By Person Prohibit
- Endangering the Welfare of a Child Intentionally Knowingly Recklessly Act
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia Not Related to Personal Use Qty Marijuana or Person
- Driving Without a Valid License
- No Person Shall Turn or Move a Vehicle without giving proper Signal
- Child Under 8 and < 65 lbs or Child 8 to 15 or > 65 lbs must be in Child Restraint

Stevie S. Cornwell was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court #7 and committed to the James T. Vaughn Correctional Center in default of $59,303.00 secured bond.

The mug shot is not available at this time.

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Traffic Stop Leads to Drug Arrest – Millsboro



Millsboro- The Delaware State Police have arrested a Seaford man after a traffic stop led to the discovery of drugs.

The incident occurred late on Friday, August 24, 2018 at approximately 10:18 p.m. when a trooper observed a white Ford Expedition traveling southbound on DuPont Boulevard north of Laurel Road, Millsboro. The driver was observed talking on his cellular phone. The trooper activated his emergency equipment and the driver stopped the vehicle on Houston Avenue east of DuPont Boulevard. Contact was made with the driver, Bryan Emory, 30 of Seaford, and he exhibited signs of driving under the influence. In addition, there was a strong odor of marijuana coming from the driver. During the DUI investigation, a vehicle search was conducted where cocaine, marijuana and drug paraphernalia were located.

Bryan was transported to Troop 4 where a DUI investigation ensued. He was charged with Possession of Cocaine with intent to deliver tier 1, Possession of Marijuana, 3 counts of Drug Paraphernalia, Driving under the Influence of Drugs, Duty to Sign and Carry License, Failure to have Insurance Identification in Possession, and Operating a Motor Vehicle while using a Cell Phone.

Bryan Jarren Lamont Emory was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court #3 and released on $9,325 unsecured bond.

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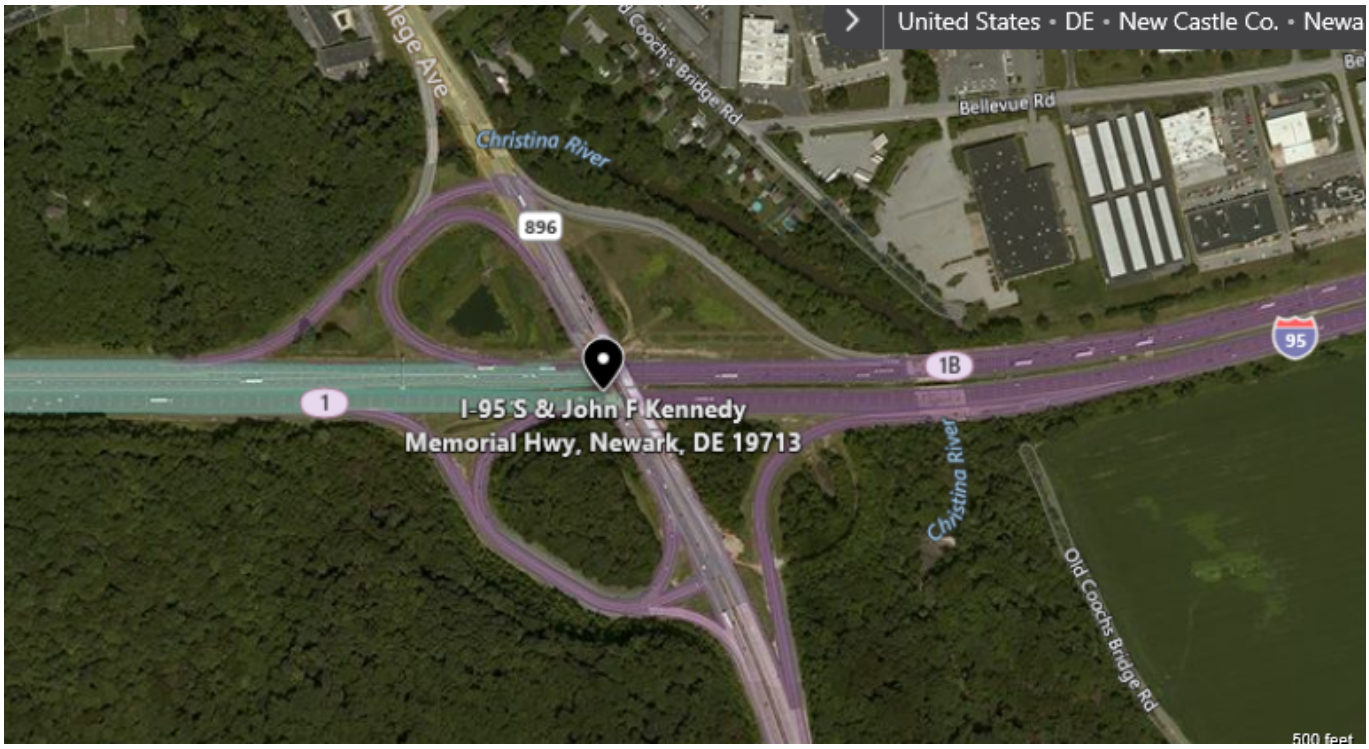
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Troopers Investigating Crash Involving a Motorcycle – Newark



Newark– Delaware State Police are investigating a serious crash involving a motorcycle this afternoon south of Newark.

The incident occurred at approximately 3:19 p.m. on Sunday, August 26, 2018 when a 1989 Harley-Davidson motorcycle, operated by Robert F. Parkhill, 49 of Elkton, Maryland, was traveling on the exit ramp from I-95 southbound, John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway, to Highway 896 southbound (South College Avenue). The operator appeared to be traveling at a high rate of speed and failed to negotiate the curve on the ramp and struck the guardrail face. The motorcycle struck the left shoulder guardrail with its left front side and stopped on the ramp. The force of the collision caused the motorcycle operator to be ejected over the guardrail onto the grass between the ramp and

southbound 896.

The operator was transported by EMS to a local area hospital with serious injuries. He was cited for Careless Driving, No Motorcycle License, Operating a Motorcycle without Complete Attention and No Proof of Insurance.

I-95 and Highway 896 in the area of the crash was not closed while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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

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Vehicle Pursuit Leads to Multiple Charges-Blades



Blades– The Delaware State Police arrested a Laurel man after he led Troopers on a pursuit and resisted arrest.

The incident occurred on Saturday, August 25, 2018 at approximately 3:12 p.m. when a trooper witnessed a gray four door sedan with a Maryland registration traveling northbound on Seaford Road north of Easter Lane, Blades. The vehicle

crossed a double solid yellow center line into the path of a vehicle traveling southbound. The vehicle had to swerve to avoid being struck by the suspect vehicle. As the trooper activated the emergency equipment in an attempt to stop the vehicle, the operator accelerated and a pursuit ensued. The suspect vehicle recklessly sped away and passed other vehicles on the right shoulder of the road. The suspect vehicle continued and turned onto north Seaford Road into the town limits of Blades and then turn right onto East 6th Street at a high rate of speed. The vehicle entered into the Little Meadows Development and drove to a dead-end road at Summit Drive and fled on foot through a wooded area.

Multiple units from the Delaware State Police, Seaford Police Department and the Bridgeville Police Department along with DSP Aviation Unit responded to assist in the search for the suspect. The suspect, described as a black male wearing a white tank t-shirt and dark shorts, was observed in a wooded area and was given verbal commands which he complied with and was arrested without further incident.

The driver, identified as Lenear B. Kellam 18 of Laurel, was searched which revealed four bundles (41 bags) of heroin in his pocket. A computer check revealed Kellam did not have a driver's license, was wanted out of Sussex County Superior Court for Violation of Probation on $9,000.00 cash bond and the vehicle was reported stolen out of Maryland.

Kellam was transported to Troop 5 where he was charged with:

- Manufactures, delivers, or PWID a controlled substance w/ an aggravating factor
- Receiving Stolen Property Value Over $1500
- Disregarding a Police Officer Signal
- Resisting Arrest
- Possession of Drug Paraph Not Related to Personal Use Qty Marijuana or Person
- Aggressive Driving

- Reckless Driving
- Driving Without a Valid License
- Failed to remain within a single lane
- Overtaking/passing on the right, except as permitted by law, is unlawful
- Driving Vehicle at Unreasonable or Imprudent Speed
- Failure when Moving Right, Left or Turning to Signal Continuously Not < 300 fe

Kellam was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on $28,050.00 cash bond.

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Seaford Man Charged with Weapons Offense and DUI – Selbyville



Selbyville – The Delaware State Police have charged Michael R. Smith, 41 of Seaford, with multiple criminal and traffic offenses after he was found to be in possession of a firearm while operating a vehicle under the influence.

The incident occurred at approximately 1:39 a.m., Sunday, August 26, 2018 in the area of West McCabe Street west of

Rodgers Avenue, Selbyville. Upon arrival, troopers made contact with the Selbyville Fire Company Ambulance personnel who advised they came upon a vehicle parked in the roadway with the operator unconscious. Contact was made with the operator, Michael Smith who was operating a silver 2005 Nissan Altima, who had a strong odor of alcohol emanating from his breath. The vehicle had a flat front driver side tire and a damaged left front headlight with grass through-out the damage. Smith could not advise on how the damaged occurred.

During the DUI investigation, a loaded .38 caliber handgun was located in the vehicle. A computer check revealed he was convicted of a felony in Sussex County Superior Court.

As a result of the investigation, Michael R. Smith was transported and charged with the following offenses:

- Two Counts of Possession, Purchase, Own or Control of a Firearm or Ammunition by a Person Prohibited Prior Violation
- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon A Firearm
- Possession of a Firearm while under the influence
- Driving a Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol

Michael R. Smith was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Court #3 and was committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution in default of $33,500.00 cash bond.

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