Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash Involving a Motorcycle – Bear



Bear – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a fatal crash involving a motorcycle that took place late Wednesday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 11:29 p.m., Wednesday, August 1, 2018 on U.S. Rt. 40 eastbound, east of Church Rd., Bear. A 2003 Suzuki GSX-R1000 motorcycle, being operated by a 36 year old Wilmington man was traveling eastbound Rt. 40 in the left lane, at an apparent high rate of speed. A 2016 Chrysler 200, operated by a 57 year old Newark man was turning left from Rt. 40 westbound to continue in to the Rockwood Apartment complex, which is just east of Church Rd. As the Chrysler proceeded to make the turn, the Suzuki struck its right side. The impact caused the Suzuki operator to be ejected from the motorcycle and thrown to the roadway, where he came to rest on the Rt. 40 eastbound right shoulder. After the initial collision, a third vehicle, a 2018 Jeep, operated by a 22 year old Philadelphia, PA woman, struck the Suzuki which had come to rest in the Rt. 40 eastbound lane of travel.

The operator of the Suzuki was pronounced dead at the scene. High speed is being considered as a contributing factor on his

behalf, impairment is unknown at this time. Identification of the victim is pending notification of next of kin.

The operator of the Chrysler was properly restrained and declined treatment for minor injuries. Impairment is not being considered as a factor on his behalf.

The operator of the Jeep who was also properly restrained was not injured. Impairment is not being considered as a factor on her behalf.

U.S. Rt. 40 eastbound at Church Rd. was closed for approximately 3 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Cpl. J. Breen of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit at 302-365-8486.

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 Arrest Suspect For Passing Counterfeit Bills at Delaware State Fair

Harrington- The Delaware State Police have arrested a suspect in connection with passing counterfeit bills at the Delaware State Fair while a second suspect still remains at large.

The incident occurred on Friday, July 27, 2018 at approximately 10:00 p.m. when Troopers working at the fair were alerted that two subjects were passing counterfeit bills to vendors to purchase beverages and food. A description of the suspects were provided to the Troopers, and subsequently one subject was taken into custody, 19-year-old **Jerome Norton-Roberts** of Harrington. A search of **Norton-Roberts** revealed approximately 26 counterfeit one hundred dollar bills.

Norton-Roberts was transported to back to Troop 3, where he was charged with Forgery First Degree (Money Stamps Securities Other Valuables Issued By Government), Theft By False Pretense Under $1500, and Conspiracy. He was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and released on $2,000.00 unsecured bond.

A second suspect, 17-year-old **Reggie Marshall** of Harrington, has been identified and currently has active warrants out of Troop 3 for Forgery First Degree (Money Stamps Securities Other Valuables Issued By Government), Theft By False Pretense Under $1500, and Conspiracy.

This case continues to remain under investigation and anyone with information in reference to the whereabouts of Reggie Marshall is asked to please contact Troop 3, Detective S. Ryan at 302-697-4454. 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 Seek Public's Assistance in Locating Suspect Who Abandoned Child After Pursuit

Seaford– The Delaware State Police are seeking the public's assistance in attempting to locate a suspect who fled from police and in the process abandoned his nine year old son.

The incident occurred on Monday, July 30, 2018 at approximately 8:35 p.m. when Troopers on patrol in the Seaford area observed a black Volkswagon Jetta fail to use its turn signal as it made a U-turn from southbound US 13 to northbound US 13 at Brickyard Road. A traffic stop was initiated and the vehicle stopped in the parking lot of the Southern Grill Restaurant, located on US 13. Upon contact with the driver, 28-year-old **Steven D. Verley** of Millsboro, an odor of the marijuana was detected. It was also discovered at this point that there was child seated in the front passenger's seat. As Verley was being asked to step out of the vehicle, he proceeded to put the car in drive and a pursuit ensued.

Due to the high rates of speed and aggressive manner in which Verley was driving with a child in the vehicle, the pursuit was terminated.

The Seaford Police Department later observed Verley walking in the area of North Street and Liberty Street with his son. Once Verley observed the police, he abandoned his son and ran into a wooded vacant lot. Police immediately took custody of the child who was unharmed and later turned over to a relative.

A search of the surrounding area for Verley was conducted with negative results. Troopers did locate a prescription bottle with numerous pills, not prescribed to Verley, along with

money that he had thrown.

The vehicle in which Verley was driving was located abandoned at a residence on North Street. A search of the vehicle was conducted and yielded a marijuana blunt (approximately 1.02 grams), marijuana (approximately 6.51 grams), crack cocaine (approximately 2.36 grams), 2 oxycodone pills (approximately 5mg), and drug paraphernalia.

The inventory of the prescription bottle revealed 1 (10 mg) Oxycodone and 42 Percocet pills.

Troopers have been unable to locate Verley who currently has active warrants out of Troop 5 for 3 counts of 3rd Offense Possession With Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance, 2 counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, 3 counts of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Disregarding a Police Officer Signal, Reckless Driving, and other traffic related offenses.

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Verley is asked to please contact Troop 5, Corporal J. Rollins at 302-337-8253. 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 Arrest Three Suspects In Connection With Home Invasion-Dover

Dover (19901) –The Delaware State Police have arrested three suspects in connection with a home invasion that occurred in late January, 2018.

The incident occurred on Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at approximately 8:57 p.m. when Troopers responded to the 1300 block of South Little Creek Road for a reported home invasion. Upon arrival, Troopers made contact with a 35-year-old male resident. The 35-year-old victim advised Troopers he agreed over the phone to meet a female in reference to purchasing an iPhone. The victim responded to an agreed upon location and met with the female in a parking lot. The female proceeded to entered the victims car to discuss the purchase of the iPhone. The victim advised the female that his money was at his residence at which time the two of then drove to his house.

Upon the victim exiting his vehicle, he was approached by two males displaying firearms and demanding money. The victim was then forced inside of his residence. While the two male suspects where inside of the victim's residence, they ransacked a bedroom. When they did not find any money, they forced the victim at gunpoint back into his own vehicle. The suspects then proceeded to drive the victim around in his vehicle demanding to know the location of the money. The suspects eventually returned to the residence, and again forced the victim back inside of his house for a second time. The suspects obtained several items prior to fleeing the scene.

Through investigative measures, Troopers were able to identify the suspects as 23-year-old **Arshawon Brown** of Harrington, 21-year-old **Tianna Scott** of Harrington, and 22-year-old **Treyon Craig** of Harrington**.**

On March 13, 2018, **Tianna Scott** was taken into custody while at the Court of Common Pleas on an unrelated manner. She was transported back to Troop 3 where she was charged Robbery First Degree and Conspiracy Second Degree. Scott was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and released after posting $22,000.00 secured bond.

On March 30, 2018, **Arshawon Brown** was taken into custody by the Middletown Police Department. He was charged with Home Invasion, Robbery First Degree, Unlawful Imprisonment First Degree, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Conspiracy Second Degree, Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony, and Malicious Interference Emergency Communications and Intentionally Prevent or Hinder. Brown was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and committed to the James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on $189,250.00 secured bond.

On July 30, 2018, **Treyon Craig** was taken into custody on a traffic stop and transported back to Troop 3 where he was

charged with Home Invasion, Robbery First Degree, Unlawful Imprisonment First Degree, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Conspiracy Second Degree, Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony, and Malicious Interference Emergency Communications Intentionally Prevent or Hinder. He was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and committed to the James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on $193,000.00 cash only bond.

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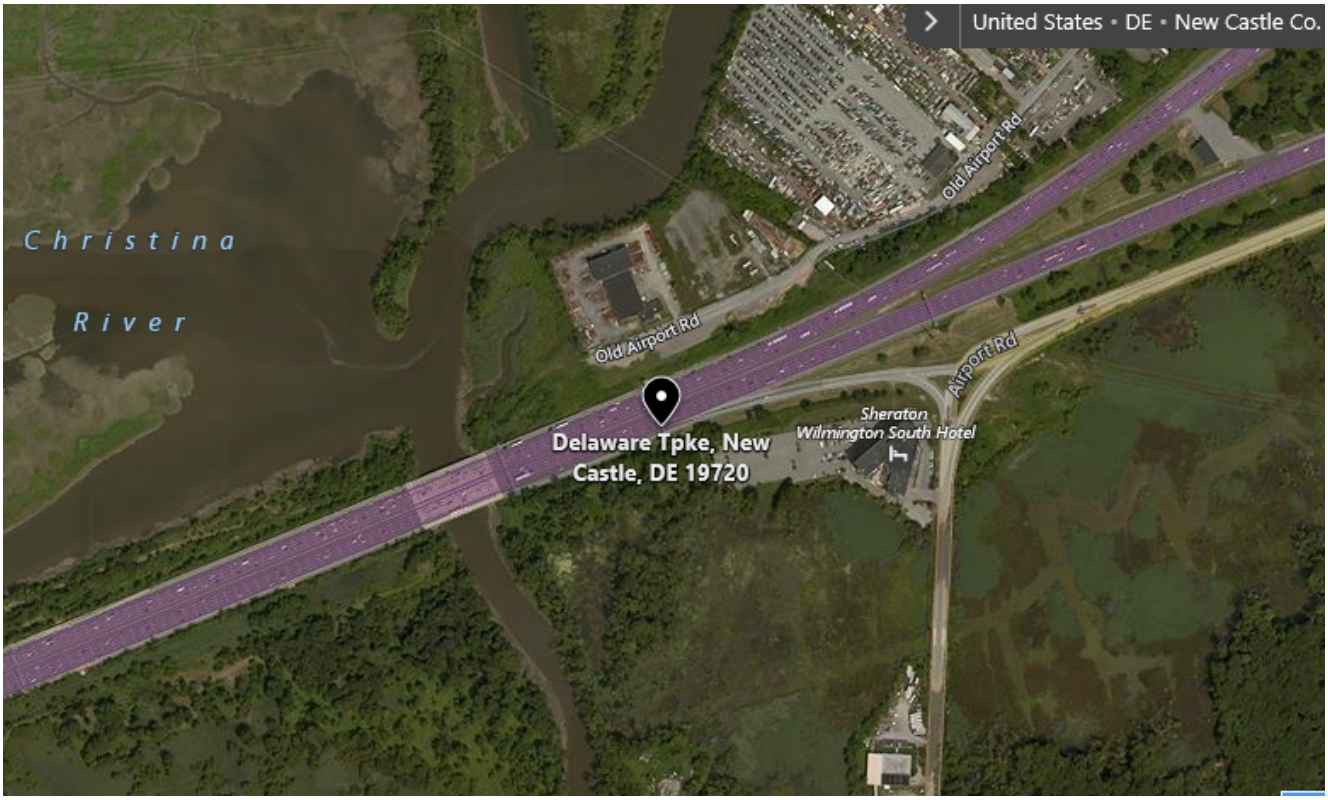
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Update 2 Troopers Investigating Shooting-New Castle



New Castle – The Delaware State Police continue to investigate a shooting that occurred earlier today.

The preliminary investigation has determined that on Monday, July 30, 2018 at approximately 2:10 p.m., a 2014 Saint Francis Life Paratransit Bus, operated by a 28 year old male of Wilmington, was traveling north on SR 1 from (SR 40) Pulaski Highway. The driver of the bus observed another vehicle, a 2005 Dodge Durango, pull alongside his bus on the right and point what appeared to be a cell phone. The bus driver continued to travel northbound and observed the driver again pull onto the left side of the bus pointing his cell phone. The bus driver continued onto I-95 north and subsequently signals to the other driver to pull over in the area of exit 5 for SR 141. Both drivers exited their vehicles and an

altercation occurs between the drivers. During the altercation pepper spray was displayed by the driver of the Durango in the direction of the bus driver. It was at this time the driver of the bus discharged a handgun in the direction of the driver of the Durango striking him in the upper torso.

After the shooting, the driver assisted with first-aid, rendered his gun safe and called 9-1-1. He remained at the scene and made contact with responding troopers. The 28-year-old driver of Wilmington was taken into custody and transported to Delaware State Police Troop 2. The driver of the bus was not injured and no passengers were on the bus.

The 53-year-old driver of the Dodge Durango and only occupant was removed from the scene and transported by EMS to a local area hospital where he is being treated for his injuries.

This is currently an Assault 1st degree investigation and more information will be released as it becomes available.

Update Troopers Investigating Shooting-New Castle

Traffic Advisory* I-95 Northbound and Airport Road, New Castle

This incident remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Criminal Investigations Unit. If anyone has any information or is a witness in reference to this incident, they are asked to please contact **Detective Amy Lloyd of Troop 2 at 302-365-8411. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at** www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

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Update Troopers Investigating Shooting-New Castle



New Castle – The Delaware State Police are currently investigating a shooting that occurred this afternoon.

The preliminary investigation has determined that on Monday, July 30, 2018 at approximately 2:10 p.m., troopers responded to I-95 northbound in the area of Airport Road for an altercation between two male subjects. One male subject sustained a gunshot wound to the upper torso. The other male subject involved was taken into police custody without incident.

The male subject that was shot was removed from the scene and transported by EMS to a local area hospital where he is being treated for his injuries.

Information will be provided as it becomes available.

This incident remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Criminal Investigations Unit. If anyone has any information or is a witness in reference to this incident, they are asked to please contact Troop 2 at 302-365-8467. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at

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Traffic Advisory* I-95

Northbound and Airport Road, New Castle



New Castle – There is police activity in the area of I95 northbound and Airport Road, New Castle. As a result the roadway will be shut-down for a period of time.

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 Troopers Still Seek Public's Assistance in Identifying Attempted Robbery Suspect

Harrington– The Delaware State Police are still asking for the public's assistance in identifying the above pictured suspect who is wanted in connection with an attempted robbery.

The incident occurred on June 29, 2018 at approximately 10:30 p.m., after the victim agreed to provide the suspect with a ride home from the Harrington Casino. The 59-year-old male victim from Bridgeville, advised that he was at the casino when he saw an acquaintance and engaged in a conversation. The victim stated that the acquaintance proceeded to ask him for a ride home, as he indicated that his vehicle would not start. The victim advised that he attempted to provide assistance in starting the vehicle, however was unsuccessful.

The victim stated that he headed southbound on South Dupont Highway (Rt. 13), when he was directed by the suspect to back roads in the Harrington/Farmington area. While stopped on the roadway, the victim claimed that the suspect held a screwdriver to his neck and demanded money. A struggle ensued and the victim was able to take the screwdriver away from the suspect. The suspect then fled from the vehicle and the scene in an unknown direction.

The suspect was described as an Hispanic male, approximately 5' 05" tall, 135-150 lbs. with black hair shaved on the sides and pulled back into a ponytail, wearing a red shirt, blue jeans, and white sneakers. The suspect's vehicle was

described as an older model red or burgundy colored passenger car with a black hood.

The suspect was observed at the Harrington Casino, by the victim for a second time and the above photos were captured.

Troopers Seek Public's Assistance in Identifying Attempted Robbery Suspect

Anyone with information regarding the identity of the pictured suspect or the incident is asked to please contact Detective R. Wright by calling 302-698-8429. 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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Traffic Stop Leads to Discovery of One Pot Meth Lab-Dover

Dover- Delaware State Police have arrested a Middletown man after a traffic stop led to the discovery of a "one pot" meth lab.

On Monday, July 30, 2018 at approximately 1:22 a.m., a Trooper observed a bronze in color truck make an improper lane change while traveling on North Dupont Highway (Rt. 13) and a traffic stop was initiated. Upon contact with the driver, and sole occupant, 28 year-old **Richard H. Janvier III,** it was discovered that Janvier's license was suspended and the vehicle did not have insurance.

As a search of the vehicle was being conducted, Troopers discovered drug paraphernalia, began to small a chemical odor, and located methamphetamine as well as a suspected"one pot" meth bottle. The Kent County Drug Unit and the Delaware Department of Natural Recourses responded to assist with the investigation.

A search of Janvier's vehicle revealed the following:

- .95 grams Meth
- "One Pot" Meth bottle
- Other components to manufacture Meth

Due to the hazardous and combustible nature of the materials used in this process, northbound Rt. 13 was shut down for approximately 1.5 hours. The one pot meth lab was subsequently rendered safe without incident.

Janvier was transported back to Troop 3 where he was charged Possession of a Controlled Substance (meth), Unlawful to Knowingly Operate or Attempt to Operate a Clandestine Laboratory (one pot meth lab), and several traffic violations. He was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 7 and released after posting $3,500.00 secured bond.

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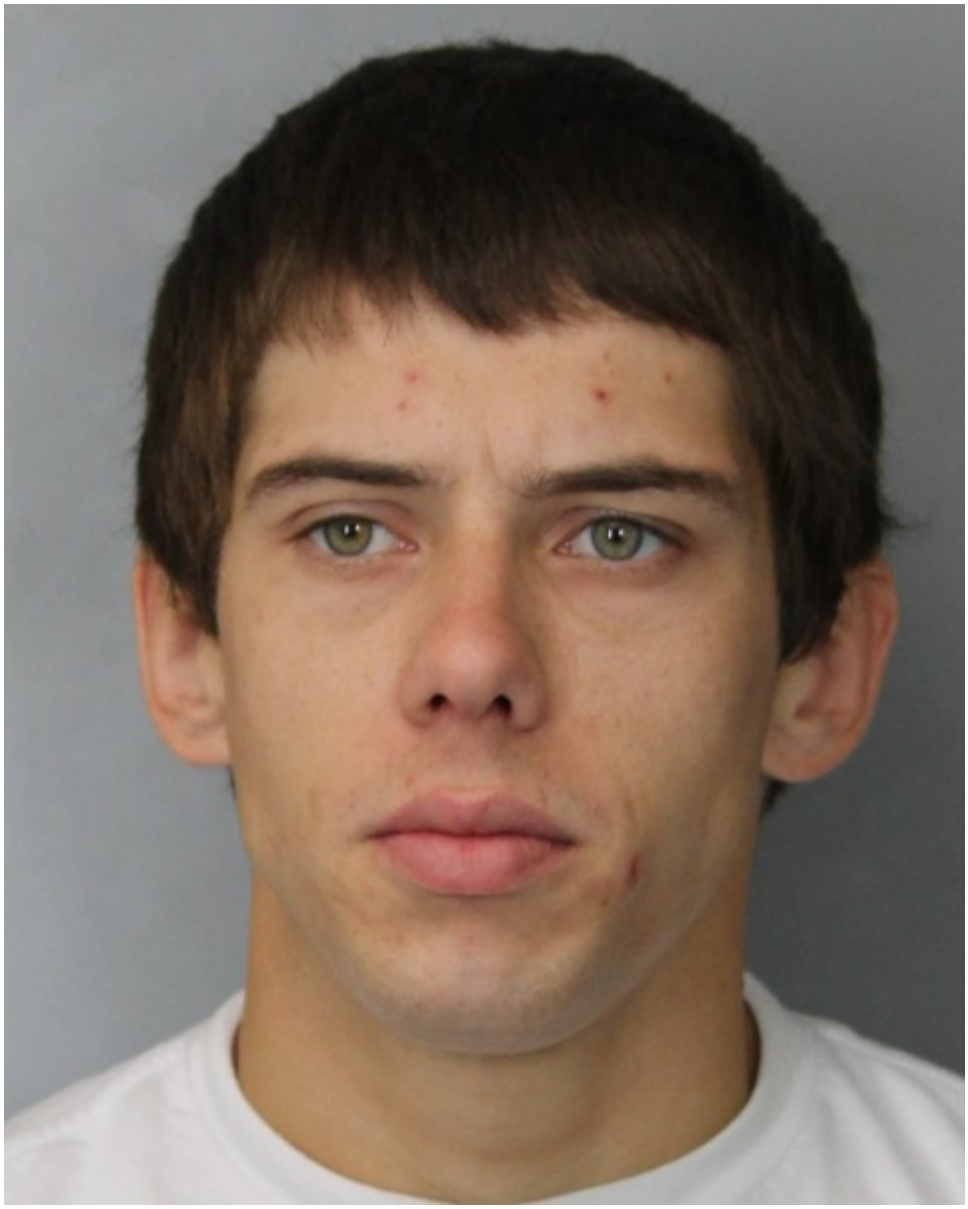
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Millsboro Man Arrested for

Kidnapping, Robbery, and Home Invasion-Rehoboth Beach



Rehoboth Beach- The Delaware State Police have arrested a Millsboro man after he entered a residence armed, assaulted the victims, and then kidnapped them.

The incident occurred on Saturday, July 28, 2018 at approximately 9:43 a.m. when Troopers were dispatched to the M&T Bank located at 19511 Camelot Drive, in reference to a victim reporting she was kidnapped and her vehicle was stolen. Upon arrival, contact was made with an 81-year-old

female victim who stated that a suspect left the bank with her husband in the trunk of her vehicle. The vehicle was located parked behind the Subway at 19470 Coastal Highway. The victim's 82-year-old husband was located and the suspect had fled on foot.

Further investigation revealed that the suspect, 28-year-old **Steven Snell** had responded to the victims' residence located in the Rehoboth Beach Yacht and Country Club earlier this morning. Snell entered the residence through an open garage door and once inside, he made contact with the male victim, and asked to use the house phone. After Snell used the phone, he asked the victim for a drink. The victim provided Snell with a drink of water and when he proceeded to turn around, Snell grabbed him from behind and put a box cutter to his throat. A brief struggle ensued in which the victim received a laceration to his chin. The victim proceeded to yell for his wife who was upstairs. As the victim's wife proceeded downstairs, she was met by Snell who pushed her to the floor. Snell then proceeded to obtain rope that he had in his book bag and tied the male victim's arms behind his back and his feet together. Snell then took an undisclosed amount of cash out of the male's pocket and the female's purse, along with a M&T Bank Card. Snell then placed the male into the trunk of the victim's vehicle and the female in the front passengers seat and left the residence. As they arrived at M&T Bank, Snell ordered the female to the ATM machine to withdraw cash. After the female withdrew an undisclosed amount of cash, she tried to hold onto a railing as Snell began to try and pull her back to the vehicle. A customer had arrived at this time and observed what was going on, at which point Snell let the female go and fled the area in the vehicle with her husband still inside the trunk. The female then proceeded into the bank and requested help.

While still in the trunk, the male realized the vehicle had come to a stop. He was able to free his hands, locate a

release button inside the trunk, and exit the vehicle. The male victim was treated at the scene and the female victim was not injured during this incident.

Through investigative measures, Troopers were able to identify Snell as the suspect. Snell was later apprehended without incident at a residence located in Potnets, Creek Side, Millsboro. He was transported back to Troop 7 where he was charged with 2 counts of Kidnapping First Degree, 3 counts of Robbery First Degree Displays What Appears to be a Deadly Weapon, Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony, Home Invasion, Assault Second Degree, Theft of a Motor Vehicle, and Offensive Touching. Snell was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on $362,100.00 cash only bond.

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