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Dover – The Delaware State Police conducted a graduation ceremony today to acknowledge Cadets Benjamin Conrad, Caroline Silverman and Larissa Ward at the Delaware State Police Museum located at 1425 North DuPont Highway, Dover, Delaware.

The ceremony began with Human Resources, Sergeant Kristin Smith presenting the 2018 Cadet class and welcoming family and friends to this notable event. The ceremony was attended by the Executive Staff, Captain Jon Wood, Director of Human Resources, Master Corporal Rickey Hargis and Senior Corporal Robert Colmery of the Delaware State Police Community Outreach Unit, Corporals Adam Jewell and Tyler Wright of the Delaware State Police Human Resources Section, Sergeant Richard Bratz, Director of the Public Information Office and Trooper First Class Chase Lawson of Troop 6.

The class was recognized by the keynote speaker, Superintendent of the Delaware State Police, Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr., Lieutenant Colonel Monroe Hudson, and Operations Officer for New Castle County, Major Melissa Zebley and Operations Officer for Special Units, Major Daniel Meadows. They presented formal certificates for successful completion of the 2018 Cadet Training Program held at the Delaware State Police Training Academy which took place from June 18th to June 22, 2018.

"Congratulations to the Cadets for completing this program and for their leadership and commitment to the citizens of Delaware. In addition, thank you to all of the instructors and participants that contributed to a successful Cadet program." ***Colonel Nathaniel McQueen, Superintendent of the Delaware State Police***

The Cadet Trooper's primary duties will include the enforcement of handicap parking and fire lane violations; however they are also used in various administrative duties such as traffic control at large events and foot patrol at the State Fair. The Cadets completed 40 hours of mandatory classroom instruction and will be assigned to various troops throughout the state. Since the program began in 1998, the Delaware State Police have hired 69 Cadet Troopers; 22 of those cadets have been hired as Delaware State Troopers.

In a personal note, from ***Sergeant Kristin Smith****, to each Cadet "It is my distinct pleasure to congratulate you on your outstanding participation and completion of the 2018 Delaware State Police Cadet Program! I applaud you on your hard work and you should take great pride in your accomplishments. I encourage you to continue representing the principles of leadership and wish you continued success in all your future projects; DSP Strong!"*

Some of the classes for Cadet Troopers during the week of education and training were; Motor Vehicle Code, Cultural Diversity, Officer Safety, Weaponless Defense, Verbal Judo, Radio Procedures, Uniform and Equipment, Ethical Decision Making, Laws of Arrest, Drug Recognition, Emergency Care, Auto Theft Investigations and Courtroom Procedures.

<u>Minimum Qualifications to become a cadet includes:</u>

- Education- Candidates must be a Delaware resident and currently enrolled in an undergraduate program at an accredited college in the state of Delaware (full-time

or part-time)
- Age- Candidates must be between the ages of 18-21
- Citizenship- Candidates must be a citizen of the United States
- Driver's License- Candidates must possess a valid driver's license
- Applications are being accepted via www.jobaps.com/dsp
- Anticipating to begin employment in June 2018
- Current Pay is $13.04 per hour

Selection Process includes:

- A formal State of Delaware application
- An Oral Board Interview
- Polygraph Examination
- A Background Check

An online application can be found by clicking on the following link: www.becomeatrooper.com Once at that page, scroll halfway down the page and click on Important Documents. The Cadet Application will be found on that page. Completed applications should be mailed to: Delaware State Police – Recruiting Office, P.O. Box 430, Dover, DE 19903. Any questions should be directed to the Delaware State Police Recruiting Office at 302-739-5980 or dsprecruiting@delaware.gov.

Presented by the Director of Public Information, Sergeant Richard Bratz

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Homeless Sex Offender Notification

Dover– The following are not wanted. These are Homeless Sex Offender Public Notifications. If you have information that any of the listed subjects are occupying a residence, please call 302-672-5306. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

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Troopers Arrest Wilmington Man for Indecent Exposure

Wilmington (19808) – Delaware State Police have arrested a Wilmington man for indecent exposure after he was observed committing a lewd act while in plain view of a passing motorist.

The incident occurred at approximately 8:25 a.m., Tuesday, June 19, 2018 as a 48 year old Wilmington woman was driving

past a residence in the 3500 block of Newport Gap Pike, Wilmington. As she passed the residence she observed a white male, later identified as David L. DiTonno, 64, totally nude and in the process of committing a lewd act. The woman became alarmed and immediately called 911.

Upon Troopers arrival at the residence, which was confirmed to be DiTonno's home, he was observed sitting in a chair in his open garage, totally nude and in plain view of the public roadway. At the time he was taken in to custody he admitted that he was attempting to gain attention from women in the area.

DiTonno was transported to Troop 6 where he was formally charged with one count each of Indecent Exposure 2nd Degree and Lewdness. He was then arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #2 at which time he was placed on pre-trial supervision and released on $500.00 unsecured bail.

Anyone with information regarding this incident are asked to contact Cpl. M. Fiore at Troop 6 by calling 302-633-5000.

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

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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Troopers Arrest Felton Man on Burglary Charges-Greenwood

Greenwood-The Delaware State Police have arrested a Felton man on burglary charges after he was observed breaking into a garage.

The incident occurred on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at approximately 8:28 a.m. when Troopers were dispatched to the 13000 block of St. Johnstown Road for a report of a burglary in progress called in by a neighbor. Upon arrival to the residence, Troopers located 34-year-old, **Jesse A. Nichols** hiding in the garage area. It was learned that Jesse's stepfather currently lives at the residence and Jesse has not lived there for the past 3 to 4 years. Jesse was taken into custody without further incident.

It was later discovered that Jesse had entered the same property on June 6, 2018, and stole several items, including a jewelry box, cuff link, and a Colman cooler. These items were

later recovered from Jesse's vehicle.

Jesse was transported back to Troop 5 where he was charged with Burglary 3rd, Burglary 2nd, and Theft (Felony). He was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on $1,495.00 cash only bond.

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Delaware State Police Troop 6 to Host Community Café



Wilmington – Delaware State Police Troop 6 will be holding a Community Café on Friday, June 29, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at The Well, located at 6949 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin. Community members will have the opportunity to meet and interact with the commanding officers from Troop 6, as well as the Community Outreach Trooper. This Community Café is often referred to as "Coffee with a Cop" in other police agencies and is being held in an effort to build a stronger relationship between the Delaware State Police and the communities that we so proudly serve.

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TRAFFIC ADVISORY Hardscrabble Road East of Messick Road Closed Due to Crash-Laurel



Laurel– Delaware State Police are currently on scene

investigating a crash involving a tractor trailer and dump truck that occurred at approximately 2:52 p.m., Thursday, June 21, 2018 on Hardscrabble Road, east of Messick Road.

Hardscrabble Road between Messick Road and James Road is closed at this time due to grain all over the roadway.

Motorist should expect extended 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:http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel_advisory/index.shtml#advisories.

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Troopers Investigating Armed Robbery of New Castle Gas Station



New Castle (19720) – The Delaware State Police are investigating the armed robbery of a New Castle gas station that took place overnight.

The incident occurred at approximately 1:24 a.m., Thursday, June 21, 2018 at the Exxon gas station located at 261 S. DuPont Highway, New Castle. A black male suspect entered the business and approached two employees at the sales counter. The suspect then displayed a handgun and demanded cash. Both victims complied with the suspects demand by turning over an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect then exited the business and fled the parking lot in a blue two door vehicle

with an unknown registration.

The suspect is described as a black male, 5’3”-5’5”, 140-150 lbs., wearing all dark clothing and in possession of a silver handgun.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Troop 2 Robbery Unit at 302-365-8566.

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 Shooting-Dover



Dover (19901)– The Delaware State Police are currently investigating a shooting that occurred last evening in the Capitol Park area.

The preliminary investigation has determined that on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at approximately 10:30 p.m., Troopers responded to a local area hospital where a 19-year-old victim had been brought in with a gunshot wound. Further investigation revealed that the incident allegedly occurred on the 100 block of President Drive, Capitol Park, when the victim was behind his residence smoking and he heard multiple "pops", and realized he had been shot. The victim reported

seeing a suspect wearing a dark colored sweatshirt running into the woods.

The victim was transported privately to a local area hospital with a single gunshot wound to his upper torso. He was treated and released with non-life-threatening injuries.

This incident remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Criminal Investigations Unit. If anyone has any information in reference to this incident, they are asked to please contact Detective T. Boyce at 302-698-8442. 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 Florida Man Arrested After High Speed Chase in Stolen Vehicle

Newark – The Delaware State Police have formally charged Marcus S. Heath, 26, of Jacksonville, Florida, as an out of state fugitive in reference to an active Grand Theft warrant issued out of Duval County, Florida.

Heath was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #2 before being committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution pending extradition proceedings.

Click on the following link to view the original release:

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Florida Man Arrested After High Speed Chase in Stolen Vehicle



Newark – The Delaware State Police in conjunction with the New Castle County Police and Maryland State Police, have arrested Marcus Heath, 26, of Jacksonville, Florida, after he led police on a high speed chase in a stolen vehicle.

On Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at approximately 4:21 p.m., Delaware authorities were contacted by the Maryland State Police, who advised that a stolen, silver, 2006 Mercedes Benz with Florida tags, possibly being operated by Heath was on I-95 in Maryland, and may be headed towards Delaware.

At approximately 4:40 p.m., a Maryland State Trooper, in a fully marked patrol vehicle, located the Mercedes as it was traveling northbound on I-95 in the area of mile marker 108.7 in Cecil County, Maryland. The Trooper who was able to positively identify Heath as the operator, activated his emergency equipment and initiated a lawful traffic stop. Heath refused to stop, and continued to travel I-95 northbound at a high rate of speed. The vehicle proceeded in to Delaware, where it was last seen, on I-95 northbound in the area of the Delaware House service plaza.

At approximately 6:15 p.m., this same date, a 911 call was made by a resident in the 400 block of Rosewood Drive, Newark, advising that an unoccupied, silver Mercedes Benz with Florida tags was parked in their driveway, and that they were not familiar with the vehicle.

Officers from multiple law enforcement agencies began searching the area and at approximately 6:30 p.m., a Delaware Trooper observed a subject matching the description of Heath in the area of Christiana Road (DE Rt. 273) and McIntosh Plaza, Newark. As the Trooper approached, Heath attempted to flee, however he was taken in to custody without incident after a brief foot pursuit.

Heath is currently being held as an out of state fugitive.

A photo of Heath is currently not available.

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