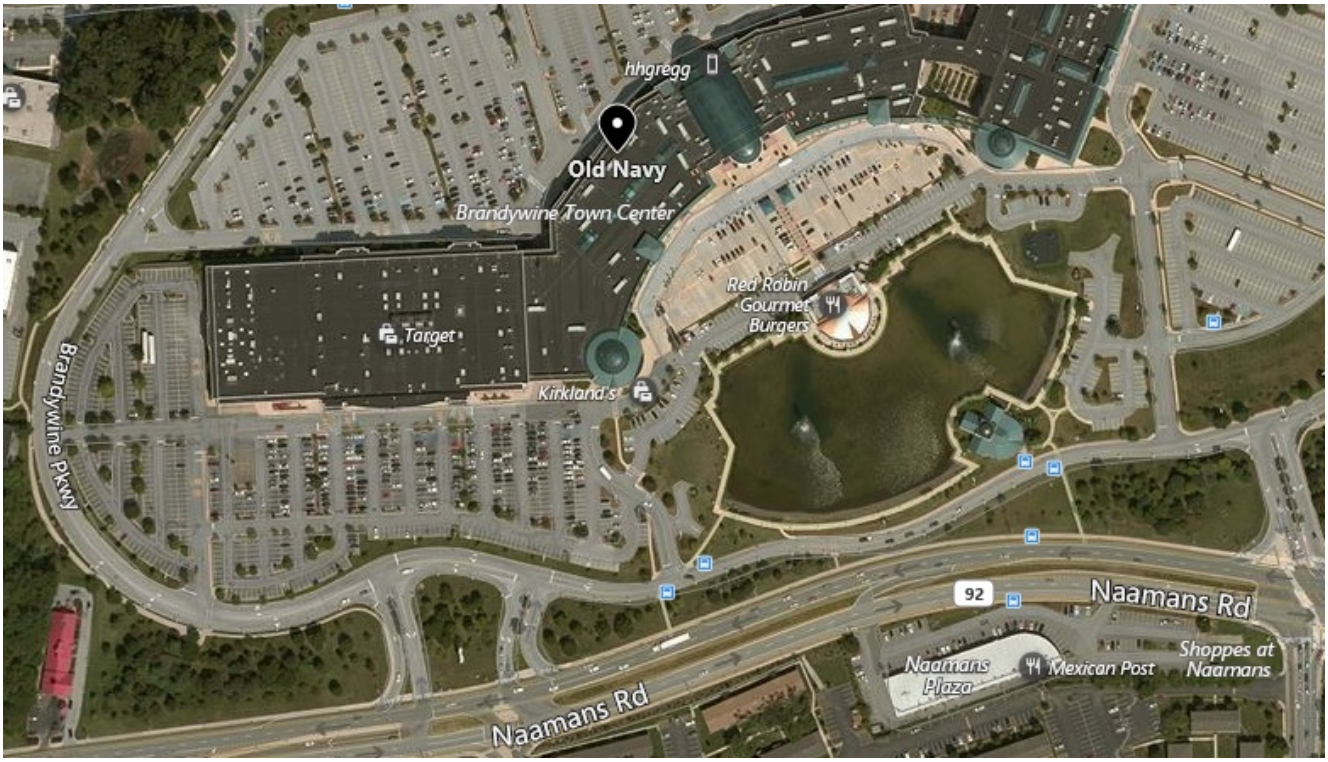
Troopers Investigating Shoplifting/Robbery Incident– North Wilmington.



Wilmington (19803) – The Delaware State Police are investigating a robbery which began as a shoplifting that took place at a North Wilmington department store yesterday afternoon.

The incident occurred at approximately 5:43 p.m., Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at the Old Navy store located at 3020 Brandywine Parkway, Wilmington. Three suspects, two female and one male, removed merchandise from the display and attempted to exit the store without rendering payment. The suspects were met at by an employee at the entrance doors who asked them to stop and return the merchandise. The suspects refused to comply and pushed past the employee at which time a physical altercation ensued. As a result, the employee was knocked to the ground and then bit on the forehead by one of the female suspects. The three suspects were able to retain the stolen

merchandise and were last seen fleeing the parking lot in a red, four door vehicle with a black convertible roof, bearing an unknown Delaware registration. The employee was treated an area hospital for the bite wound.

The suspects were described as follows:

Suspect #1: black female, 20-25 years of age, 5'6"-5'7", average build, wearing a pink t-shirt and blue jeans.

Suspect #2: black female, 20-25 years of age, 5'8"-5'9", thin build, wearing a white t-shirt and black pants.

Suspect #3: black male, 25-30 years of age, 6'00", average build, wearing a white tank top and black pants.

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 Cell Phone Robbery – Bear



Bear – The Delaware State Police are investigating a strong armed robbery that stemmed from the sale of a cell-phone,

which was arranged on-line.

The incident occurred at approximately 10:43 a.m., Tuesday, August 21, 2018 in the parking lot of the CVS pharmacy, located at 1545 Pulaski Hwy., Bear. A 34 year old Claymont man had utilized the mobile classified application "Let Go" to advertise an Apple I-phone which he was selling. A prospective buyer contacted him and the two parties agreed to meet in the parking lot of the CVS to complete the transaction. The victim met with the prospective buyer, an adult male, who was accompanied by a juvenile male. As the victim was displaying the phone the adult grabbed it out of his hand and then fled on foot towards the Wellington Woods neighborhood, followed by the juvenile. The victim was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspects were described as follows:

Suspect #1: black male, 30-40 years of age, wearing a black shirt and black shorts.

Suspect #2: black male, 10-12 years of age, wearing a white t-shirt and tan pants.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

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Troopers Arrest Seaford Man on Multiple Drug and Weapon Charges

Seaford– The Delaware State Police have arrested a Seaford man after he resisted arrest and was found in possession of drugs and a weapon.

The incident occurred at approximately 1:27 a.m., on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 on King Road in the area of Concord Pond. Troopers observed a silver color Ford Focus stopped on

the grassy area and observed a subject exit the vehicle. As Troopers approached the subject and attempted to identify him, the suspect fled on foot and a foot pursuit ensued. The suspect later identified as 35-year-old **Darnell C. Stokes**, was subsequently taken into custody. A search in the vicinity of Stokes' vehicle yielded approximately 4.69 grams of cocaine, brass knuckles, and drug paraphernalia.

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

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony
- Possession with Intent to a Controlled Substance
- Possession of a Deadly Weapon by a Person Prohibited Prior Violent Crime Felony
- Resisting Arrest
- Tampering With Physical Evidence
- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon
- Criminal Impersonation
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (2 counts)
- Driving While Suspended or Revoked
- Disorderly Conduct
- Failure to Comply with Taking Fingerprints

Stokes was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on $13,250.00 secured bond.

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Troopers Investigating Armed Robbery – Greenwood



Greenwood- The Delaware State Police are investigating the armed robbery of a Farmington man that took place last evening.

The incident occurred at approximately 11:05 p.m., on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 9707 Nanticoke Business Park Drive, Atlantic Aluminum. The 21-year-old male victim was unloading a forklift when he was approached by a male brandishing a handgun and demanding the victim's wallet. The victim turned over his wallet and the suspect fled the area on foot. The victim was not injured as a result of this incident.

The suspect was described as a black, 5'10"-5'11" tall, 175-200 lbs., wearing dark colored pants and a hooded sweatshirt.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Troop 4, Major Crimes Unit at 302-856-5850.

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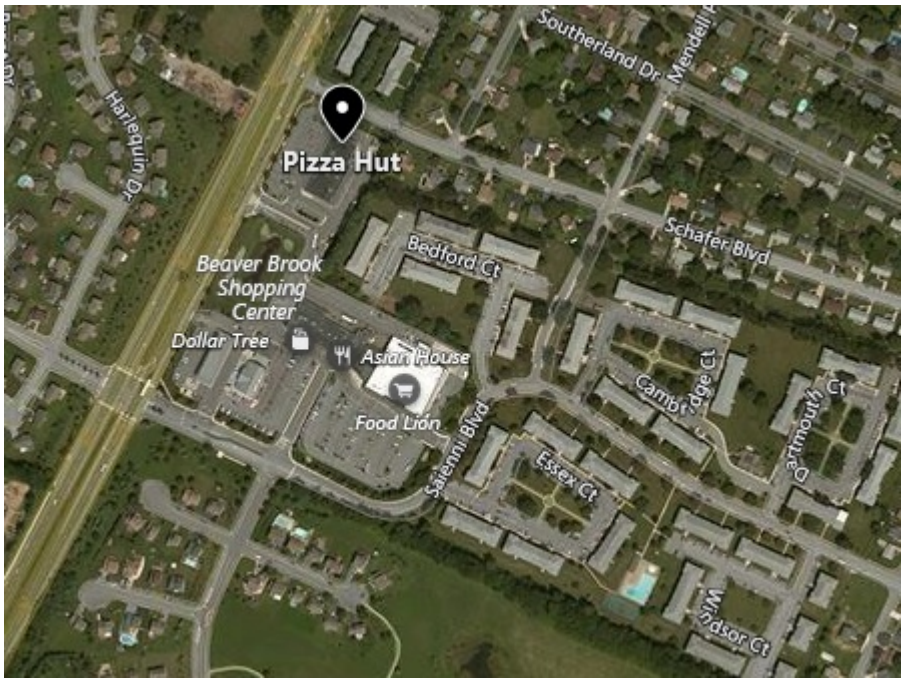
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Troopers Investigating Armed Robbery – New Castle



New Castle (19720) – The Delaware State Police are investigating the armed robbery of a New Castle area restaurant that took place last night.

The incident occurred at approximately 10:56 p.m., Tuesday,

August 21, 2018 at the Pizza Hut located at 1508 Beaver Brook Plaza, New Castle. A suspect brandishing a handgun, approached two employees at the sales counter and demanded money from the register. The victims complied with the demand by turning over an undisclosed amount of cash to the suspect who then exited the business, and was last seen on foot, northbound towards Pine Valley Apartments. The victims were not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a black male, 5'10"-6'00", 175-190 lbs., wearing a gray shirt, maroon pants, a dark 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 Det. D. Armstrong of the Troop 2 Robbery Unit at 302-365-8503.

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Update Suspect Arrested for Kidnapping and Related Charges

Millsboro– The Delaware State Police have arrested the suspect who was wanted in connection with a kidnapping, strangulation, and other related charges.

On Monday, August 13, 2018, at approximately 4:45 p.m., Troopers were made aware that a female victim had responded to a local area hospital, with injuries she had sustained in a physical domestic. Further investigation revealed that the 40-year-old female and her boyfriend, 28-year-old-**Phillippa Vann** of Millsboro had engaged in a physical domestic the day prior. Vann had physically assaulted, strangled, and attempted to sexually assault the victim. The victim attempted several times to get away from Vann. Vann and the victim later responded to the Walmart store, where the victim was able to leave Vann and drive herself to the hospital.

The 40-year-old victim sustained multiple injuries and was

later transported to another hospital due to the severity of her injuries.

On August 20, 2018, Vann was taken into custody by Troopers at a residence located on the 400 block of S. Main Street, Bridgeville, without incident.

Vann was transported back to Troop 4 where he was charged with the following:

- Attempted Rape First Degree
- Kidnapping First Degree
- Strangulation, Assault Second Degree
- Malicious Interference with Emergency Communications
- Criminal Mischief

Vann was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on $160,750.00 cash only bond.

Troopers Seek Public's Assistance in Locating Wanted Suspect

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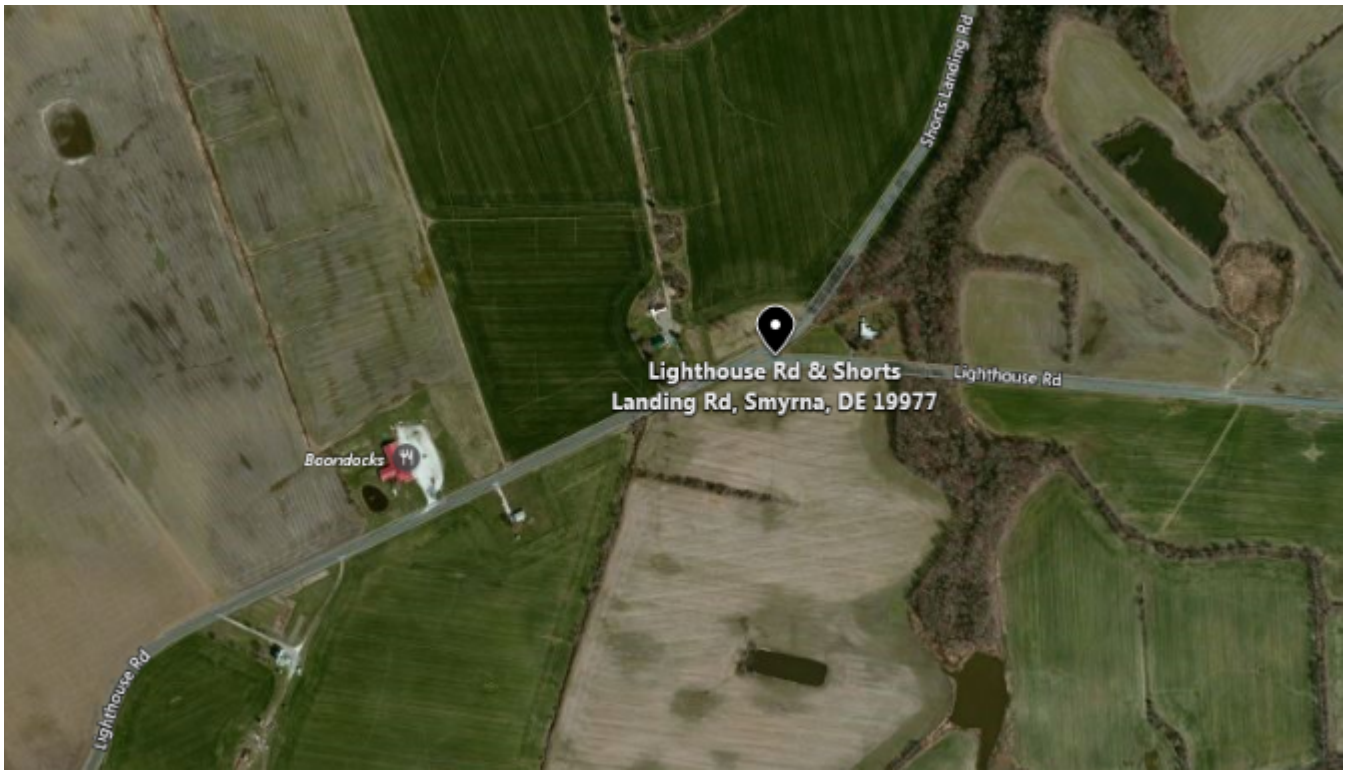
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Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash –Smyrna



Smyrna– The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a crash that occurred on August 12, 2018, that has turned into a fatal.

The incident occurred on Sunday, August 12, 2018 at approximately 2:16 p.m., when a 2012 Harley Davidson was

traveling eastbound on Lighthouse Road attempting to make a left turn into the Boondocks Restaurant entrance/exit. A 2005 Honda X13 (3-wheeled motorcycle) was following directly behind the Harley Davidson. The operator of the Harley Davidson had his turn signal on and applied his brakes to stop and make the left turn. The operator of the Honda failed to see the Harley Davidson's turn signal in time and locked his front brakes up. Subsequently the Honda struck the rear of the Harley Davidson. The collision caused both operators and a passenger of the Honda to be ejected, and the Honda to overturn on its right side.

The operator of the Harley Davidson, 45-year-old male from Townsend, was not wearing a helmet and was transported to the Bayhealth Kent General Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The operator of the Honda, a 71-year-old male from Townsend, was not wearing a helmet and was transported to the Christiana Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The passenger of the Honda, 76-year-old **Carolyn Gamble** from Townsend, was wearing a helmet and was transported to the Christiana Hospital in serious condition. On August 17, 2018, Carolyn Gamble succumb to her injuries.

Lighthouse Road was closed for approximately 5 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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

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Troopers Arrest Dover Man for Assault and Other Related Charges

Dover– The Delaware State Police have arrested a Dover man after a fight led to one victim being stabbed.

The incident occurred on Friday, August 17, 2018 at approximately 8:13 a.m. when Troopers were dispatched to the 800 block of Papen Lane, for a fight in progress. Upon arrival, Troopers located a 45-year-old male victim, with injuries to his face and leg. Further investigation revealed that the victim had engaged in a physical altercation with 31-year-old **Saul Velez-Mojica**. Saul Velez-Mojica threatened to kill the victim and proceeded to obtain a pitchfork in which he stabbed the victim in his leg.

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

Prior to police arrival, Saul Velez-Mojica had fled the scene into a wooded area. He was located shortly after and taken into custody without incident.

Saul Velez-Mojica was transported to the Justice of the Peace Court 7 where he was charged and arraigned with the following:

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony
- Assault Second Degree
- Terroristic Threatening
- Resisting Arrest

Saul Velez-Mojica was committed to the James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on $15,000.00 secured bond.

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UPDATE-Victim Identified Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash – Newark

Newark- The Delaware State Police have identified Raju Chanappa, 57, from India, who was killed in the crash that occurred at approximately 10:34 p.m., on Saturday, August 18,

2018, on Salem Church Road, north of Deasy Drive.

Click on the following link to view the original release:

Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash – Newark

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Troopers Investigating a Rash of Burglaries- New Castle County

Wilmington/Newark- The Delaware State Police are currently investigating multiple burglaries that occurred on Sunday, during the early morning hours.

On Sunday, August 19, 2018 between the hours 3:07 a.m. and 3:26 a.m., Troopers handled a total of five burglaries to businesses on Naamans Road, Wilmington. A sixth burglary later occurred at approximately 4:44 a.m. in the Newark area.

- Rite Aid, 2080 Naamans Road- The suspects arrived in front of the store at approximately 3:07 a.m. and forced entry through the front double glass doors. Once inside, the suspects proceeded to the pharmacy area and removed an unknown amount of inventory prior to fleeing the scene.
- AT&T Wireless, 2090 Naamans Road- The suspects arrived in front of the store at approximately 3:10 a.m. and attempted to force entry through the front glass door, eventually breaking the glass. Once inside the suspects proceeded to the rear stockroom area and attempted to open a metal cabinet without success. Nothing was taken during this incident.
- Walgreens, 1601 Naamans Road- The suspects arrived in the front of the store at approximately 3:16 a.m. and forced entry through the front double glass doors. Once inside, the suspects proceeded to the pharmacy area, where they removed an unknown amount of inventory prior to fleeing the scene.
- Verizon Wireless, 1722 Naamans Road- The suspects arrived in the front of the store at approximately 3:18 a.m. and forced entry through the front double glass

doors. Once inside, it appeared that cell phones were removed from display prior to fleeing the scene.

- CVS, 702 Naamans Road- The suspects arrived in the front of the store at approximately 3:24 a.m. and forced entry through the front double glass doors. Once inside, the suspects proceeded to the pharmacy area and removed an unknown amount of inventory prior to fleeing the scene.
- AT&T Wireless, 3146 Fashion Center Boulevard, Newark- The suspects arrived in the front of the store at approximately 4:44 a.m. and forced entry through the front double glass doors. Once inside, the suspects proceeded to the stockroom area and removed over $36,000 worth of cell phones.

The suspects are described as two black males. No surveillance images are available at this time.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Troop 2, Criminal Investigative Unit, Detective B. Harris at 302-365-8410.

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