Update #2-Name Released Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash-New Castle

New Castle- The Delaware State Police is releasing the name of the man that was killed in the Tuesday, July 10, 2018 crash on U.S. 13 near the Red Lion Road intersection, as 53-year-old Eugene T. Downward Jr. of Townsend, Delaware.

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

Traffic Advisory Troopers Investigating Serious Crash – New Castle

Update Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash- New Castle

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Update Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash-

New Castle



New Castle-The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a multiple vehicle crash involving four vehicles that occurred earlier today.

The initial investigation has determined that on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 11:00 a.m., a 2003 Dodge Neon and a 2012 Nissan Frontier were stopped on US 13 northbound at the red light at the Red Lion Road intersection. The Nissan Frontier was in front of the Dodge Neon in the right lane of the two northbound lanes. A 2008 Hyundai Tiburon was disabled on the right shoulder in the area adjacent to the two other stopped vehicles. A 2016 Hino Box Truck was traveling northbound on US 13 approaching the same intersection. The operator of the Box Truck failed to stop behind the Dodge Neon and the front of the Box Truck struck the rear of the Neon for the first point of impact in the northbound right lane. The Dodge Neon was

pushed in a northwest direction and spun counterclockwise as it traveled to where it stopped north of the intersection. The Dodge Neon rapidly caught fire and was fully engulfed in flames upon stopping north of the intersection.

After the initial impact, the Box Truck continued in a northerly direction and its front struck the rear of the Nissan Frontier. The Frontier was pushed in a northwesterly direction through the intersection and overturned. It came to a stop in the median.

Simultaneous with the striking of the Nissan Frontier, the right side of the Box Truck struck the left side of the Hyundai Tiburon, which was disabled on the shoulder. After multiple impacts, the Box Truck traveled in a northeasterly direction where it stopped on the right northbound shoulder of US 13.

The operator of the Dodge Neon, a 53 year old male of Townsend, was unable to escape the fire and was pronounced dead at the collision scene. His name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The operator of the Hyundai Tiburon, 71 year old male of Middletown, was still seated in the driver’s seat attempting to start the vehicle and subsequently make tow arrangements when the collision occurred. He suffered non-life threatening injuries and was treated and released from the Christiana Hospital.

The operator of the Nissan Frontier, 71 year old male of Middletown, was properly seat-belted and suffered non-life threatening injuries as a result of the impact. He was treated and released from the Christiana Hospital.

The operator of the Box Truck, Harold Holloway Jr., 62 of Bridgeport, Connecticut was properly seat-belted and suffered only minor injuries. He was treated and released from the Christiana Hospital. Holloway was charged with operation of a

vehicle causing death of another person and inattentive driving. He is awaiting arraignment at this time. Impairment on his behalf is unknown at this time.

The front seat passenger in the Box Truck, 57 year old female of Bridgeport, Connecticut was properly seat-belted and suffered non-life threatening injuries. She was treated and released from the Christiana Hospital.

U.S. 13 at the intersection of Red Lion Road was closed in both directions for 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, Master Corporal J. Aube at 302-365-8483.

Traffic Advisory Troopers Investigating Serious Crash – New Castle

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*Update 2*Names Released in Death Investigation-Wilmington



Wilmington – The Delaware State Police are releasing the names of individuals that were found deceased in their residence last night.

The individuals have been identified as 42-year-old Matthew Edwards and his wife 41 year-old Julie Edwards, the children included; a 6 year-old boy, 4 year-old girl and 3 year-old boy. The victims were located inside the home deceased, all from an apparent gunshot wound. Matthew Edwards sustained a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The individuals have been turned over to the Delaware Division of Forensic Science where autopsies were performed and have ruled the deaths to be murder/suicide by gunshot.

Troopers Conducting Death Investigation-Wilmington

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Traffic Advisory Troopers Investigating Serious Crash – New Castle



New Castle – Delaware State Police are currently on scene of a serious motor vehicle crash involving multiple vehicles on U.S. Route 13 south of Bear Road. Both north and southbound lanes of U.S. Route 13 are currently closed.

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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Delaware State Police Mourn the Loss of Trooper

Lewes – It is with great sadness that the Delaware State Police announces the untimely death of a Trooper.

Master Corporal William F. Matt, 54, a 29-year-veteran of the Delaware State Police, died unexpectedly at his home last evening. "It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that we announce the tragic loss of Master Corporal Matt. He was a dedicated Trooper with a tireless work ethic. He served his country as a proud member of the United States Army and committed his life to serving his community as a Delaware State Trooper. He absolutely loved being a Trooper," said Superintendent of the Delaware State Police, Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr. "As we honor the service and mourn the loss of our fellow Trooper, we ask the community to keep his family and the members of the Delaware State Police in your thoughts and prayers."

Master Corporal William Matt was hired on September 16, 1988 into the 57th Delaware State Police Recruit Class. He began his career assigned to Troop 6 during his Field Training Officers' Program, and upon completion, was permanently assigned there to Uniformed Patrol. On April 2, 2001 he was assigned to Troop 7 and the following year was promoted to Master Corporal. On September 1, 2007 he was assigned as a School Resource Officer assigned to troops 4, 5, and 7 in Sussex County from 2007 – 2011. In October 2015 he was assigned to the Criminal Investigative Unit at Troop 4, Georgetown. He returned back to Troop 7 in Lewes where he proudly and honorably served since May 9, 2016.

Presented by the Director of Public Information, Sergeant

Richard Bratz

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TRAFFIC ADVISORY Concord Road (Rt. 20) Closed Due to Overturned Dump Truck-Seaford



Seaford- Delaware State Police are currently on scene of a crash involving an overturned dump truck, that occurred on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at approximately 6:46 a.m., on Concord

Road (Rt. 20) in the area of Pepper Road.

The dump truck has lost its load which has sand all over the roadway. Concord Pond Road in the area of Pepper road is closed at this time.

Motorist should expect delays in this area and are advised to seek alternate routes of travel.

For updated traffic conditions and road closure information click on the following link:

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Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Melissa Jaffe

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*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.

Troopers Conducting Death Investigation-Wilmington

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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 3rd 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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