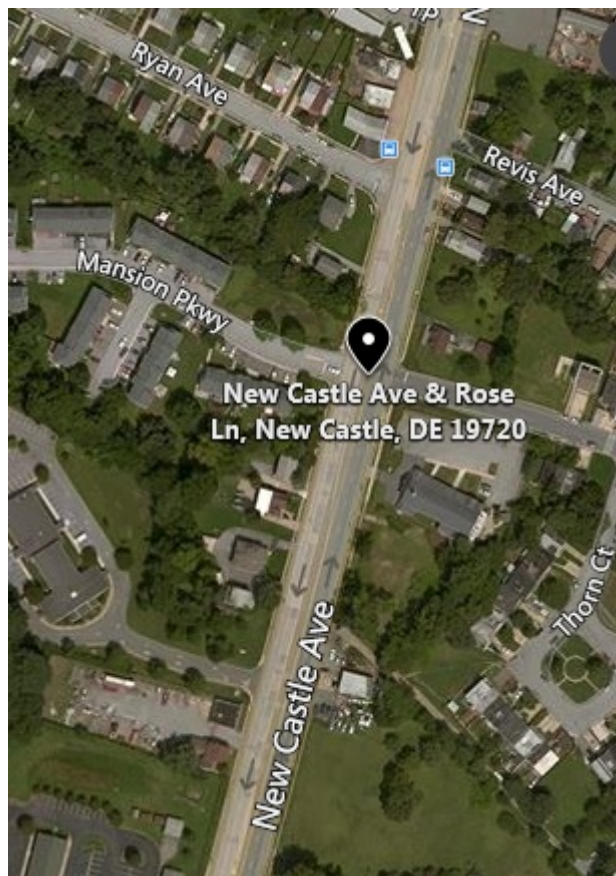


Troopers Investigating Serious Crash Involving a Pedestrian – New Castle



New Castle – The Delaware State Police are currently on scene of 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 Avenue northbound in the area of Rose Lane is restricted to one lane of travel. Motorists will experience delays in the area and are advised to seek alternate routes of travel. For updated traffic conditions and road closure information click on the following link: http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel_advisory/index.shtml#advisories.

The investigation is ongoing with further details being released as they become available.

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Troopers Investigating Escape from Juvenile Facility - Wilmington

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police are currently investigating an escape from the Grace Cottage juvenile facility involving two females, one of whom is still at large.

Troopers were called to Grace Cottage, a level IV, staff secured detention facility, located at 1825 Faulkland Road,

Wilmington around 8:10 p.m., Monday, July 23, 2018 in reference to two juvenile females who fled from Youth Rehabilitative Services staff members, during an escorted group transfer from one building to another. After separating themselves from the group, who were on foot, the pair gained access to a state owned vehicle, and then fled the complex onto DE Rt. 141.

The pair were identified as a 15 year old from Wilmington and ***Alyssa Popo, 16***, of Newark.

At approximately 10:00 p.m., with the assistance of the Wilmington Police Department, Troopers located the 15 year old in the 2300 block of N. Washington Street, in the City of Wilmington, and took her in to custody without incident. The stolen 2016 Ford Focus was also recovered at this location.

The teen was charged with Escape 3rd Degree, Theft of a Motor Vehicle and Conspiracy 2nd Degree. She was arraigned and then committed to the New Castle County Detention Center on \$4,500.00 secured bail.

Popo who is described as a white female, 5'2", 140 lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, remains at large.

Anyone with information regarding Popo's whereabouts are asked to contact Detective J. Hatchell of the Troop 2 Youth Aid Division at 302-365-8583 or by calling 911.

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A Warrant Attempt Leads to Drug Arrest-Laurel

Laurel— Delaware State Police arrest three suspects after a warrant attempt led to the discovery of drugs and drug paraphernalia.

The incident occurred on Monday, July 23, 2018 at approximately 9:35 p.m., when members of the Sussex County Governor's Task Force (GTF) responded to the 29000 block of Discount Land Road, to conduct a warrant attempt for 42-year-old **Richie Hurley**. Richie Hurley is a level 3 probation absconder and was wanted on a capias from Superior Court for Failure to Appear for Drug Court. As an officer began to approach the side door of the residence, a male subject, identified as 23-year-old **Dwayne Hurley** of Bridgeville, exited the residence and suddenly turned away and ran back inside when he discovered the police presence. A brief chase ensued and subsequently officers were able to take Dwayne Hurley into custody inside the residence. A search of Dwayne Hurley's

person revealed he was in possession of cocaine.

Richie Hurley was located in the residence and was taken into custody without incident due to his wanted status. A search of Richie Hurley revealed he was in possession of a large amount of suspected drug proceeds.

While inside the residence, officers observed drug paraphernalia and a children's "Paw Patrol" bag. Upon opening the bag, officers discovered a large quantity of cocaine as well as other narcotics and drug paraphernalia. While searching the rest of the residence for additional persons, officers discovered a 24-year-old male from Delmar hiding in the garage.

The following evidence was seized as part of this investigation:

- Approximately 57.08 grams of cocaine
- (31) 15mg Oxycodone pills
- (9) .5mg Alprazolam pills
- (16) bags of heroin
- (2) Suboxone film strips
- Approximately 0.08 grams of amphetamine
- (2) digital scales
- Numerous items of drug storage paraphernalia
- Over \$1700.00 in suspected drug proceeds

All three suspects were transported back to Troop 4, arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and charged with the following:

Richie Hurley:

- Drug dealing cocaine in a tier 4 quantity
- Possession of cocaine in a tier 5 quantity
- Drug dealing Oxycodone in a tier 2 quantity
- Possession of a controlled substance (Alprazolam)
- Possession of a controlled substance (Suboxone)

- Possession of a controlled substance (heroin)
- Possession of a controlled substance (amphetamine)
- Possession of drug paraphernalia-(3 counts)

Richie Hurley was committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on \$127,750.00 cash only bond.

Dwayne Hurley:

- Hindering prosecution
- Resisting arrest
- Possession of cocaine
- Possession of drug paraphernalia

Dwayne Hurley was released on \$2,000.00 unsecured bond.

24-year-old Delmar man:

- Resisting arrest

Released on \$500.00 unsecured bond.

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Troopers Seek Public's Assistance in Locating Burglary Suspect – Seaford

Seaford – The Delaware State Police are investigating a burglary and subsequent vehicle theft from a Seaford area auto center that occurred in June, and are asking for the public's assistance in locating the suspect.

The initial investigation determined that sometime between 2:00 p.m., Saturday June 16 and 7:30 a.m., Monday, June 18, forcible entry was made in to Ed's Auto Center, located at 26779 Masters Way, Seaford. Once inside the business the suspect gained access to a set of keys to a 2005 Dodge Ram pick-up truck which was parked in the lot and then made off with the vehicle. The vehicle has since been recovered.

Through a variety of investigative leads and measures detectives were able to identify Christopher T. Steimling, 51, of Seaford as a suspect in the burglary and vehicle theft. Warrants were obtained and are currently on file charging Steimling with one count each of: Burglary 3rd Degree, Theft of a Motor Vehicle, Theft under \$1500.00, Receiving Stolen Property and Criminal Mischief under \$1000.00.

Steimling is known to frequent the areas of Seaford, Delaware and Marydel, Maryland. Anyone with information regarding Steimling's whereabouts are asked to contact Detective A. Jones at Troop 4 by calling 302-752-3795 or by calling 911.

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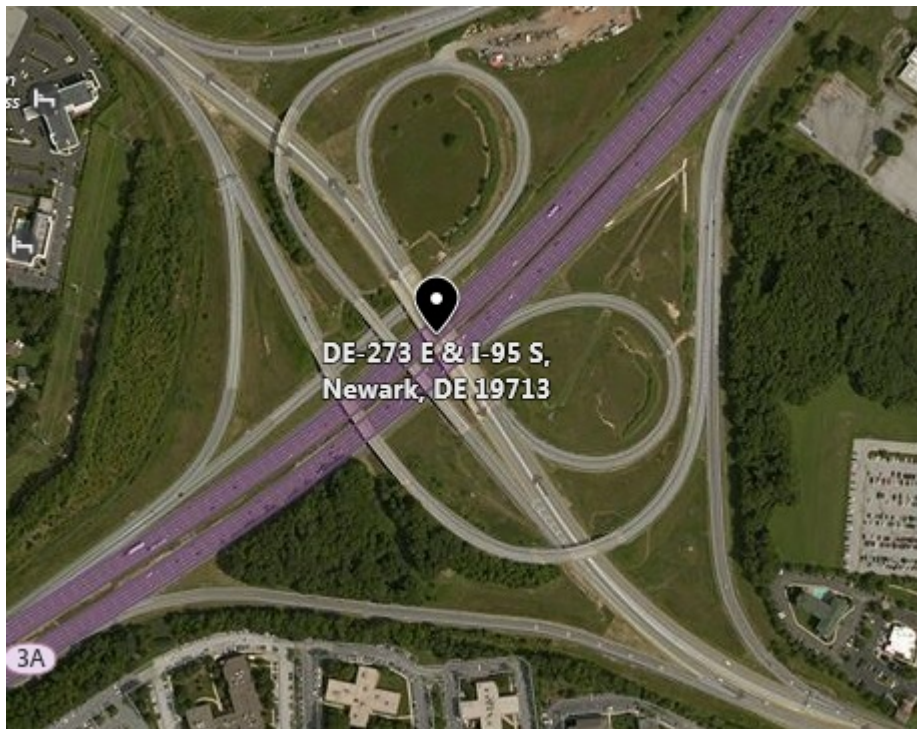
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***Traffic Advisory* DE 273
Closed at I-95 due to Serious
Crash Involving a Motorcycle**



Newark – The Delaware State Police are currently on scene of a serious crash involving a motorcycle that occurred at approximately 8:44 p.m., Monday, July 23, 2018 on DE 273 (Christiana Rd.) westbound, underneath I-95. As a result of the crash DE Rt. 273 westbound, as well as the I-95 southbound ramp to 273 westbound are closed.

Motorists can expect delays in the area and are advised to seek alternate routes of travel. For further traffic updates and road closure information click on the following link: http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel_advisory/index.shtml#advisories.

The investigation is ongoing with further information being released as it becomes available.

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***UPDATE-Attempt to Identify* Troopers Investigating Pharmacy Robbery – Wilmington**

Wilmington (19805) – Delaware State Police detectives are continuing to investigate a robbery that occurred at approximately 8:58 p.m., Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at the Walgreens pharmacy, located at 1900 Maryland Avenue, Wilmington, and are asking for the public's help in identifying the suspect.

Anyone with information regarding the identity or whereabouts of the pictured suspect is asked to contact Detective B. McDerby of the Troop 2 Robbery Unit by calling 302-365-8436.

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 Investigating Serious Crash Involving Pedestrian-Georgetown



Georgetown- The Delaware State Police are investigating a serious crash involving a pedestrian that occurred last evening.

The incident occurred on Sunday, July 22, 2018 at approximately 9:16 p.m. as a GMC work van was traveling west

bound on County Seat Highway (US 9) approaching Tyndall Road. For unknown reasons a pedestrian was walking in the west bound lane just east of Tyndall Road. As a result, the front of the van struck the pedestrian. The van continued west bound on US 9 without stopping. A witness who was behind the van, called 911 to report the collision and provided a brief description of the vehicle. A Trooper was on patrol in the area and observed a vehicle matching the description traveling on Taylor Mill Road. A traffic stop was initiated and damage was observed to the front of the vehicle, connecting it to the collision involving the pedestrian.

The pedestrian, a 30-year-old male from Milford, sustained critical injuries and was transported by ambulance to the Nanticoke Memorial Hospital. He was later transferred to the Christiana Hospital.

The operator of the van, a 25-year-old male from Salisbury MD was found to be driving without a license. He was transported to Troop 4 where he was charged with Driving Without a License, Leaving the Scene of a Personal Injury Collision, and Failure to Report a Personal Injury Collision. He was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace court 3 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on \$2,001.00 cash only bond.

The roadway was closed for approximately 3 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov.

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***UPDATE #2-Victim Identified*
Troopers Investigating Fatal
Crash – Georgetown**



Georgetown – The Delaware State Police have identified Thomas D. Clarke, 63, of Georgetown as the operator of a Chevrolet pickup truck that was killed in the crash that occurred at approximately 2:46 p.m., Saturday, July 21, 2018 on W. Piney Grove Rd., south of E. Trap Pond Rd., Georgetown.

Click on the following links to view related releases:

[*UPDATE* Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash – Georgetown](#)

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The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding the crash is asked to contact Sgt. A. Mendez at Troop 7 by calling 302-703-3269.

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Traffic Stop Leads To Recovery of Stolen Handgun-Milton

Milton— Delaware State Police have charged Ricky D. Waters, 29, of Millsboro with weapons and drug offenses after he was stopped for a traffic violation.

The incident occurred at approximately 5:30 a.m., Friday, July 20, 2018 when a Trooper performed a traffic stop on a silver Lincoln Town Car on Coastal Highway (SR 1) in the area of Milton. Upon making contact with the driver who was identified as Waters, the Trooper could smell a strong odor of burnt marijuana coming from inside the vehicle.

A subsequent search of the vehicle produced 1.7 grams of marijuana along with drug paraphernalia to include a scale, as well as an unloaded Hy Hunter 6 shot revolver handgun. Further investigation determined that the handgun had been stolen out of Maryland.

Waters was taken in to custody without incident and then transported to Troop 7 where he was arrested and charged with one count each of: Possession of a Deadly Weapon by a Person Prohibited, Receiving Stolen Property, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Driving with a Suspended License and Failure to Yield the Right of Way.

Waters was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #2 and released on \$6850.00 unsecured bail.

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UPDATE Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash – Georgetown



Georgetown – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a fatal crash that occurred at approximately 2:46 p.m., Saturday, July 21, 2018 on W. Piney Grove Rd., south of E. Trap Pond Rd., Georgetown.

The initial investigation has determined that a 1997 Chevrolet S-10 pickup truck, operated by a 63 year old Georgetown man, was traveling northbound on W. Piney Grove Rd., approximately .4 miles south of E. Trap Pond Rd., when for an unknown reason he traveled off the right edge of the roadway onto a grassy area. The Chevrolet re-entered the roadway and traveled across the center line into the opposing lane of travel, directly in to the path of a 2006 Jeep Cherokee, operated by a 53 year old Georgetown woman. The operator of the Jeep was unable to avoid the Chevrolet, resulting in the vehicles colliding in the southbound lane of travel.

The operator of the Chevrolet, who was unrestrained, was

trapped in the vehicle and pronounced dead at the scene. Identification is pending the notification of next of kin.

The operator of the Jeep, who was properly restrained, was transported to Nanticoke Memorial Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The roadway was closed for approximately 3 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding the crash is asked to contact Sgt. A. Mendez at Troop 7 by calling 302-703-3269.

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