

Troopers Arrest Lewes Man for Multiple Burglaries and Other Related Offenses



Jacob L. Capozio

Lewes/Rehoboth Beach/Milton- The Delaware State Police have arrested a Lewes man in connection with five commercial burglaries and other related offenses.

The Delaware State Police have been investigating a rash of burglaries, criminal mischiefs, and attempted theft complaints since early July 2018. Through investigative measures,

Troopers were able to identify the suspect as 33-year-old **Jacob L Capozio**.

Troopers were able to connect Capozio to the following burglaries:

- Waves Car Wash located at 17246 Five Point Square- Capozio attempted to force entry into the business.
- Magee's Produce located at 33761 Wescoats Road (2 separate occasions)-Capozio forced entry via the rear door of the business and removed an undisclosed amount of cash.
- Carlos Ramos-Sandoval Garage located at 28266 Lewes-Georgetown Highway (2 separate occasions) Capozio made entry into the business and removed tools and a television.

Troopers have also been investigating numerous attempted theft and criminal mischief complaints to vending/soda machines at the Tanger Outlet Stores. Troopers were able to connect Capozio to six incidences in which he caused damage to the machines and attempted to take cash.

On July 26, 2018, Capozio was seen walking on West Springside Drive, Milton when Troopers apprehended him without incident. He was transported back to Troop 7 where he was charged with the following:

- 5 Counts of Burglary Third
- 6 counts of Attempted to Commit Theft Under \$1500
- 6 counts of Criminal Mischief Under \$1000
- 6 counts of Possession of Burglar Tools or Instruments Involving a Safe/Vending
- 5 counts of Theft \$1500 or Greater
- 3 counts of Criminal Mischief Under \$1000
- 2 counts of Possession of Burglar Tools or Instruments Involving Unlawful Entry

Capozio was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 2

and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on \$17,610 secured bond.

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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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DSP S.O.A.R. Searching For Wanted Sex Offenders

Dover – 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/>

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Troopers Seek Public's Assistance in Identifying Burglary Suspect

Millsboro- The Delaware State Police is seeking the public's assistance in attempting to identify the suspect involved in a burglary that occurred earlier this morning.

The incident occurred on Friday, July 27, 2018 at approximately 3:20 a.m., when the suspect forced entry through the front door of the Uncle Willies convenience store located at 30058 John J. Williams Highway. Once inside, the suspect stole cigarettes and an undisclosed amount of cash.

The suspect has a tattoo on his right arm that appears to be a C shape. Video surveillance captured him driving a late model white passenger car headed west bound towards the town of Millsboro.

Anyone with information in reference to the identity of the suspect is asked to please contact Troop 4, Detective A. Bluto at 302-752-3864.

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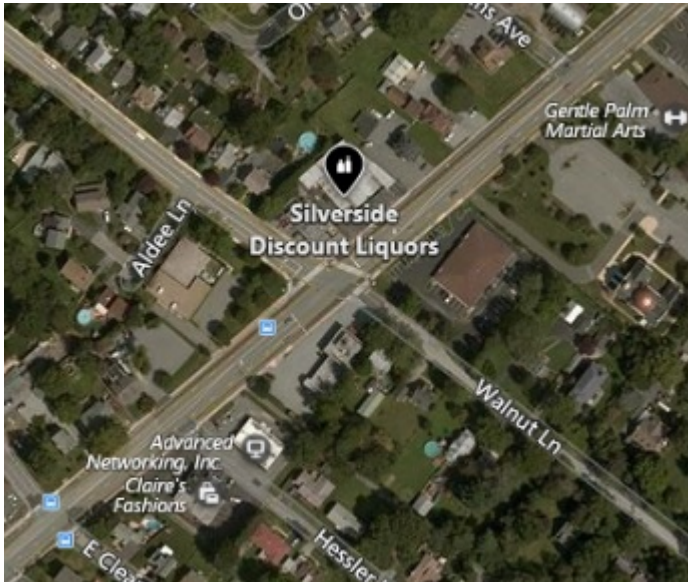
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Troopers Investigating Armed Robbery of North Wilmington Liquor Store



Wilmington (19809) – The Delaware State Police are currently investigating the armed robbery of a north Wilmington liquor store that took place last night.

The incident occurred at approximately 9:28 p.m., Thursday, July 26, 2018 at Silverside Discount Liquors, located at 1401 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington, when a suspect armed with a handgun, approached an employee at the sales counter and demanded money from the register. The 25 year old victim complied with the demand by turning over an undisclosed amount of cash. After obtaining the money the suspect fled the business and was last seen on foot, southbound on Philadelphia Pike. The employee was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect is described as a black male, 5'7"-5'9", 120-140 lbs., wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt, black pants, a white cloth covering his face and in possession of a black and gray 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 302-365-8466.

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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Investigating Serious Crash Involving a Pedestrian – New Castle



New Castle – The Delaware State Police are continuing to investigate a serious motor vehicle crash involving a pedestrian that occurred at approximately 5:03 p.m., Wednesday, July 25, 2018 on New Castle Avenue (DE Rt. 9) northbound in the area of Rose Lane. New Castle.

The initial investigation has determined that a 2010 Chevrolet Silverado, operated by a 64 year old Wilmington man was traveling northbound on New Castle Avenue (DE Rt. 9) in the left lane, south of Rose Lane. Following directly behind the Silverado was a 2014 International Terra Star box truck, operated by a 29 year old Newark man. As the two vehicles proceeded northbound, a male pedestrian, for an unknown

reason, walked into the New Castle Avenue northbound left lane from the median, and proceeded to lay down directly in front of the Silverado. As the Silverado came to a stop to avoid the pedestrian, it was struck from the rear by the box truck and pushed into the pedestrian before coming to rest in the median. The box truck then also struck the pedestrian before coming to rest in the left lane of travel.

The pedestrian, a 29 year old Newark man, was transported to the Christiana Hospital with serious injuries. Impairment on his behalf is unknown at this time. He was cited with the pedestrian violation of being in the roadway improperly.

Neither impairment nor improper driving are being considered as factors on behalf of either driver.

If anyone has information regarding this incident they are asked to contact Cpl. M. Calio at Troop 2 by calling 302-365-8505.

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Troopers Arrest Philadelphia Man for Theft of Fuel

Wilmington – Delaware State Police detectives with the assistance of DNREC's Natural Resources Police Environmental Crimes Unit have arrested Vincent B. Chinn Jr., 34, of Philadelphia, PA, for his involvement in the theft of thousands of gallons of gasoline.

Beginning on Thursday July 5th, 2018, the Delaware State Police began investigating a series of thefts that were taking place at various Shell Gas Stations throughout New Castle County. The initial investigations determined that in the early morning hours, between 1:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m., the suspect, who would later be identified as Chinn, would syphon hundreds of gallons of fuel from underground storage tanks and then transfer it to plastic tanks which were contained on a utility trailer.

Through a variety of investigative measures detectives were able to identify a blue, Dodge Ram, 4 door pick-up truck, towing a utility trailer as a suspect vehicle. On Thursday,

July 26, 2018 at approximately 4:10 a.m., Troopers observed the suspect vehicle, which contained the tanks, in the area of the Shell Gas Station, located at 300 South Walnut Street, Wilmington. The vehicle was stopped on I-495 northbound in the area of 12th Street and Chinn was identified as the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle. Due to the possibility of hazardous materials being present officers from DNREC's Environmental Crimes Unit responded to assist with the investigation. It was determined that the plastic storage tanks contained on the trailer were empty and were safe to transport.

Chinn, who also has ties to Newark, DE, was taken in to custody without incident and the vehicle and trailer were towed to Delaware State Police Troop 2 where a search warrant was executed. As a result of the search, evidence was recovered further linking Chinn to the thefts.

The thefts occurred at the following locations and involved the specified quantity of gasoline and associated value:

July 5, 2018: Shell Gas, 4495 Summit Bridge Road, Middletown. (661 gallons/\$2,267.23)

July 10, 2018: Shell Gas, 841 Pulaski Highway, Bear. (416 gallons/\$1,345.24)

July 15, 2018: Shell Gas, 4495 Summit Bridge Road, Middletown. (666 gallons/\$2,364.30)

Chinn was charged by Delaware State Police detectives with two counts of Theft greater than \$1500.00 (F) and one count of Theft less than \$1500.00 (M).

Chinn was also charged by the Delaware Natural Resources Police Environmental Crimes Unit with 3 counts of Constructing Equipment to Discharge an Air Contaminant without a Permit (M).

Chinn was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #2 and released on \$6100.00 unsecured bond.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective B. Harris at Troop 2 by calling 302-365-8410.

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***Update* Suspect Arrested in Connection with Shots Fired-**

Lewes

Lewes— Delaware State Police have arrested the suspect who was wanted in connection with a shots fired complaint.

The incident occurred on Monday, June 25, 2018, at approximately 3:58 p.m. when Troopers were dispatched to the 30000 block of Pinetown Road for a shots fired complaint. Upon arrival, it was discovered that 18-year-old **Jhareed Ayers** of Lewes had fired one round from a sawed off shot gun at his three nephews, two 17-year-olds and one 13 year old, who were standing outside of the residence. Also in the area when this incident occurred were three bystanders, ages 9, 63 and 70. Further investigation revealed that there is ongoing issues between Ayers and his nephews. There were no injuries reported as a result of this incident.

On July 20, 2018, members of the Sussex County Governor's Task Force (GTF) responded to Pinetown Road in an attempt to locate Ayers. As officers arrived, Ayers was seen in the area, at which time he fled.

On Wednesday, July 25, 2018, at approximately 4:33 p.m., Troop 7 patrol units observed Ayers on Pinetown Road and subsequently took him into custody without incident.

Ayers was transported back to Troop 7 where he was charged with Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Possession of a Firearm Within 10 Years of Prior Conviction of a Felony, Possession of a Firearm or Ammunition by a Person Prohibited, 6 counts of Reckless Endangering Second Degree, and Resisting Arrest. He was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on \$10,000.00 secured bond.

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**Delaware State Police Troop 3
to Host Community Café –
Dover**



Dover – Delaware State Police Troop 3 will be holding a Community Café on **Thursday, August 2, 2018**. The event will held from **7:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m.** at the Royal Farms located at 6 West Lebanon Road at the corner of South State Street. The Community Café will have Troop 3 Administration and the Community Outreach Officer in attendance to meet and interact with members of the public. This Community Café is often referred to as “Coffee with a Cop” in other police agencies and is being held in an effort to build a stronger relationship between the Delaware State Police and the communities that we so proudly serve.

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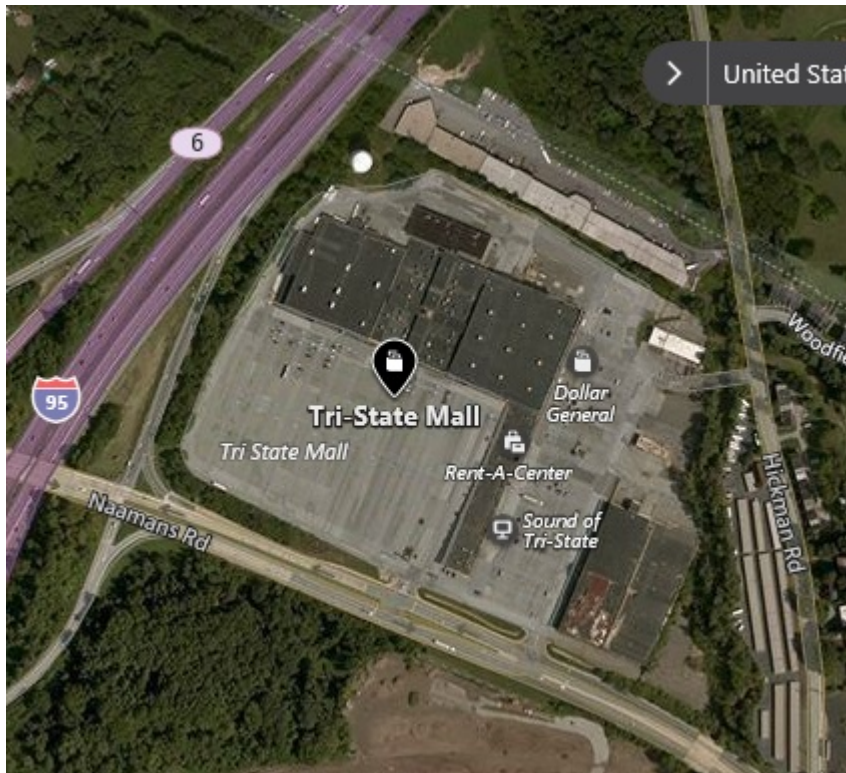
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Troopers Investigating Armed Robbery – Claymont



Claymont – The Delaware State Police are investigating an armed robbery that took place in the parking lot of the Tri State Mall on Tuesday evening.

The incident occurred at approximately 6:49 p.m., Tuesday, July 24, 2018 in the parking lot of the Tri State Mall, located at 401 Naamans's Road, Claymont. A 53 year old Trainer, Pennsylvania man had just left the Dollar General

store and returned to his parked vehicle. Just after entering the vehicle he was approached by a suspect who displayed a handgun and demanded property. The victim complied by turning over his cell phone, car keys and an undisclosed amount of cash. After obtaining the property the suspect fled in a blue van that was parked nearby. The victim was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a black male, 25-35 years of age, 5'8"-5'10", 200-220 lbs., in possession of a black in color, 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 302-365-8466.

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