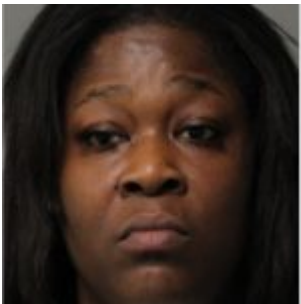


Traffic Stop Leads to Recovery of Stolen Property – Georgetown



Detwon BANNER



Jaleesa BANNER

Georgetown – Delaware State Police have arrested a Wilmington couple on felony charges after they were found to be in possession of a large quantity of stolen merchandise.

The incident occurred at approximately 1:55 a.m., Wednesday, March 28, 2018, when a Trooper stopped a silver Mercury Sable for speeding on U.S 113 northbound, in the area of Arrow Safety Road, Georgetown. Upon making contact with the occupants of the vehicle the Trooper observed a large quantity of assorted merchandise in the back seat of the vehicle, which had anti-theft devices still attached.

The driver of the vehicle Detwon Banner, 23, of Wilmington advised that he didn't know where the merchandise came from. The passenger in the vehicle, who initially gave a bad name, and was eventually identified as Jaleesa Banner, 29, also of Wilmington, stated that she also didn't know anything about

the merchandise.

A subsequent search of the vehicle produced an assortment of electronic devices and miscellaneous merchandise which had anti-theft devices still intact, that had a total value of \$5,537.47.

Through further investigation Troopers were able to determine that the merchandise had been stolen from a Wal-mart located in Berlin, Maryland, and the incident was currently being investigated by the Worcester County Sherriff's Office. As a result of this incident and the positive identification of the Banner's, Maryland authorities were able to link them to two prior shoplifting incidents at the same Wal-mart, in which merchandise in excess of \$12,000.00 had been stolen.

Both subjects were transported to Delaware State Police Troop 4 where they were arrested and each charged with one count each of Receiving Stolen Property and Conspiracy 2nd Degree, both felonies.

Detwon Banner, who was additionally charged with Speeding, No Valid License, No Proof of Insurance and No Proof of Registration, was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #3 before being committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution in lieu of \$4,202.00 cash bail.

Jaleesa Banner, who was additionally charged with Criminal Impersonation, was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #3 before being committed to the Dolores J. Baylor Women's Correctional Institution, in lieu of \$5,000.00 cash bail.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact TFC M. Gambale at Troop 4 by calling 302-856-5850.

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Homeless Sex Offender Notification

Dover— The following are not wanted. This is a Homeless Sex Offender Public Notification. 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 Millsboro Man For 7th Offense DUI

Millsboro— The Delaware State Police have arrested a Millsboro man after he was involved in a crash and found to be under the influence of alcohol for the 7^h time.

The incident occurred on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at approximately 10:17 p.m. when Troopers were dispatched to the intersection of Avenue of Honor and Bethesda Road for a vehicle collision. Upon arrival, Troopers discovered an unoccupied 2000 Ford Explorer on its driver's side. Further investigation revealed that the Explorer was traveling southbound on Bethesda Road north of Avenue of Honor when it exited the roadway and struck a mail box. The Explorer continued southbound on Bethesda Road approaching the intersection at Avenue of Honor. The operator of the Explorer failed to stop at the stop sign and struck a 2016 Honda Odyssey. The operator of the Odyssey remained at the scene and was not injured.

The operator of the Explorer, identified as 53-year-old **William A. Bell**, fled the scene on foot and a short time later

was located by the Delaware State Police Aviation Unit in the woods, less than a quarter of a mile from the collision scene. Bell was subsequently taken into custody when an odor of alcohol was detected and a DUI investigation ensued. A computer check revealed that Bell had six previous DUI convictions, making this his seventh offense. Bell was transported back to Troop 4 where he was charged with his 7th Offense Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Leaving the Scene of a Collision, Driving Without a Valid License, Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign, and other traffic related offenses. He was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institute on \$27,055.00 cash only bond.

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Parents, Schools and Law Enforcement Hold a Piece of the Puzzle in Preventing School Threats



Delaware— All online or verbal threats toward a school will result in serious consequences. It is important to know the Delaware State Police will dedicate resources to investigate each one regardless of the person's intent. The responsibility for keeping our schools safe belongs to everyone in the community.

Parents, Schools and Law Enforcement play a key role to ensure schools are safe learning environments. Parents who remain vigilant with their children's online activities and social media sites may detect unusual behaviors and prevent potential problems. Parents can help by implementing certain parameters

like rules and expectations of their children and watching for any warning signs that your teen may be in trouble. Keeping the lines of communication open, staying involved and connected are some of the best ways to prevent bad teen behavior.

Schools continue to help by enhancing student-teacher relationships in hopes of noticing unusual behavior and building trust so students are more apt to share information. While our schools districts have measures in place to deal with and prevent threats and other emergency situations, it is on all of us to do our part. We have to deal with threats in the appropriate manner so children can learn in a safe environment.

Currently, more teenagers face severe charges for online and verbal threats against schools, students and staff. Usually, students who make these threats will be identified and interviewed by the police. A comprehensive investigation will be conducted for each violation of the law whether the intent was a hoax or more importantly a real threat. School Resource Officers and Detectives will respond to all online and verbal threats and will conduct a lawful search of the suspect's person, locker, vehicle and residence for items that could be used in an actual attack like weapons, firearms, written plans or anything suspicious or incriminating. If necessary the FBI will be contacted to assist with the investigation. Even if it's a hoax or a real threat against a school, it is vital to know serious consequences can result, as these threats can cause public panic:

- Those responsible can be charged with Terroristic Threatening, Disorderly Conduct and Cyber Threatening and can be either a class F or G felony which can result in prison time and/or probation
- Severe penalties and fines of \$1000 to \$2500
- Community service; 100 hours or more
- School sanctions like suspensions and expulsions

- The student can be sent to an alternative school or even change districts due to the unfortunate side effects of becoming a social outcast within that school community.
- Grades could suffer and can even result in having to repeat a grade or, worse yet, not being allowed to graduate.
- The student may not be allowed to participate in school sports.
- A mental health evaluation may be mandated by the court and required by the school before any child can return.

It's imperative to know that any person can be guilty of terroristic threatening if it is likely to cause an evacuation of a school, building, place of assembly, or facility of public transportation. If it causes a serious inconvenience or includes the reckless disregard of the risk of causing terror or serious inconvenience at a daycare facility, nursery or preschool, kindergarten, elementary, secondary or vocational-technical school it can result in a felony arrest.

The crime of Terroristic Threatening can also bring criminal intimidation charges. The fear brought by threatening posts can cause many students and staff to stay home rather than potentially taking the risk of going to school. Many students do not understand the consequences of their actions until they are arrested, charged and put into the juvenile justice system. The consequences would help the student to understand the severity of making threats. Finally, this conviction will follow them and will have to be reported on any job or college application. If students are convicted of a felony and develop a criminal record it could prevent them from joining the military, being accepted into college or it may even interfere with getting a job.

[Troopers Arrest Suspect for Threats Made to Middle School](#)

[DuPont School Social Media Threat Not Related to Delaware](#)

[Troopers Arrest Suspect for Threat Made to High School](#)

[Troopers Arrest Juvenile for Threats Made to a High School](#)

[Troopers Arrest Suspect for Threat Made to High School](#)

[Troopers Investigate Threat to School](#)

[Student Arrested after Threats Made to School](#)

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Troop 5, Bridgeville Presents a "Year in Review" to the Communities We Serve

The Delaware State Police Troop 5 Administration held a

community meeting on Wednesday, March, 28, 2018 at Heritage Shores located at 1 Heritage Shore Circle, Bridgeville, led by Troop 5 Commander, Captain Alice Brumbley. Troopers were privileged to have hosted a Town Hall Meeting where the public was provided with an overview of the great work done by the men and women of DSP Troop 5 in 2017. Achieving a 12.5% reduction in Robberies, a 34.2% reduction in Burglaries, a 2.9% reduction in Thefts, as well as a 5.1% reduction in overall crashes simply exemplifies the exceptional work the troopers are doing. Moreover, when you examine many of our clearance rates of crime against the national averages, we demonstrate a deep desire to solve our crime. A Robbery clearance rate of 47.7% versus the national average of 29.3%, a Burglary clearance rate of 37.9% versus the national average of 13.1%, and a Theft clearance rate of 36.4% versus the national average of 20.4% clearly shows the dedication of our troopers to solve crime when it occurs.

Equally important to our crime fighting and traffic enforcement measures is our commitment to suppress and prevent crime through our community outreach and engagement efforts. In 2017, Troop 5 embarked on several community based programs to build trust, open lines of communication, foster positive and open relationships that are inclusive of all citizens and the police, all aimed at crime reduction and making our communities as safe as possible. Some of the most memorable events in 2017 included:

- A sharing show-and-tell with the toddler reading program at Greenwood Library.
- Partnering with the Seaford Police Department and the Western Sussex Boys and Girls Club for Community Night Out.
- Sharing an afternoon in Coverdale for "Scoops with Troops".
- Having a Community Café in conjunction with the Greenwood Police Department at Amity Coffee.

- Partnering with the Delmar Police Department for their first National Night Out.

These pro-active efforts not only provide the community with a better understanding of the Delaware State Police, it also enhances Troopers awareness of the various cultures that exist within the communities they serve.

[Delaware State Police Troop 5 and the Seaford Police Department Invites All to the Community Night Out-Against Drugs and Crime](#)

[Click here: "Scoops with Troops"](#)

[Delaware State Police Troop 5 to Host Community Café – Greenwood](#)

We truly appreciate and thank all those in attendance, including Senator Brian Pettyjohn and Sussex County Council President Michael Vincent for joining us to learn more about DSP T5.

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Melissa Jaffe

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***Update #2* Homicide Suspect Apprehended**

Bridgeville– The Delaware State Police Homicide Unit received information on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, that the U.S. Marshals Task Force had their homicide suspect, **Jared C. Mitchell**, 31 of Greenwood in custody. Mitchell was located at a residence in the 4500 block of Petit Lane, Horntown, VA. With the assistance of the Accomack County Sherriff's Office and the Eastern Shore Drug Task Force, a search warrant was executed on this residence in which drug evidence was recovered.

Mitchell remains in custody in Virginia on drug charges and a fugitive warrant, pending his extradition back to Delaware.

This case continues to remain under investigation.

[Detectives Conducting Homicide Investigation-Bridgeville](#)

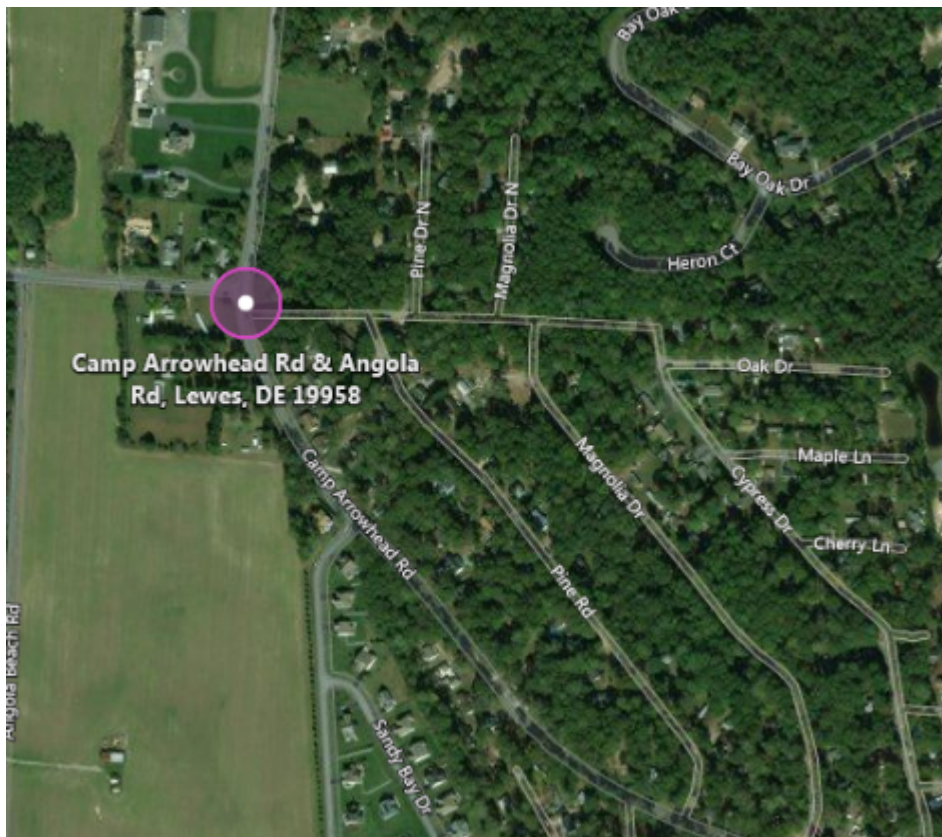
[**Update – Victim's Name Released** Detectives Conducting Homicide Investigation-Suspect Sought-Bridgeville](#)

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Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash-Lewes



Lewes- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash that occurred on March 19, 2018.

The incident occurred on Monday, March 19, 2018 at approximately 2:05 p.m. as a 2014 Toyota Sienna was traveling southbound on Camp Arrowhead Road south of Angola Road. The operator, identified as 73-year-old **Charmla K. Capanaro**, of Lewes, failed to maintain the travel lane, causing her vehicle to exit the west edge of the roadway and strike a mailbox, utility pole, and several trees before overturning on its side for its final resting place.

Capanaro was removed from the scene by the Delaware State Police Aviation Unit and transported to the Christiana Hospital where she was admitted in critical condition. On

Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at approximately 7:08 a.m., Capanaro succumbed to her injuries.

The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident.

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Troopers Arrest Wilmington Man for Assaulting Co-worker

Wilmington (19808) – Delaware State Police have arrested Li Cheng, 44, of Wilmington on felony assault charges stemming from an altercation with a co-worker.

The incident occurred at approximately 12:53 p.m., Monday, March 26, 2018, at the RICE restaurant, located at 2015 Limestone Road, Wilmington, when Cheng and a 42 year old male co-worker became engaged in a physical altercation while working in the kitchen. During the altercation Cheng struck the victim in the head with a metal kitchen utensil and threatened him with a knife, before the two were separated by fellow employees.

The victim was treated on scene by EMS for a laceration to his head and then transported to the Christiana Hospital for further treatment.

Cheng remained on scene and was taken in to custody by responding Troopers without incident. Cheng was then transported to Delaware State Police Troop 2 where he was arrested and charged with one count each of Assault 2nd Degree (F), Aggravated Menacing (F) and Terroristic Threatening (M).

Cheng was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #11 and released on \$17,000.00 unsecured bail.

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***Update - Name Released* Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash - Wilmington**

Wilmington (19803)- The Delaware State Police is releasing the name of the man that was killed in the Friday, March 23, 2018 crash on Murphy Road east of Thomas Road as Mark P. McGee, 53 of Wilmington, DE.

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

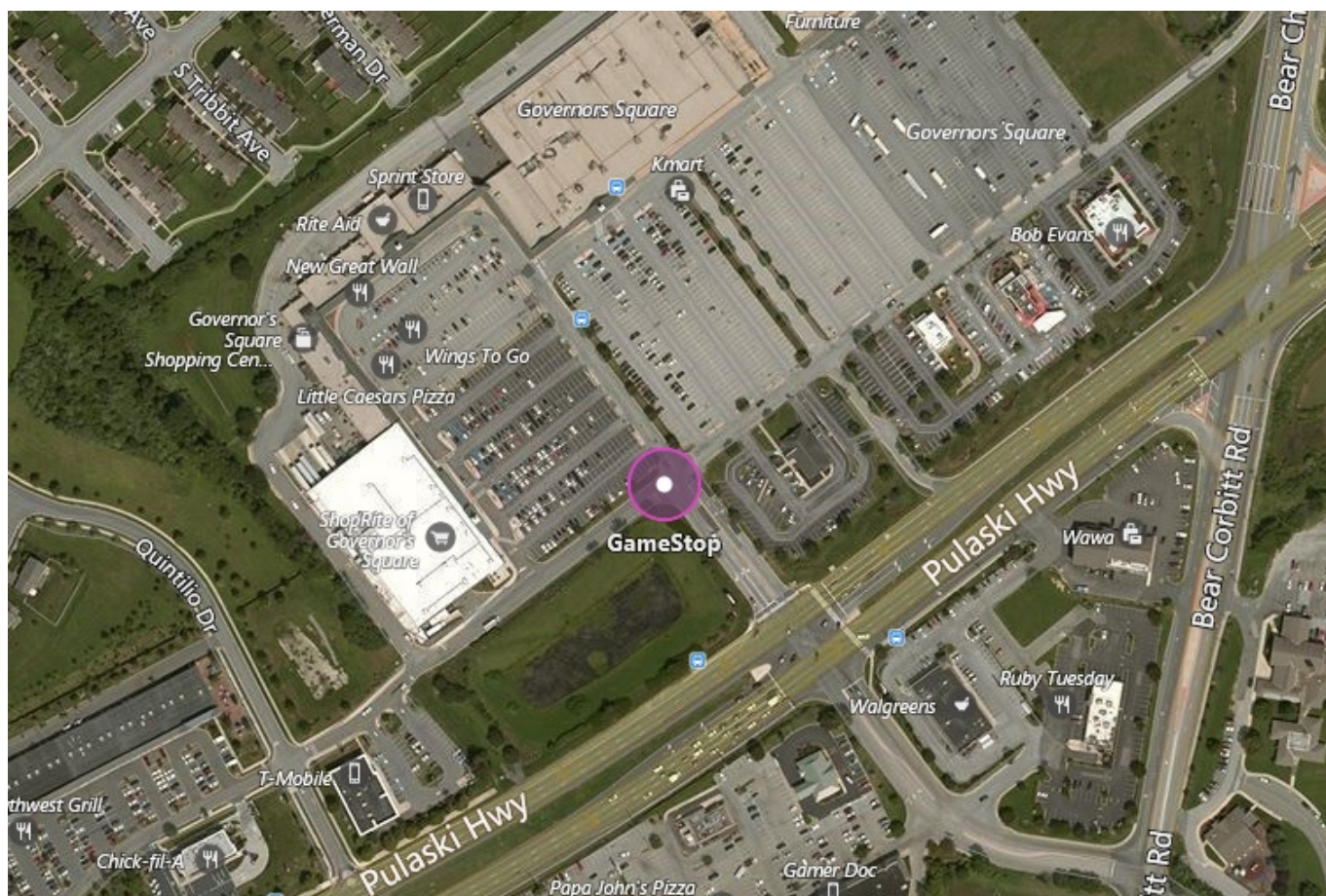
[Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash - Wilmington](#)

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Troopers Investigating Knifepoint Robbery – Bear



Bear – Delaware State Police are investigating an armed robbery involving a knife that took place yesterday morning at the Gamestop located in Bear.

The incident occurred at approximately 10:09 a.m., Monday, March 26, 2018, at the Gamestop, located at 1015 Governors Place, Bear. A white male suspect approached the 29 year old female employee at the sales counter while displaying a knife, and demanded money from the register. The victim complied with the demand by opening the cash drawer at which time the suspect reached in and removed an undisclosed amount of cash. After obtaining the money the suspect exited the store, and was last seen fleeing eastbound on foot towards the K-Mart. The victim was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect is described as a middle aged white male, 5'10", 150-200 lbs., wearing a dark jacket which partially concealed his face, knit cap, jeans and in possession of a knife.

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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