Troopers Arrest Suspect in Homicide Investigation-Seaford



Michael C. Moore

Seaford- The Delaware State Police Homicide Unit have arrested a suspect in connection with a 2017 homicide. The investigation was assisted by multiple DSP Units, Maryland State Police Homicide Unit, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) Maryland, and the Delaware Division of Forensic Science

The investigation began on September 15, 2017 when the victim, 28-year-old **Donnell Davis** of Laurel was reported missing by his family members. It was determined that Davis' last known whereabouts was at a residence in the 23000 block of Dove Road, Seaford. Troopers from DSP Troop 5 responded to the area after the disappearance was reported, where they searched the residence and surrounding area with negative results.

Through further investigations it was learned that while at the residence on Dove Road, Davis engaged in a verbal argument with 47-year-old **Michael C. Moore** who resided at that location. During the argument, Moore displayed a handgun and shot Davis. After Davis was shot, he ran out of the residence where he later succumb to his injures and died. Davis' body was later placed in a vehicle and transported to a wooded area in Federalsburg, MD.

On February 27, 2018, a search was conducted with the assistance of the Maryland State Police at the location. Human remains were located in the woods on the east side of River Road, Federalsburg, MD. The remains were exhumed by Maryland authorities and were transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) in Baltimore, MD. A DNA analysis was conducted by the Delaware Division of Forensic Science in which the remains were identified as Davis.

On Friday, March 23, 2018, the Delaware State Police SORT team responded to Moore's residence where he was taken into custody without incident. Moore was transported to Troop 4 where he was charged with Murder 1st and Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony. He was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on $2,500,000.00 cash only bond.

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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Delaware State Police Troop 5 Host Town Hall Meeting-

Bridgeville



Bridgeville– The Delaware State Police Troop 5 will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting to provide the public with its 2017 "Year in Review".

The event is scheduled for Wednesday, March 28, 2018 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., at **Heritage Shores**, 1 Heritage Shore Circle, Bridgeville. The conversation will focus on providing the community with a better understanding of how Troop 5 functions and the duties and responsibilities those Troopers handle on a daily basis. Topics will include a review of the rates of crime, crashes and investigative clearances in western Sussex County in 2017, and how enforcement plans have adjusted for 2018.

The meeting is open to the public and all are welcome and encouraged to attend. It is a great opportunity for the community to exchange ideas for maximum public safety where we live, work, and travel.

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Troopers Seek Assistance in Locating Wanted Sex Offender

Dover- The Delaware State Police Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration Unit (S.O.A.R.) is currently looking for the following wanted sex offender.

Tevin M. Chapman, 22 of Dover who is 5'7″ tall, 165 lbs, with black hair and brown eyes is a Tier 2 registered sex offender who is currently wanted for failure to re-register. He is

known to frequent the Dover and Little Creek areas.

If anyone knows the location of this subject, they are asked to please contact **Detective M. Bailey** at 302-741-8082. 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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Level 1 Driving Warning Issued For Kent & New Castle Counties



WILMINGTON, Del. – With snowfall intensifying, Governor John Carney has issued a Level 1 Driving Warning for **Kent County** and **New Castle County** beginning at **2:45 p.m**. The Level 1 Driving Warning will remain in effect until further notice.

A Level 1 Driving Warning means:

- Any person operating a motor vehicle shall exercise extra caution in the operation of their motor vehicle.
- Motorists are encouraged not to operate a motor vehicle on the State's roadways unless there is a significant safety, health, or business reason to do so.

"With snowfall continuing to accumulate across Kent and New Castle counties, everyone who can stay off the roads, should stay off the roads," said **Governor Carney**. "DelDOT crews are working hard to keep our roadways clear. Thank you to everyone from DelDOT, the Delaware National Guard, and all state and local officials for their work responding to this storm."

Effective at midnight on Wednesday, March 21, 2018, Governor Carney issued a State of Emergency statewide authorizing the Delaware National Guard to assist state and local officials with any necessary response and recovery efforts. The authorization allowed the National Guard to mobilize resources

to assist with response related to heavy snow in New Castle County, and potential coastal flooding in Kent and Sussex counties.

The State of Emergency also directs state agencies to assist in response and recovery efforts in coordination with the Delaware Emergency Management Agency. The State of Emergency will remain in effect until further notice.

Click on the following link for updated weather related information:

https://deldot.gov/About/faqs/index.shtml?dc=snowFAQ

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Violent Intruder Preparedness & Response Security Seminar

VIOLENT INTRUDER
PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE
Security Seminar



Sussex County- The Delaware State Police has partnered with the Delaware Department of Education in hosting Violent Intruder Preparedness and Response (VIPR) seminars. The first two seminars are scheduled to take place at district schools in Sussex County.

The first session will be held on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at Sussex Central High School located at 26026 Patriots Way, Georgetown. The second session will take place on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at Indian River High School located at 29772 Armory Road, Dagsboro. Both seminars will run from 6:00 p.m.to 8:00 p.m.

These free training sessions will include topics related to active shooter threats, emergency preparedness, suspicious activity reporting, and hometown security threats. Future seminars are currently being scheduled to incorporate other high schools throughout the entire state. The seminars are open to the public and all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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Shoplifting Suspects Unintentionally Surrender

Wilmington – Delaware State Police have arrested a pair of suspects on outstanding shoplifting charges after they unintentionally turn themselves in at Troop 1.

The investigation began at approximately 12:22 p.m., Monday, February 22, when Troopers responded to the Kohl's department store, located at 401 Concord Pike, Wilmington, in reference to a shoplifting incident. It was determined that initially, a male suspect attempted to make a fraudulent return, but was refused based on prior suspicious return activity. Immediately after that denied transaction, a female who was accompanying the male, removed merchandise from the display and exited the store without rendering payment, despite an attempt by store security to detain the pair. The suspects were last seen fleeing the in a silver, Hyundai Tucson.

Through various investigative leads, Troopers were able to positively identify the pair as Christopher R. McDowell, 34, and April J. Wright, 48, both of Wilmington. Shoplifting warrants were obtained and kept on file as the suspects remained at large.

On Tuesday, March 20, 2018, a white male, who appeared to be intoxicated, voluntarily walked in to Troop 1 and requested a ride home. Troopers immediately recognized the subject as McDowell and took him in to custody without incident.

After being processed on one count each of Shoplifting and Conspiracy 3rd Degree charges, McDowell was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #11 and released on $1000.00 unsecured bail. After being released McDowell phoned an acquaintance for a ride home.

When the female subject who was supposed to drive McDowell

home arrived at Troop 1, Troopers recognized her as April Wright, at which time she was taken in to custody without incident.

Wright was processed on one count each of Shoplifting and Conspiracy 3rd Degree charges, in reference to the Kohl's incident, as well as a Shoplifting charge from an unrelated incident. Wright was arraigned and released on $1500.00 unsecured bail.

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Troopers Seek Public's Assistance in Locating Wanted Suspect

Georgetown- The Delaware State Police are asking for the public's assistance in locating the above pictured suspect who is wanted for multiple charges.

The incident occurred on Thursday, March 8, 2018 when Troopers responded to an abandoned building located at 20707 Dupont Boulevard in an attempt to locate 27-year-old Michael H. Debarr of Lewes. Debarr who was hiding in the building was eventually located and taken into custody without incident. Debarr was transported back to Troop 4 where he was later transported to a local area hospital due to a medical related issue.

Upon Debarr's release, Troopers have been unable to locate him. Warrants for the arrest of Debarr have been obtained including charges of Burglary 3rd, Resisting Arrest, Criminal Impersonation, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

If anyone has information on his whereabouts they are asked to please contact Troop 4, Detective T. Ralston at 302-752-3823. 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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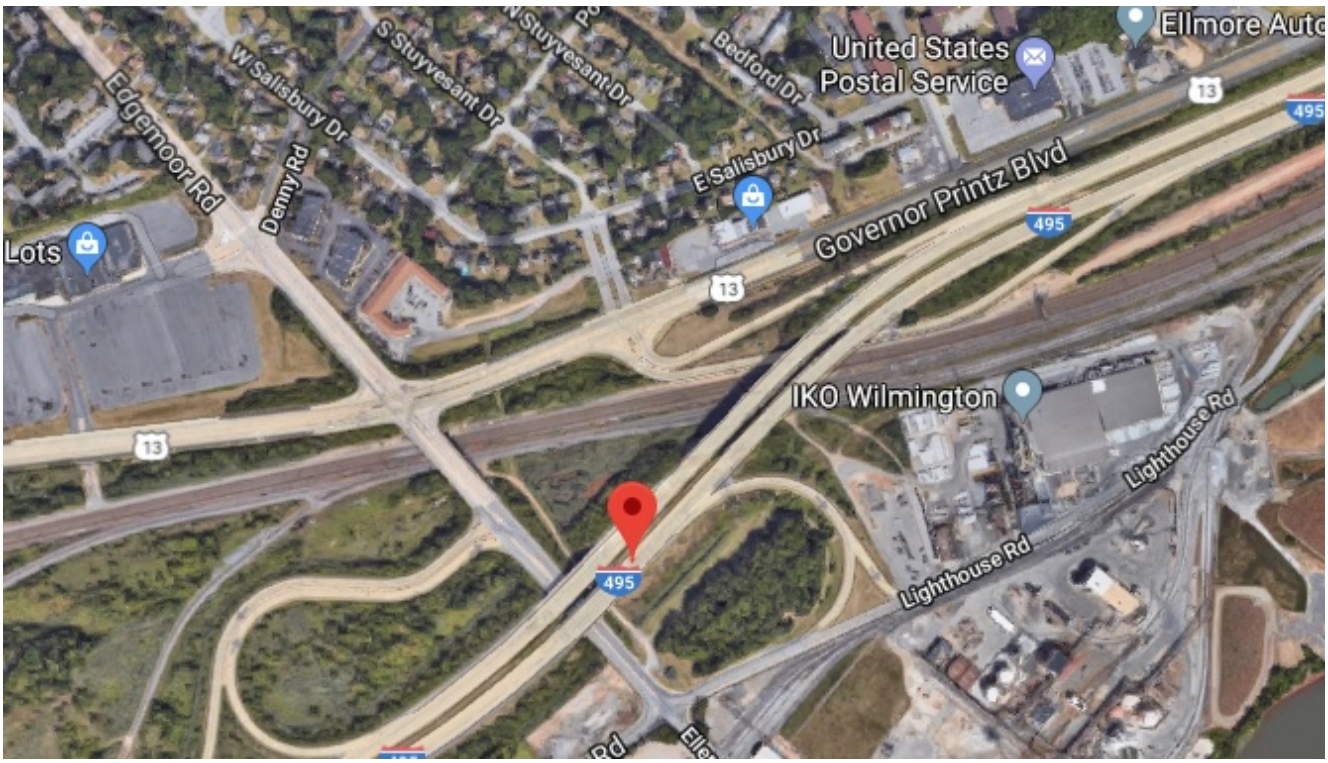
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UPDATE ALL LANES RE-OPENED Multi-vehicle Crash Has I-495 Southbound Closed North of Edgemoor Road – Wilmington



Wilmington – A multi-vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 1:32 pm., Tuesday, March 20, 2018, which had I-495 southbound completely shut down, north of Edgemoor Road has been cleared, and all lanes are now open.

Motorists are being advised to use extreme caution if they must drive, and are encouraged to avoid travel if possible, as road conditions continue to deteriorate.

Click on the following link to view the original release:

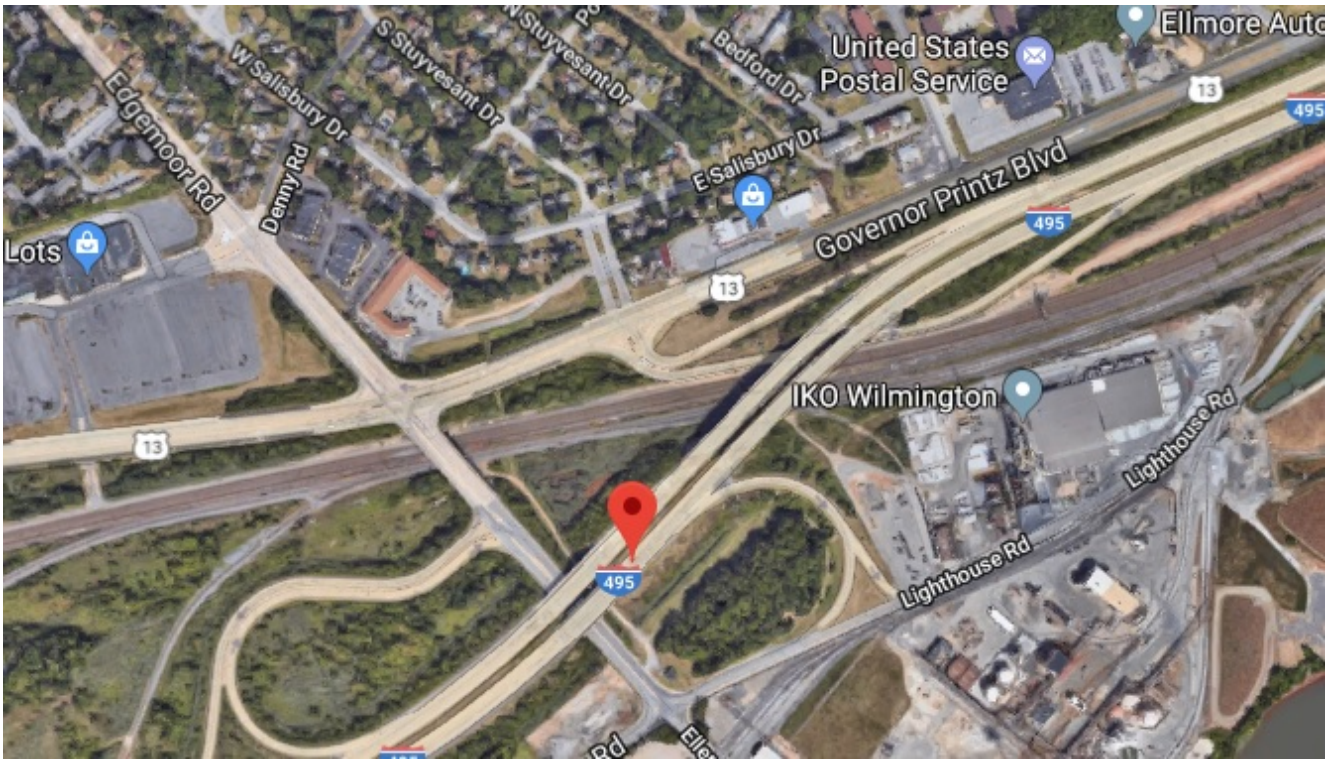
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TRAFFIC ADVISORY Multi-vehicle Crash Has I-495 Southbound Closed North of Edgemoor Road – Wilmington



Wilmington– Delaware State Police are currently on scene of a multi-vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 1:32 p.m., Tuesday, March 20, 2018, that has all lanes of southbound I-495, closed north of Edgemoor Road.

Motorists are being advised to avoid the area and seek alternate routes of travel.

Click on the following link for updated traffic conditions and road closure information:

http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel_advisory/index.shtml#advisories.

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Troopers Offer Safety Tips In Preparation for Forecasted Winter Storm



Dover-Weather forecasts currently indicate a winter storm that will impact the region beginning Tuesday, March 20th, with a light wintery mix expected today. Heavy snow and significant impacts are expected throughout the day tomorrow. This type of weather pattern can create treacherous conditions for motorists who are traveling along Delaware roadways.

This is forecasted to be a heavy, wet snow which will be difficult to shovel and will stick to trees and power lines. It is likely that the snow fall and combination of strong winds could lead to power outages and tree damage. Coastal

flooding is also a concern, with minor flooding expected tonight and minor to moderate flooding throughout the day on Wednesday.

Delaware State Police statewide continue to plan and prepare for the forecasted winter storm, as they will be ready and available to patrol, assist disabled vehicles, and manage roadway incidents and hazards for the duration of the event. Most calls for service received by Troopers during winter storms are for vehicle crashes, disabled vehicles, and abandoned vehicles which cause a major problem for DelDOT snow removal equipment and for Troopers responding to emergency situations. Troopers strongly encourage motorists to avoid unnecessary travel.

Troopers urge all motorists who must travel to use extreme caution as road and weather conditions may change rapidly over the course of the event:

- Motorists should be prepared for snow-covered and slippery roads, along with strong winds and limited visibility which make driving conditions difficult.
- Use caution while driving when approaching intersections and off ramps, especially bridges and overpasses.
- Remember to reduce speed and increase following distance between vehicles.
- Allow ample time to reach your destination, allow extra space between vehicles, and keep vehicle headlights on to increase visibility.

This would be an excellent time to check your vehicle ensuring it is in good working order for the expected conditions:

- Fill up the fuel tank in advance.
- Check the windshield wipers, windshield wiper fluid, tire tread, battery life, etc.
- If you should have vehicle problems, be sure to stay with your vehicle, as freezing temperatures can be life-

threatening.

- Be sure to have an emergency kit in the vehicle consisting of a blanket, bottled water, snack, cell phone charger, and a flashlight.

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