

# **\*Update\* Troopers Conducting Death Investigation - Wilmington**



**Wilmington-** The Delaware State Police are currently conducting a death investigation that occurred yesterday.

The preliminary investigation began on Monday, July 9, 2018, at approximately 7:53 p.m., when troopers responded to the 2700 block of Ferris Road. Upon arrival, troopers discovered five deceased individuals with apparent gunshot wounds including; a 42 year old male, a 41 year old female and three children under the age of 8 years old, upstairs inside the residence.

The Delaware State Police Homicide Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. At this time, there is no concern for safety in the surrounding area.

The bodies have been turned over to the Delaware Division of Forensic Science where an autopsy will be performed to determine the manner and cause of death. The victims'

identities are being withheld pending the notification of the next of kin.

Further information will be released as it becomes available.

If anyone has information about this incident, they are asked to please contact Detective D. Grassi of the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit at 302-365-8441.

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# Troopers Conducting Death Investigation-Wilmington



**Wilmington-** The Delaware State Police are currently conducting a death investigation that occurred earlier this evening.

The preliminary investigation began on Monday, June 9, 2018, at approximately 8:07 p.m. when troopers were dispatched to a residence in the 2700 block of Ferris Road, Wilmington.

The Delaware State Police and the Delaware Division of Forensic Science are working in conjunction to determine the manner and cause of death. The victim's identities are being withheld pending the notification of the next of kin.

The investigation into this incident by the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit is in its early stages. Further information will be released as it becomes available.

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# **Troopers Arrest Georgetown Man for Burglary-Ellendale**

***Ellendale***– The Delaware State Police have arrested a Georgetown man in connection with a residential burglary.

The incident occurred sometime between June 18, 2018 and July

3, 2018 at a residence located on the 14000 block of Beaver Dam Road. The 40-year-old male victim reported that he was on vacation, and when he returned to his residence he noticed that property had been missing and a window was unsecured. Further investigation revealed that a jar containing an undisclosed amount of money, approximately 50 crab traps, and scrap metal was taken.

Through investigative measures, Troopers were able to identify 29-year-old **Eric B. Whitman** as the suspect. It was discovered that Whitman had taken the stolen metal to a scrap yard, signed the receipt indicating he was the owner, and received a cash payment.

On Saturday, July 7, 2018, Whitman was arrested and charged with Burglary Second Degree Dwelling, Theft \$1500 or Greater, Selling Stolen Property Value Over \$1500, Theft Under \$1500, Theft By False Pretense Under \$1500, and Falsifying Business Records. He was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on \$17,000.00 secured bond.

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# Troopers Seek Public's Assistance in Locating Wanted Suspect – Bear

**Bear-** The Delaware State Police are asking for the public's assistance in locating the above suspect who is wanted in connection with two attempted burglaries.

The attempted burglary incidents occurred on June 7, 2018 and June 8, 2018 which were reported to have occurred at the Michael Gallagher Jewelers Inc., located at 102 Fox Hunt Drive, Fox Run Shopping Center, Bear. Through investigative measures, the suspect has been identified as 32 year old, Sye C. Newton, of Bear, Delaware. Newton is currently wanted for two counts of Attempted Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, two counts of Conspiracy and three counts of Criminal Mischief. In addition he also has two current active \$5000 cash only New Castle County Superior Court capiases for Violation of Probation.

If anyone has information on the whereabouts of Sye Newton they are asked to please contact Detective R. Strecker Delaware State Police Troop #2 CIU – Property Crimes Office at (302) 365-8413. 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 Bridgeville Man for Assault-Bridgeville

**Bridgeville**— Delaware State Police have arrested a Bridgeville man after he assaulted the victim with a machete.

The incident occurred on Saturday, July 7, 2018 at approximately 11:45 a.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the Nanticoke Memorial Hospital for a report of an assault. Further investigation revealed that the victim, a 55-year-old male from Bridgeville was assaulted while he was at his friends residence located in the 17000 block of Redden Road. The suspect, identified as 65-year-old **Augustas Bailey** of

Bridgeville, entered the residence and began threatening to kill the victim. Bailey then proceeded to go after the victim armed with a machete. While attempting to defend himself, the victim was subsequently stuck in his right hand.

The victim sustained a serious laceration to his right hand and was later transported to the Curtis National Hand Center in Baltimore MD.

Troopers responded to Bailey's residence on the 17000 block of Goose Bay Lane, where he was taken into custody without incident. He was transported back to Troop 5 where he was charged with Assault First Degree, Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony, Reckless Endanger First Degree, and Terroristic Threatening. Bailey was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on \$106,000.00 secured bond.

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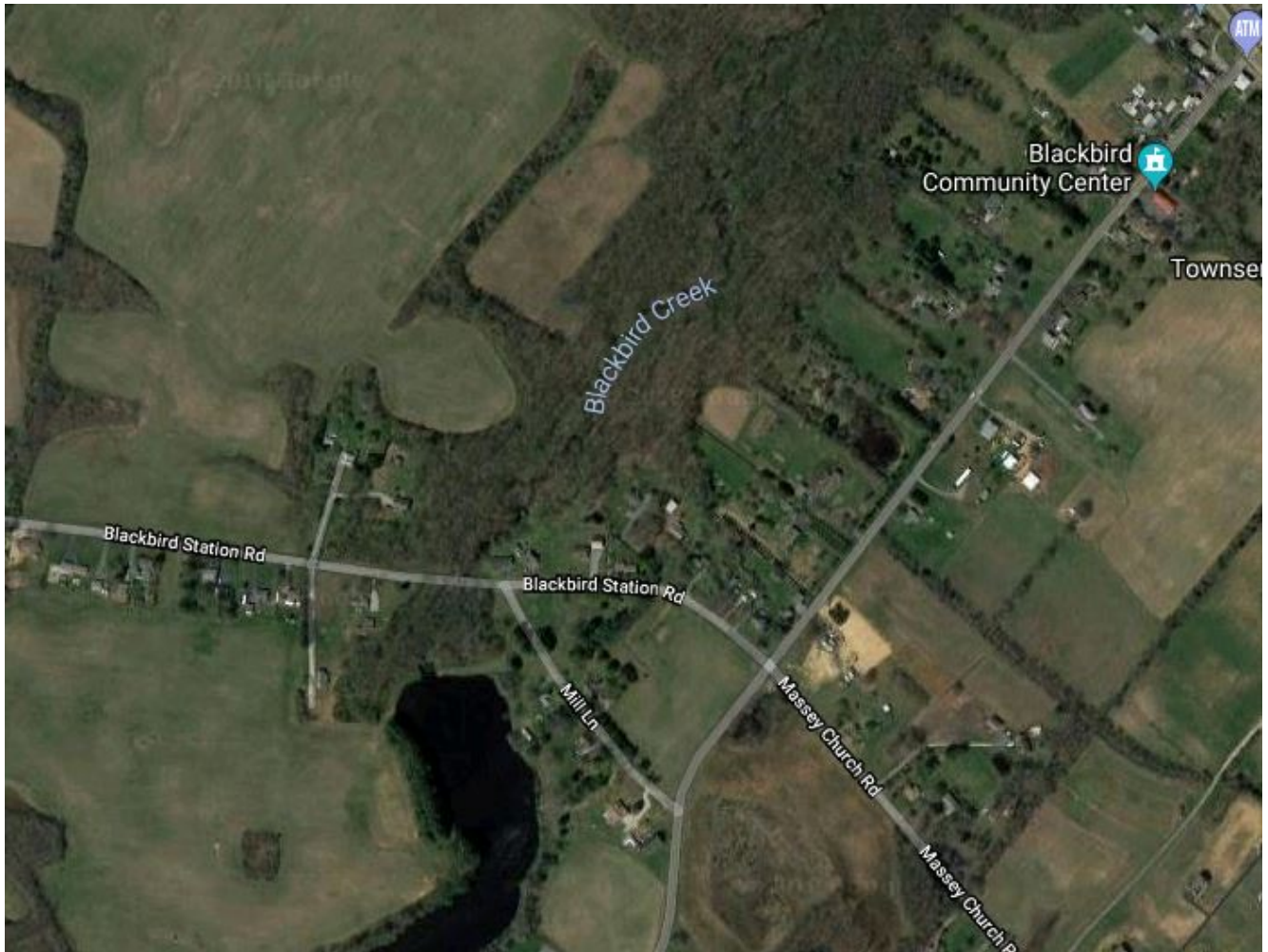
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# **State Police Investigate Domestic Assault with a Barricaded Subject – Townsend**



Townsend – The Delaware State Police are operating in the unit block of Blackbird Station Road for a report of a possibly armed barricaded subject located in a residence.

The incident began at approximately 11:07 a.m., this morning, Monday, July 09, 2018, as troopers were called to the residence for a domestic assault with an unstable male subject in the house. It was reported, the victim, a 69 year old female of Townsend was assaulted by her adult son. The victim was located outside of her residence by a neighbor who called 9-1-1. The suspect went back into the residence and refused to surrender.

At approximately 12:15 p.m. today, a 23-year-old male surrendered and was taken into custody upon exiting the residence. He is currently being transported to an area hospital for an evaluation.

The victim was flown by the Delaware State Police Aviation Unit to a local area hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Area residences in the area of the incident did shelter in place as a precaution. Detectives continue to investigate this incident and charges are forthcoming. Blackbird Station Road is currently closed. Motorists are advised to avoid the area and seek alternate routes of travel.

Further information will be released as it becomes available.

For updated traffic conditions and road closure information click [on the following link: http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel\\_advisory/index.shtml#advisories.](http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel_advisory/index.shtml#advisories)

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# Statewide DUI Enforcement Checkpoints Take Aim to Reduce DUI-Related Crashes and Fatalities

Delaware – The Delaware State Police and the Office of Highway Safety in partnership with local law enforcement agencies are committed to improving the safety of Delaware’s motoring public. As a result, CheckPoint StrikeForce will be conducted on Saturday, July 14, 2018 with additional Team DUI Enforcement on July 28, 2018.

More than 50 law enforcement officers from across Delaware will assemble at several locations in all three counties to conduct statewide impaired driving checkpoints. The focus will be on behavioral traffic safety issues such as impaired driving, seat belt use, speeding, child passenger safety, pedestrian and bicycle safety, motorcycle safety, and teen driving issues.

If you drink and drive during this Independence Day holiday, or any other time this July, you could lose your independence because there is a high likelihood you’ll be pulled over.

During the month of July, the Delaware Office of Highway Safety will be implementing several countermeasures to combat impaired driving. (A DUI arrest can set you back an average of \$10,000 in attorney fees, fines, court costs, lost time at work, higher insurance rates, car towing and repairs, and more. It could also result in the loss of your license and possibly even your job.)

On Saturday, July 14th, from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., police will be out in full force in Delaware as part of the “CheckPoint StrikeForce” deployment. Delaware State Police will be manning

three sobriety check points, one in each county, as follows:

1. New Castle County: Kirkwood Highway in Wilmington
2. Kent County: US 13 in Smyrna
3. Sussex County: Rt. 1 in Rehoboth Beach

There will be at least one Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) at each checkpoint.

Two weeks later, on July 28th, OHS will be funding a DUI team enforcement initiative. Targeting areas shown to have a high occurrence of DUI arrests, nearly 100 law enforcement officers will be traveling in pairs to patrol for impaired drivers.

July is a particularly deadly month for Delaware. From 2013 – 2017, there have been a total of 1,839 DUI arrests, 486 DUI-related crashes, and 24 DUI-related fatalities.

“As you celebrate the summer, we want everyone to think of your family, friends and other drivers traveling on our roads in Delaware. Drink responsibly and discourage others from drunk or buzzed driving. If you feel buzzed, you should not drive. Please have a plan before you go out and pick a designated driver who is responsible and will not drink. The Delaware State Police and local law enforcement agencies throughout the state have teamed together to enhance motorists safety with extra patrols and DUI enforcement at checkpoints in all three counties. Think about the safety of others as more families are traveling on Delaware roads.”

***Sergeant Richard Bratz, Delaware State Police, Public Information Director***

“This July, don’t let your stars and stripes become bars and stripes. OHS urges motorists to plan ahead. Don’t let a DUI ruin your life. Find a designated driver, call a cab or use a ridesharing service like Lyft.”

***Mitch Topal, Office of Highway Safety, Marketing Specialist***

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**Troopers Investigating Fatal**  
**Crash-Milton**



**Milton**– The Delaware State Police have identified the name of the individual who was killed in a single motor vehicle crash on Saturday, July 7, 2018 on Coastal Highway (SR 1) in the area of Truitt Road as 66-year-old Robert C. Campbell of Harrington.

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information pertaining to this incident is asked to please contact Troop 7, Corporal A. Mitchell at 302-644-5020.

### [Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash-Milton](#)

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**\*Update #2 Names Released\*  
Troopers Investigating Multi-  
Fatal Crash-Townsend**



**Townsend**– The Delaware State Police have identified the name of the father and his adult daughter from Teaneck, NJ who were killed in a fatal motor vehicle crash on Friday, July 6, 2018 on State Route 1 Highway (Rt. 1) as 61-year-old Audie Trinidad, and 20-year-old Kaitlyn N. Trinidad. Also killed in the crash was his 17-year-old daughter and 13-year-old twins.

The driver of the Ford F-350 has been identified as 44-year-old Alvin S. Hubbard 3rd of East New Market, MD.

The driver of the Mercury Sable as been identified as 24-year old Brian C. Kern of Bethlehem PA.

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit. No charges have been filed at this time.

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[\\*TRAFFIC ADVISORY\\* Route 1 Northbound at Pine Tree Road Closed Due to Fatal Crash-Townsend](#)

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## **Traffic Stop Leads To Weapons Arrest – Smyrna**

**Smyrna**– The Delaware State Police have arrested a Wilmington man after a traffic stop led to the discovery of a handgun.

The incident occurred on Thursday, July 5, 2018 at approximately 2:31 p.m. when a Trooper observed a 2003 Mercury Sable traveling above the posted speed limit on northbound Route 13 in the area of Hickory Ridge Road. A traffic stop was initiated and contact was made with the driver and two occupants. Further investigation revealed that the 29-year-old male operator from Dover, had a suspended driver's license and an active capias. Upon contact with the occupants, a

"blunt" containing marijuana was observed inside the vehicle. Upon identification of the rear seat passenger, it was discovered that he had two active capiases.

Further search of the vehicle led to the discovery of a handgun located in a compartment in the glove box with an obliterated serial number.

The rear seat passenger, identified as **Lawrence D. Baily** was transported back to Troop 9 where he was charged with Possession of a Firearm by Person Previously Convicted of A Violent Felony, Possession of a Weapon with an Obliterated Serial Number, Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon, and Possession of Marijuana. Baily was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 7 and committed to the James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on a total of \$79, 647.22 secured bond for his current charges and two active capiases.

The driver was released after being issued a citation for speeding and other traffic related offenses.

The front seat passenger, a 28-year-old male from Philadelphia was not charged.

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