*Update*Name Released* Troopers Investigating Fatal Bicycle Crash-Felton

Felton- The Delaware State Police are releasing the name of the man that was killed in a crash during the early morning hours on Saturday, July 14, 2018 on (U.S. 13) South DuPont Highway north of Felton as 28-year-old William O. Boyer of Felton, Delaware.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with any information is asked to Contact M/Cpl. W. Killen at Troop 3 Camden, at 302-698-8451.

State Police Investigating Fatal Crash Involving Bicyclist – Felton

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*Update*Name Released* Troopers Investigating Fatal Motorcycle Crash-Laurel

Laurel- The Delaware State Police are releasing the name of

the man that was killed in the Saturday, July 14, 2018 crash on Ralph Road (CR 505) east of Waycross Road (CR505A) Laurel, as 51-year-old Robert Martinson of Laurel, Delaware.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit.

Update State Police Investigate a Fatal Motorcycle Crash-Laurel

Traffic Advisory Troopers Investigating Serious Motorcycle Crash – Laurel

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*Update*Name Released* Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash-New Castle

New Castle – The Delaware State Police are releasing the name of the man that was killed in a crash during the early morning hours on Saturday, July 14, 2018 on I-495 southbound in the area of the I-295 northbound on-ramp, as 33-year-old James N. Williams of Sharon Hill, Pennsylvania.

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 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit, Master Corporal J. Aube at 302-365-8483.

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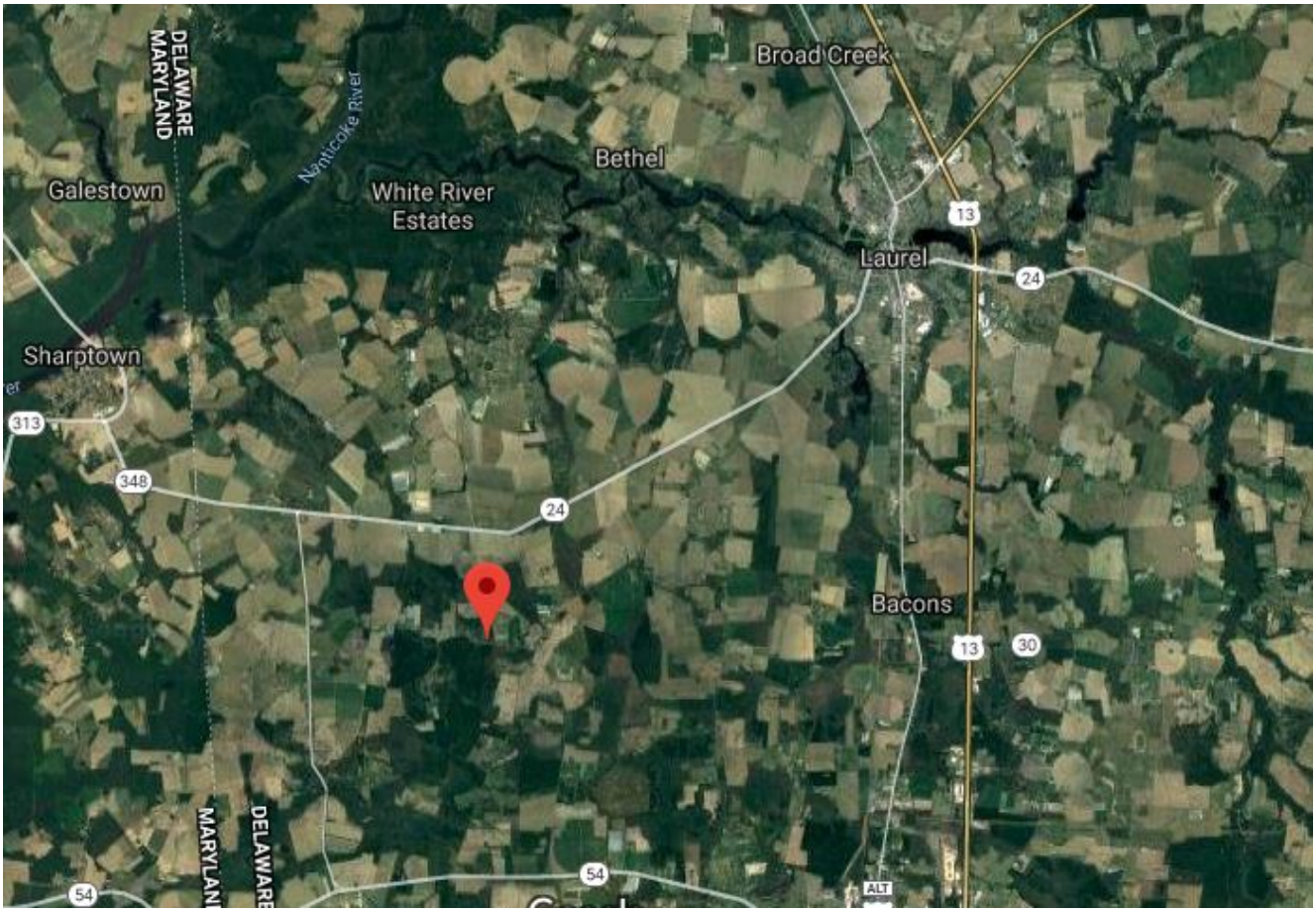
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Update State Police Investigate a Fatal Motorcycle Crash-Laurel



Laurel – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a fatal motorcycle crash which occurred earlier this afternoon west of Laurel.

The preliminary investigation has revealed the incident occurred at approximately 3:47 p.m., Saturday, July 14, 2018 on Ralph Road (Cr 505) east of Waycross Road (Cr 505A) Laurel. A 2006 Harley Davidson MC, operated by a 51-year-old Laurel man, was traveling westbound on Ralphs Road east of Waycross Road. The motorcycle was approaching a sharp left curve in the roadway at an apparent high rate of speed. The operator failed to negotiate the curve and exited the north edge of the roadway onto the soft grassy shoulder. The operator continued to ride the motorcycle, while the vehicle was in a right side yaw for a brief period of time before entering a wooded line. The motorcycle then collided with a maple tree and ejecting the operator forward.

The operator, who was not wearing a helmet, was pronounced deceased at the crash scene. Speed is being considered as a factor in the crash. The name is being withheld pending next of kin notification.

Impairment on the part of the operator is unknown.

Ralph’s Road in the area of the crash was closed for approximately 3.5 hours as the crash was investigated and cleared.

Traffic Advisory Troopers Investigating Serious Motorcycle Crash – Laurel

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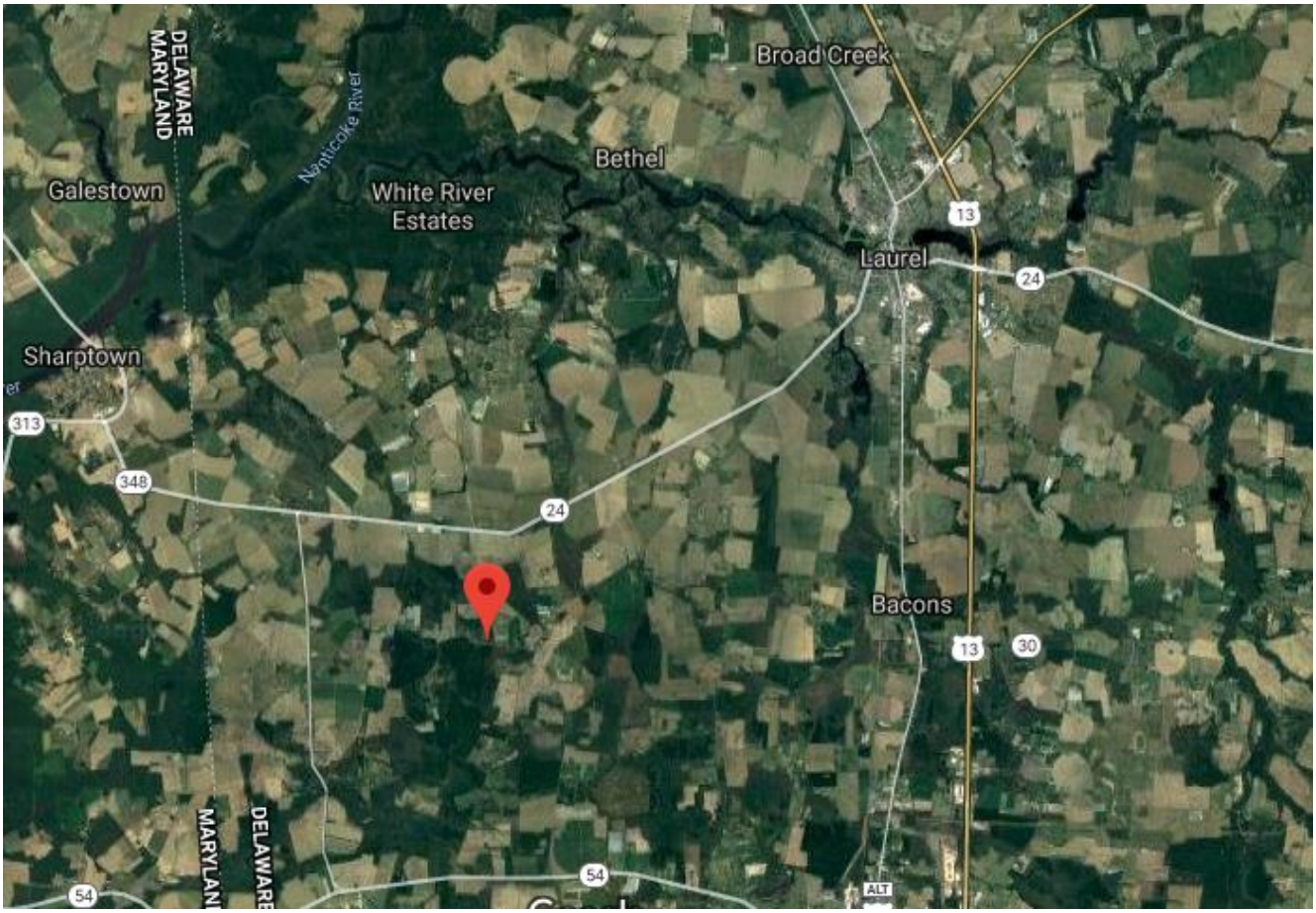
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Traffic Advisory Troopers Investigating Serious Motorcycle Crash – Laurel



Laurel – Delaware State Police are currently on scene of a serious motorcycle crash on Ralphs Road between Waycross Road and Skeeter Bit Lane west of Laurel.

Motorists can expect delays in the surrounding area and are asked to seek alternate routes of travel. For updated traffic conditions and road closure information log on to: http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel_advisory/index.shtml#advisories.

The investigation is in its early stages with further information being released as it becomes available.

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Troopers Seek Public's Assistance in Locating Wanted Suspect – New Castle

New Castle- The Delaware State Police are asking for the public's assistance in locating a suspect who is wanted in connection with an Assault 1st degree.

The incident occurred on July 14, 2018 at approximately 2:13 a.m., as troopers were called to the Best Knights Inn for a stabbing. The investigation revealed the victim fled with serious stab wounds and was located nearby on Robinson Drive. The victim was transported to a local area hospital were he is being treated for his serious injuries.

Through investigative measures, the suspect has been identified as 30-year-old Sirrone Deshields of New Castle, Delaware. Deshields is currently wanted for Assault 1st Degree and Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony.

If anyone has information on the whereabouts of Sirrone Deshields they are asked to please contact Detective G. Rash Delaware State Police Troop #2 CIU at (302)

(302)365-8468. 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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State Police Arrest Wilmington Female for Stealing and Burning "A Thin Blue Line Flag" in Honor of

Fallen Trooper – Lewes

Lewes– The Delaware State Police arrested a Wilmington woman for stealing and burning a flag which occurred last evening.

The incident occurred on Friday, July 13, 2018 at approximately 5:15 p.m., after a report was received by a concerned citizen that a flag was stolen from the area of the Nassau Bridge located on Coastal Highway north of Lewes. It was reported a black Chevrolet was pulled over on the left shoulder near the median adjacent to where a "thin blue line," flag was mounted and on display. The vehicle was sitting stationary with the driver's side door ajar with a white female outside of the vehicle straddling the bridge median and reaching for the flag. As the suspect returned to her vehicle with the flag, the witness observed her drive by his location while operating her cell phone and obtained her vehicle description and tag number.

The investigation revealed the vehicle description matched the suspect's Chevrolet Malibu and later discovered belonged to Catherine Iocco, 21 of Wilmington. Troopers were able to ascertain the location of the suspect vehicle in Milton and apprehended Catherine Iocco without incident. The suspect was unable to return the flag because she set the flag on fire and destroyed it.

After making contact with the owner of the flag, it was learned that he mounted the pole and flag to the bridge this past Tuesday morning after learning about the passing of the Delaware State Trooper. The owner wanted to honor fallen Trooper William F. Matt, who recently passed away.

Iocco was transported to Troop 7 where she was processed and formally charged for Theft, Criminal Mischief and other related traffic charges. She was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and released on $275.00 unsecured bond.

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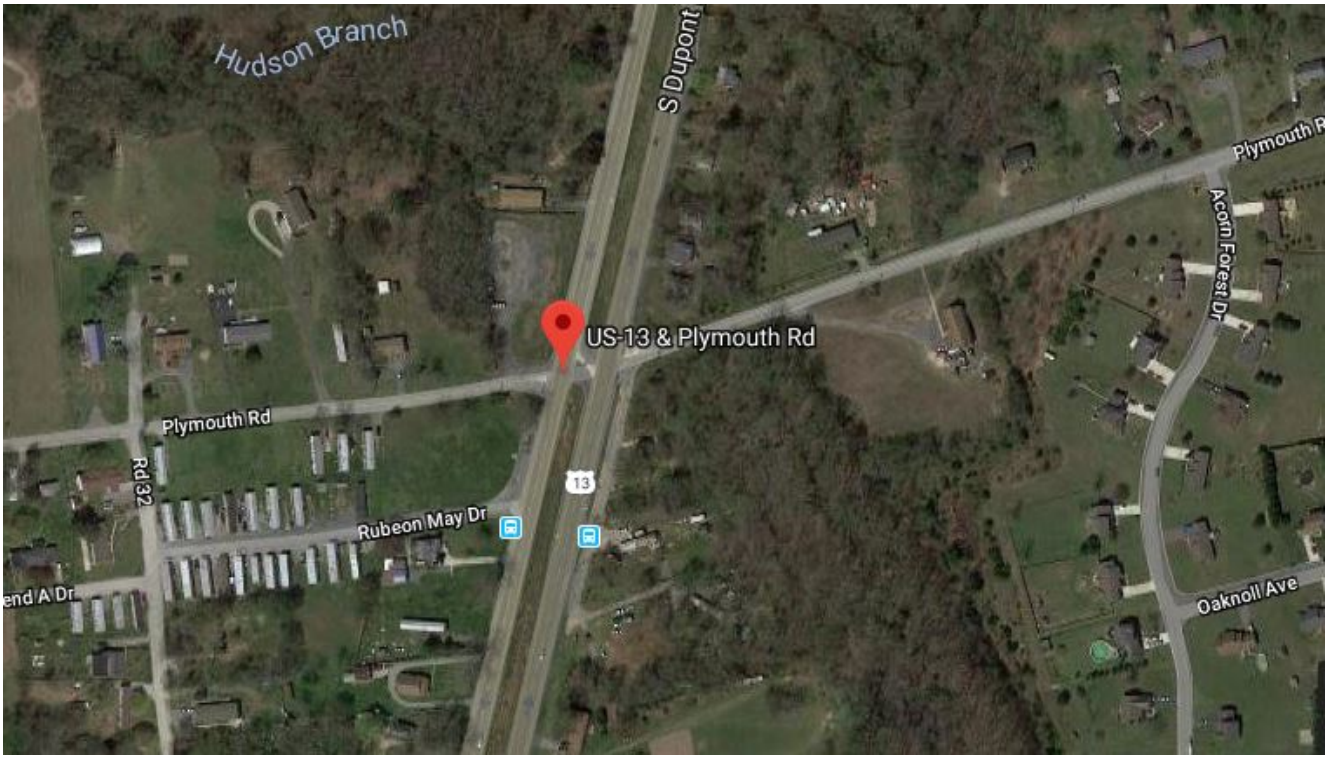
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State Police Investigating Fatal Crash Involving Bicyclist – Felton



Felton – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is currently investigating a fatal crash involving a bicyclist.

The preliminary investigation reveals the crash occurred early this morning between 3:15 a.m. and 3:44 a.m., Saturday, July 14, 2018 on (U.S. 13) South DuPont Highway southbound just south of Plymouth Road north of Felton, Delaware. An unknown white SUV was traveling southbound on (U.S. 13) South DuPont Highway in the area of the 9000 block of South DuPont Highway. A pedi-cyclist, operated by a 28-year-old man of Felton, was traveling southbound on the asphalt shoulder of South DuPont Highway in the same area. The unknown vehicle struck the pedi-cyclist in the rear wheel on the southbound shoulder. The vehicle then continued southbound after striking the bicycle and did not stop. The man was projected forward and ejected off of his bicycle on the west edge of the southbound shoulder.

The operator of the white SUV fled the scene. A partial white bumper was left at the collision scene.

The 28-year-old man of Felton was not wearing a helmet. He did

have a light on the brim of his hat and was wearing a red Polo shirt with high visibility lime safety straps. He was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The collision was reported by a passing motorist, and there are no known witnesses at the time.

U.S. 13 southbound had a right lane restriction only. It was open during the investigation.

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 3, Camden, Collision Reconstruction Unit, Master Corporal W. Killen at 302-698-8451.

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UPDATE Crash Involving Overturned Cement Truck Causes Closure of SR 24 – Millsboro

Millsboro – The Delaware State Police are continuing to investigate a crash involving an overturned Cement Truck that occurred today at approximately 6:21 a.m., on SR 24 near Saunders Road west of Millsboro.

The initial investigation has determined a 2004 Cement Truck was traveling westbound on Laurel Road just east of Saunders Road. The operator, Jeff Gustin 29 of Delmar, attempted to negotiate a turn and lost control which caused him to cross the center line. He drove into the ditch on the south side of Laurel Road. Gustin was unable to maintain control of the cement truck which then overturned onto the south side of the road. The cement truck then slid into a Delaware Electric Co-op utility pole breaking the utility pole in half. The truck continued to slide until it came to an uncontrolled stop on the shoulder. The barrel had completely separated from the cement truck.

The operator was treated at the scene and transported by EMS to the Nanticoke Memorial Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The operator, Jeff Gustin, was cited with careless driving.

Due to the barrel separating from the cement truck, it

resulted in a large indentation on the south edge of the roadway. The asphalt was cracked in numerous spots and the road had collapsed into the ditch. Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) arrived on scene to repair the damage to the roadway.

Delaware Electric Co-op disconnected the power lines from the damaged utility pole and is currently replacing the utility pole.

The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control arrived on scene due to the concrete spilled in the ditch. DelDOT advised there were no significant environmental hazards due to the spilled cement. DNREC advised they would let the cement harden and remove it from the ditch at a later date.

SR 24 in the area of the crash was close for approximately three hours as the crash was investigated and cleared.

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Update Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash-New Castle



New Castle-The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash that occurred early this morning on I-495 southbound in the area of the I-295 northbound on-ramp.

The preliminary investigation has determined that on July 14, 2018 at 4:17 a.m., a 2000 Toyota Avalon was traveling on the ramp from I-495 southbound onto the ramp to I-295. The operator, a 33-year-old man of Pennsylvania failed to remain

in the travel lane and the left front corner of the vehicle struck the Jersey barrier for the first point of impact. As a result of this impact the vehicle swerved across the travel lane rotating in a counterclockwise direction and left the roadway onto the grass area. As it traveled through the grass the vehicle flipped and struck a tree for a second point of impact. The vehicle came to a rest facing in a northerly direction on the grass and back on its wheels.

The operator, who was properly seat-belted at the time of the crash, exited the vehicle and walked back onto the travel lane of the I-295 ramp while making a phone call. The operator was struck by an unknown vehicle that failed to stop and remain at the scene. The operator was declared deceased at the collision scene. His name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin. Impairment is unknown on the part of the operator at this time.

The suspect vehicle was described as a small, sports car, dark in color possibly a Honda Civic. No further description of this vehicle is known at this time. It was last seen continuing in a southerly direction on the ramp.

The two adult passengers in the Toyota Avalon were transported to the Christiana Hospital and treated for minor injuries from the original collision. Both were properly seat-belted.

I-295 Ramp closed approximately three hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit, Master Corporal J. Aube at 302-365-8483.

Traffic Advisory Troopers Investigating Serious Crash – New Castle

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