

Troopers Arrest Rehoboth Beach Man for Assault



Matthew S. McDavid

Rehoboth Beach- The Delaware State Police have arrested a suspect after he ran a bicyclist off the road and assaulted him.

The incident occurred on Sunday, August 5, 2018 at approximately 11:12 a.m., when Troopers responded to the area of Plantation Road, south of Cedar Grove Road for an assault complaint. Upon arrival, Troopers made contact with a witness who advised he was driving on Plantations Road when he saw a

man beating a cyclist with an object, and immediately called 911.

The victim, a 50-year-old man from Milton, remained on scene and advised he was riding his bike on Plantation Road south of Cedar Grove Road when a white work truck got really close to him and almost ran him off the road. The subject then drove by him and blew a loud horn next to him while he was riding his bike. The victim became startled and punched the driver's side window of the truck, not causing any damage. The operator of the truck stopped his vehicle in the middle of the roadway, got out, and grabbed an object from the bed of the truck, and attempted to strike the victim in the head. The victim was able to block the object with his forearm, causing him to sustain a laceration. The victim declined medical treatment at the scene.

The operator of the truck fled the scene, and was subsequently located in the Heritage Village development. Troopers made contact with the driver, 33-year-old **Matthew McDavid**, who was standing by the vehicle. McDavid was subsequently taken into custody without incident.

The object used to strike the victim, a large black in color wire/cable was recovered from the truck.

McDavid was transported back to Troop 7 where he was charged with Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony, Assault Second Degree, and Unattended Motor Vehicle. He was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and released on \$3,001.00 unsecured bond.

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Vehicle Pursuit Leads to the Arrest of Two Suspects and Multiple Charges-Milton

Milton- The Delaware State Police have arrested two suspects after they shoplifted, fled the scene, and led police on a chase.

The incident occurred on Sunday, August 5, 2018 at approximately 7:06 p.m. when Troopers were provided with a description of a vehicle, an orange-colored Chevrolet Cobalt with PA registration, in which two suspects recently

shoplifted in the Rehoboth Beach area and fled the scene.

A Trooper witnessed the suspect vehicle traveling northbound on Coastal Highway (SR1) south of Milton, and a traffic stop was initiated on the northbound shoulder of SR1. Before the Trooper was able to make contact with the driver, the Cobalt accelerated and entered back into the right travel lane of SR1, and a pursuit ensued.

The Colbalt continued to travel northbound on the shoulder of SR1 and proceeded through the intersection at Broadkill Road (SR16), when it ran up onto a traffic island where it collided with an electric box. After striking the box, the Colbalt continued traveling northbound until its front end collided with the left side of a Mazda CX-5, which was traveling in the right turn lane of SR16 leading to northbound SR1. After colliding with the Cx-5, the Colbalt continued northbound on SR1 and collided with the right rear of a Ford Windstar, that was traveling in the right lane. After the second impact, the Colbalt exited the edge of SR1 and collided with a mailbox before coming to a final rest on the shoulder of northbound SR1. The suspects exited the Colbalt and fled the scene on foot. A brief foot pursuit ensued, and subsequently both suspects were taken into custody.

The driver of the Colbalt, identified as 23-year-old **Tajah L. Brooks** and his passenger, 22-year-old **Nafese A. Pierce** both of Philadelphia, PA, were transported by ambulance to the Beebe Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries.

The operator of the CX-5, a 56-year-old female and her 13-year-old passenger of Philadelphia, PA were properly restrained and transported to the Beebe Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries.

The operator of the Ford Windstar, a 41-year-old male of Philadelphia, PA, and his five passengers, ranging from ages 2-39 were all properly restrained and uninjured.

Tajah L. Brooks was charged with the following:

- Shoplifting (Felony)-2 counts
- Reckless Endangering -8 counts
- Vehicular Assault
- Resisting Arrest
- Disregard a Police Officer
- Aggressive Driving
- Reckless Driving
- Multiple Traffic Related Offense

Tajah L. Brooks was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on \$18,426.00 cash only bond.

Nafese A. Pierce was charged with the following:

- Possession of Shoplifters Tools (Felony)
- Shoplifting (Felony)
- Conspiracy Second Degree
- Resisting Arrest

Nafese A. Pierce was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on \$7,000.00 secured bond.

A search of the vehicle yielded stolen merchandise from the following stores:

- J. Crew
- CVS
- Kmart
- Nike
- Vans
- Zumiez
- Express
- Forever 21
- Clarks

Northbound SR1 at SR16 was rendered to one lane for

approximately 2.5 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash – Newark



Newark – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a fatal crash that took place late Sunday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 11:46 p.m., Sunday, August 5, 2018 at the intersection of Glasgow Avenue and Summit Bridge Road (DE 896), Newark. A 2006 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, operated by a 26 year old Newark man was stopped at a red light in the left turn lane of Glasgow Ave., at the intersection with Summit Bridge Rd. A 2005 Honda Civic, operated by Derek R. Turner, 54, of Bear, was traveling westbound on Porter Rd., crossing over Summit Bridge Rd., to continue eastbound on Glasgow Ave. For an unknown reason the Honda drifted to the left and struck the Chevrolet head on.

Derek Turner was transported to the Christiana Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. Alcohol is being considered as a contributing factor on his behalf.

The operator of the Chevrolet was treated for non-life threatening injuries. Impairment on his behalf is not being considered as a contributing factor.

Glasgow Avenue was closed for approximately 3 hours as the scene was investigated and cleared.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to contact Sgt. D. Alexander of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8484.

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 Investigate Home Invasion-Dagsboro



Dagsboro –The Delaware State Police are investigating a home invasion that occurred early this morning north of Dagsboro.

The preliminary investigation has determined the incident occurred at approximately 2:20 a.m., Sunday August 5, 2018 when Troopers responded to the 30000 block of Power Plant Road, Dagsboro for a reported home invasion robbery. Upon arrival, contact was made with the victim, a 51-year-old male, who advised that someone knocked on his travel trailer door and when he opened the door five black male suspects armed with firearms and wearing masks forced their way into his residence. Two of the suspects held him at gunpoint while other suspects ransacked his trailer before removing his cell

phone. Prior to fleeing the trailer one of the suspects struck the victim's head with a weapon causing a laceration to his head. Another suspect then tied the victim. The suspects then fled in an unknown direction.

The victim was transported to a local area hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The suspects were described as five black males who entered his travel trailer and were all armed. The suspects were wearing all black clothing with their faces covered.

This case continues to remain under investigation and if anyone has information in reference to this incident, they are asked to please contact Detective D. Cathell, Troop 4 Criminal Investigative Unit at 302-856-5850. 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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Richard Bratz

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***Update* Troopers Investigating a Fatal Pedestrian Crash Involving a Train – Newark**



Newark – The Delaware State Police are currently investigating a fatal crash involving a pedestrian and a train that occurred

this afternoon east of Newark.

The preliminary investigation has determined the incident occurred at 12:01 p.m., Saturday, August 4, 2018, on the southbound side of the railroad tracks underneath Redmill Road east of Newark.

A 22 year-old-man of Newark was standing near the right rail of the southbound rails directly underneath the Redmill Road overpass. According to the Amtrak train operator the victim was standing with his back to the Acela commuter train which was traveling southbound. It appears as though the victim was standing too close to the tracks when the train passed by and clipped the man. The victim was thrown in a southwest direction and the Acela commuter train continued south for approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile where it came to a stop. The train was carrying approximately 240 people. The operator on the train did not sustain any injuries and no other injuries were reported.

The victim was removed from the scene by EMS and transported to the Christiana Hospital with life-threatening injuries. The victim recently succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at the hospital. The name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

[Troopers Investigating a Subject Struck by a Train – Newark](#)

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Troopers Seek Public's Assistance in Locating Shoplifting Suspect – Sussex County

Millsboro, Long Neck, Rehoboth Beach – The Delaware State Police are asking for the public's assistance in locating Terrence V. Purnell who is currently wanted for multiple shoplifting incidents that occurred in July of this year.

Terrence V. Purnell, 41 of Millsboro, entered the following businesses and removed merchandise consisting of consumable goods, bath products and clothing without paying:

- July 11, 2018 Marshalls Rehoboth Beach 4575 Highway 1 (Shoplifting, Possession of Shoplifting Tools and Conspiracy 3rd degree)
- July 19, 2018 Giant Grocery Store 25939 Plaza Drive Millsboro (Shoplifting and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – left drug paraphernalia at store)
- July 25, 2018 Weis Store 24832 John J. Williams Highway, Millsboro (Possession of Shoplifting Tools and Shoplifting)
- July 28, 2018 Giant 38069 Ocean View Town Center (Shoplifting)

In addition, Purnell is currently wanted by Justice of the Peace Court 3 for Driving Suspended, No Insurance and Violation of Probation and wanted by the Sussex County Court of Common Pleas for Shoplifting and Violation of Probation.

Purnell is described as a black male, approximately 41 years of age, 6'02" tall, with black hair and brown eyes. He is listed as homeless and frequents the Millsboro, Long Neck and Rehoboth Beach areas.

If anyone has any information in reference to the location of Terrence V. Purnell, they are asked to please contact Corporal J. Oneal at Troop 7, (302) 703-3323. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

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Troopers Investigating a Subject Struck by a Train – Newark



Newark, DE – Troopers are currently on the scene of a crash involving a subject who was struck by an Amtrak train in the area of Red Mill Road.

Preliminary investigation reveals the incident occurred around 12:01 p.m. this afternoon when a southbound Amtrak train struck a subject that was on the tracks. The subject has not been identified. The operator was able to bring the train to a stop after the collision.

The investigation into this incident is in the early stages and more information will be released as it becomes available.

Presented by the Director of Public Information Sergeant Richard D. Bratz

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Troopers Investigate Attempted Carjacking - New Castle

New Castle – The Delaware State Police arrested a man from Buffalo, New York for an attempted carjacking and assault that took place yesterday in New Castle.

The incident occurred at approximately 10:30 a.m., Friday, August 3, 2018, in the parking lot of the Dollar General located at 3056 New Castle Avenue. The victim, an 80-year-old female parked her vehicle and entered the store. After leaving the Dollar General, she was confronted by a white male, later

identified as Shawn R. Hollowood, 30 of Buffalo, New York, in the area of her vehicle. Hollowood requested a ride from the victim, she declined and he assaulted her with a box cutter. It was at this time several patrons responded to her aid. The suspect then fled from the parking lot on foot into a nearby wooded area. The victim was treated by EMS at the scene for her non-life threatening injury to her wrist.

At approximately 12:30 p.m. the New Castle County Police Department received a call that a male subject with self-inflicted injuries was in the area of East Avenue in New Castle. Through investigative measures the detectives were able to confirm him as the suspect involved in the attempted carjacking and assault at the Dollar General.

Hollowood was transported to a local area hospital where he was treated and released. After his release from a local area hospital, he was transported to Troop 2 where he was charged with Attempted Carjacking, Possession of a Deadly Weapon during the Commission of a Felony and Assault 2nd Degree. He was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in default of \$45,000.00 secured bond.

Please call Delaware Crime Stoppers to report a crime at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

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LAW ENFORCEMENT GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Who:

- 86th Municipal Recruit Class

When:

- Friday, August 3, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

Location:

- Wilmington University
- 3282 North DuPont Highway Dover, Delaware

Dignitaries Addressing the Graduates:

- Senator Thomas Carper
- Kate Rohner; Representing Senator Chris Coons
- Lieutenant Governor Bethany A. Hall-Long, State of Delaware
- Chief Prosecutor Stephen Welch, Representing Attorney General's Office
- Secretary Robert M. Coupe, Department of Safety and Homeland Security
- Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr., Superintendent, Delaware State Police

Class Speaker:

- John Wharton III – Millsboro Police Department

Dover – Delaware State Police Superintendent Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr. announces the graduation ceremonies for the 86th Municipal Recruit Class. The ceremonies celebrated and recognized the successful completion of Law Enforcement Training of eight Law Enforcement Officers representing the following; Department of Natural Resources Fish and Wildlife, Dover Police Department, Georgetown Police Department, Laurel Police Department, Middletown Police Department and Millsboro Police Department.

"One of the things that provides hope to the communities, strength to law enforcement and continues to inspire us all is knowing that there are citizens like you. Citizens willing to take up the cause, make the commitment to protect and serve and to accept the responsibility and the risk that comes with being a police officer."

Superintendent of the Delaware State Police, Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr.

****Awards****

The Attorney General's Award for Legal Excellence:

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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