Troopers Investigating Serious Motor Vehicle Crash – Middletown



Middletown – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a serious motor vehicle crash that sent five people to the hospital last night.

The incident occurred at approximately 8:38 p.m., Friday, March 16, 2018, on Bethel Church Road, east of Fairview Avenue, Middletown. A 2018 Ford Escape, being driven by a 53 year old Florida woman, was traveling eastbound on Bethel Church Road, just east of the intersection with Fairview Avenue. A 1997 Pontiac Grand Am, driven by a 34 year old Middletown woman was traveling westbound on Bethel Church Road, when she failed to negotiate a slight rightward curve in the roadway, crossing the double yellow center line and into the eastbound lane of travel, at which time she collided head on with the Ford. After the initial impact both vehicles came to rest in the eastbound lane of Bethel Church Road, facing in a northerly direction.

The driver of the Ford, along with two female passengers, ages

73 and 78, both of Middletown, were admitted to the Christiana Hospital with serious injuries.

The driver of the Pontiac was admitted to the Christiana Hospital with serious injuries. A 1 year old male, rear seat passenger in the Pontiac was admitted to A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children with serious injuries.

Neither improper driving nor impairment is being considered as a factor on behalf of the driver of the Ford.

Impairment on behalf of the driver of the Pontiac is unknown at this time.

The investigation is ongoing and no charges have been filed at this time.

Bethel Church Road was closed for approximately 2 hours as the scene was investigated and cleared.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact M/Cpl. J. Aube of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit at 302-365-8483.

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Troopers Arrest Two Juveniles for Series of Thefts and Burglaries – Kent County

Kent County – Detectives from the Troop 3 Property Crimes Unit have arrested two juveniles, for their involvement in a series of burglaries, vehicle thefts and thefts from vehicles, that had taken place throughout Dover, Magnolia and Felton.

Beginning on January 24, 2018, and continuing through March 7, 2018, detectives investigated a series of crimes that were occurring in Dover, Magnolia and Felton. During this time period a total of 30 separate incidents were reported, the majority of which involved thefts from vehicles. These thefts were mainly from unsecured vehicles, however in some cases forcible entry was made by smashing out a window. Once gaining

access to the vehicles the suspects would ransack the interior and remove money and electronics. In addition to the thefts, three stolen vehicles and two burglaries were also reported, all of which were determined to be related. The stolen vehicles were utilized to “joy ride” and create intentional damage to property. All three vehicles were recovered during the course of the investigation.

Through a variety of investigative measures detectives developed William R. Figgatt Jr., 16, of Magnolia and Brandon L. Reed, 16, of Dover as suspects. Further investigation enabled detectives to positively link Figgatt and Reed to all 30 incidents. In Magnolia the incidents occurred on Anderson Road, Wentworth Way, Phillips Drive, Woodlytown Road, Snow Drift Circle, Black Wolf Court, Wintergreen Circle, Ponderosa Drive, Irish Hill Road, West Street, Dogwood Drive, Winners Circle, Medal Way, Carnation Court, and Fieldbrook Lane. In Dover, the incidents occurred on Maine Drive and Jersey Drive in the Eagle Meadows development, Quail Landing Road and Roderic Terrace. In Felton the incidents occurred on Barney Jenkins Road.

On Wednesday, March 14, 2018, Figgatt was taken into custody in the unit block of Nascar Lane, Magnolia. Upon being taken in to custody he was found to be in possession of marijuana and a throwing star, which was concealed on his person.

Figgatt was transported to Delaware State Police Troop 3 where he was arrested on 75 criminal charges consisting of:

- Burglary 3rd Degree (F),
- Theft of Motor Vehicle (F),
- Theft (F)
- Theft Under $1500.00 and Victim is 62 Years of Age or Older (F)
- Conspiracy 2nd Degree (F)
- Criminal Mischief (F)

- Theft (M)
- Attempted Theft(M)
- Conspiracy 3rd Degree (M)
- Criminal Mischief (M)
- Criminal Trespass 2nd Degree (M)
- Malicious Mischief by a Motor Vehicle (M)
- Criminal Trespass 3rd Degree (V)

In addition to the above listed charges, Figgatt was also charged with Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon (F) and Possession of Marijuana (M).

Figgatt was arraigned at Justice of the Peace Court #7 and subsequently committed to the Stevenson Juvenile Detention Center in default of $22,900 secured bond.

On Thursday, March 15, 2018, Reed turned himself in at Troop 3, at which time he was arrested on the theft related charges listed above. *NOTE* Reed was not charged with the weapon and marijuana offenses as they were specific to Figgatt.

Reed was arraigned at Justice of the Peace Court #2 and released to the custody of parents.

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Traffic Stop Leads to Drug Arrest – Townsend

Townsend – The Delaware State Police Governor's Task Force (GTF), with the assistance of Probation and Parole officers, have arrested a Townsend man on multiple drug related offenses, after being stopped for a traffic violation.

At approximately 8:30 p.m., Thursday, March 15, 2018, GTF members observed a silver Cadillac DeVille being driven in an erratic manner on Summit Bridge Road (DE 71) northbound, north of U.S. 13, Townsend. A traffic stop was initiated and after an extended period of time the vehicle came to a stop in the driveway of a residence in the 6000 block of Summit Bridge Road.

As GTF members approached the vehicle in order to make contact with the driver, who was later identified as Robert G. Collins Jr., 53, of Townsend, they observed him throw an object out of the passenger's side window. Task force members were able to recover the thrown object, which proved to be three bundles of heroin.

A subsequent search of Collins' person as well as the Cadillac produced the following:

- 416 bags of heroin (32 bundles) totaling 2.192 grams
- 5 grams of marijuana
- $1,995.00 in suspected drug money

Collins was transported to Delaware State Police Troop 2 where he was formally charged with:

- Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance in a Tier 2 Quantity
- Possession of a Controlled Substance in a Tier 2 Quantity
- Tampering with Physical Evidence
- Failure to Remain in a Single Lane of Travel

Collins was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #11 and then committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in lieu of $11,050.00 secured bail.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Governor's Task Force at 302-834-2620.

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Traffic Stop Leads to Recovery of Drugs-Dover

Dover– The Delaware State Police arrest a Dover man after a traffic stop led to the discovery of drugs.

The incident occurred on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at approximately 5:19 p.m. when Troopers observed a black 2004 Volvo SW traveling above the posted speed limit on southbound Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway (SR 1) south of Scarborough Road. A traffic stop was initiated and contact was made with the operator identified as 30-year-old **Thomas J. Gordon** of Dover. Upon contact with Gordon, an odor of marijuana was detected and it was determined that he did not have a valid driver's license. Gordon was detained and a search of the vehicle was conducted.

During the vehicle search, the Kent County Drug Unit (KDU) located a hidden compartment underneath the front passengers seat. A search warrant was obtained for the vehicle and discovered inside the compartment was 3,354 bags of heroin (approximately 23.478 grams), 153.44 grams of marijuana, three digital scales, and a marijuana grinder.

Gordon was transported back to Troop 3 where he was charged with Possession of a controlled substance (Tier 5), Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance, Possession with

Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Tier 4), Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Speeding, and a Learners Permit Violation.

Gordon was arraigned out of the Justice of the Peace Court 7 and committed to the James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on $50,052.00 cash only bond.

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Troopers Arrest Suspect on Multiple Weapon and Drug Charges- Milford

Milford– The Delaware State Police Sussex Governor's Task Force (GTF) with the assistance of the U.S. Marshals, Sussex Drug Unit, the Milford Police Department, and Delaware State Police Aviation Unit arrest a suspect on multiple weapon and drug charges.

On Friday, March, 9, 2018 at approximately 11:20 a.m., members of the Sussex GTF responded to a residence on Carlisle Lane, Milford, for an unrelated investigation. As members of GTF were preparing to leave the area, a light blue 2005 Acura MDX occupied by two Hispanic males, pulled up to a Detective and inquired about police presence. A strong odor of marijuana was detected and a marijuana cigarette was observed in plain view. As Detectives asked the occupants to exit the vehicle, the operator placed the vehicle into drive and fled the scene. At approximately 12:02 p.m. the vehicle was located abandoned and unsecured on McColley Street, Milford. A search warrant was obtained for the vehicle, which led to the discovery of 507 bags of heroin (approximately 3.549 grams), five bags of marijuana packaged for sale totaling 16.31 grams, two .40 caliber magazines containing a total of 24 rounds, and a single .22 caliber round.

Through investigative measures, Detectives were able to identify the operator of the vehicle as 25-year-old **Carlos Feliciano-Concepcion** of Houston Texas.

On Thursday, March 15, 2018, members of the Sussex GTF continued follow up on locating Feliciano with the assistance of the U.S. Marshals, Sussex Drug Unit, and the Milford Police Department. Information was received that Feliciano was

staying at a residence in the unit block of Causey Avenue in Milford and operating a gold in color Chrysler 300. While in the area, units observed Feliciano leaving the residence operating a gold in color Chrysler 300. The Delaware State Police Aviation Unit maintained a visual on the vehicle until a traffic stop was conducted and subsequently Feliciano was taken into custody without incident. During a search of Feliciano, he was found to be in possession of five bags of heroin and over $500.00 in suspected drug proceeds. A search of the vehicle was conducted and yielded 7.90 grams of marijuana, a loaded Glock .40 caliber handgun, three extended capacity magazines with a total of 59 rounds loaded in the magazines, a ledger, and one .22 caliber round.

Feliciano was transported to Troop 4 where he was charged with two counts of Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited, Possession of a Controlled Substance in Tier 3, three counts of Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance, Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance in Tier 2, Possession of Marijuana, three counts of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Disregarding a Police Officer Signal, and Criminal Trespass Third Degree. He was arraigned out of the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on $257,550.00 cash only bond.

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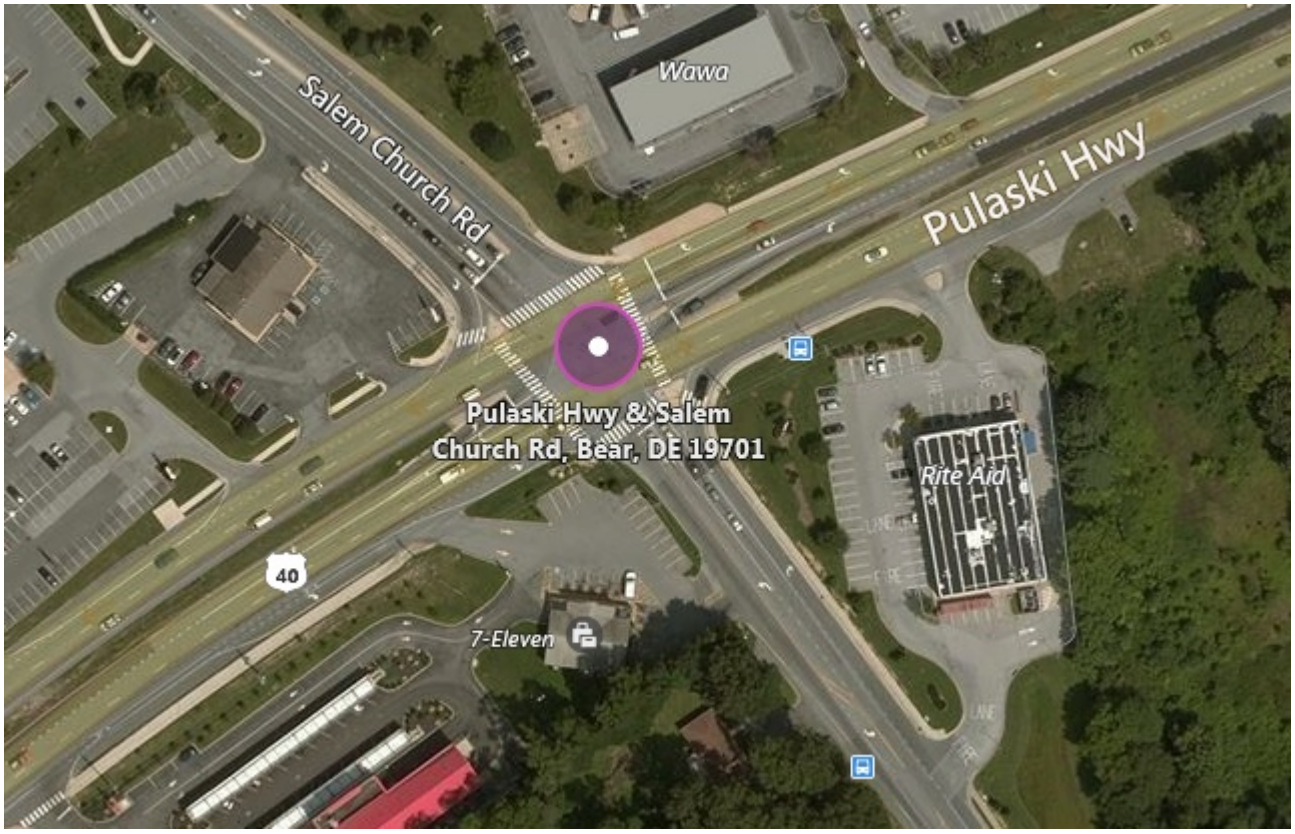
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UPDATE Troopers Investigating Serious Crash – Route 40 at Porter Road



Bear – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing its investigation into a serious motor vehicle crash in which three pedestrians were struck by a school bus.

The incident occurred at approximately 8:22 a.m., Thursday, March 15, 2018, at the intersection of U.S. 40 (Pulaski Hwy.) and Porter Road. A 2016 Freightliner school bus, from the Christina School District, operated by a 55 year Newark man, was traveling southbound from Salem Church Road, and crossed all lanes of U.S. 40, in order to continue Porter Road southbound. The bus was proceeding with a green light and had the right of way.

A 36 year old Newark woman, along with a 9 year old female and 6 year old male, were attempting to cross Porter Road without the right of way, and walked directly into the path of the school bus. Despite braking, the bus driver could not avoid striking the three pedestrians, knocking them all to the pavement.

The adult female pedestrian was transported by Delaware State Police helicopter Trooper 4 to the Christiana Hospital with serious injuries. The two juvenile pedestrians were transported by EMS to A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children with non-life threatening injuries.

The driver of the school bus, along with a bus aide, who was a passenger, were not injured. There were no students on the bus at the time of the collision.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Cpl. J. Aube at 302-365-8483.

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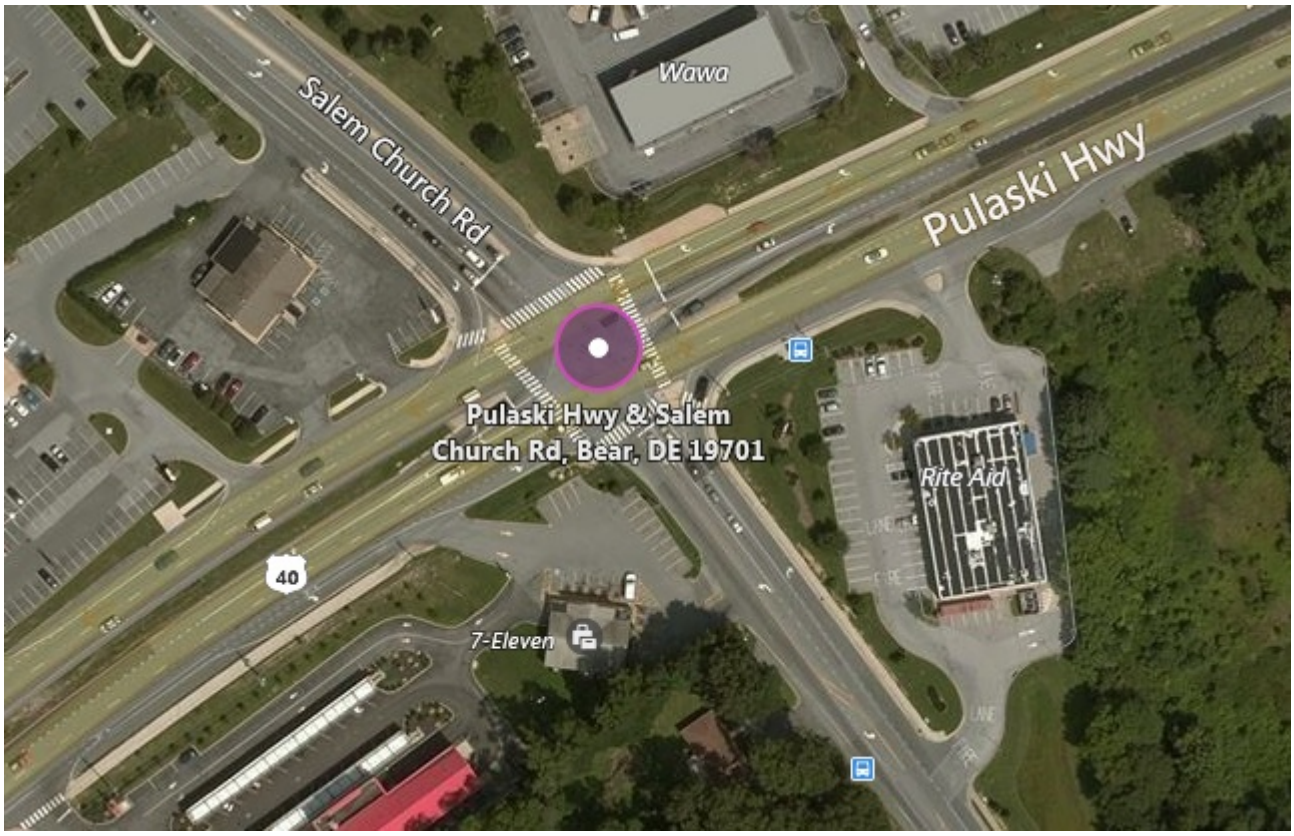
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Traffic Advisory Troopers Investigating Serious Crash – Route 40 Closed at Porter

Road



Bear – Delaware State Police are currently on scene of a serious motor vehicle crash involving a school bus, that took place on U.S. Route 40 (Pulaski Highway) in the area of Salem Church Road. All eastbound lanes of U.S. Route 40 are closed at this time.

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 Identifying Burglary Suspect

Harrington- The Delaware State Police is seeking the public's assistance in attempting to identify the suspect involved in a commercial burglary.

The incident occurred on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at approximately 5:34 a.m. when the suspect shattered the glass exterior door of the Harrington Moose Lodge, located at 10929 South Dupont Highway. Upon entry into the building, the suspect ransacked the premises and used an unknown object to strike the cash register. The suspect took the cash register prior to fleeing the scene.

The suspect is described as a heavyset male, wearing a light-colored hooded sweatshirt, dark colored pants and gloves. The suspect was also carrying a dark colored bookbag on his back.

Anyone with information in reference to the identity of the suspect is asked to please contact Troop 3, Property Crimes Unit, Detective S. Carbine at 302-698-8444. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

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Investigation Leads to Recovery of Drugs, Gun & Cash-One in Custody, One at Large

Newark – As a result of a month long investigation, members of the Delaware State Police Governor's Task Force (GTF), have arrested a Philadelphia man on drug and weapons offenses.

Based on intelligence information gathered throughout the month of March 2018, GTF members were able to develop a silver Lincoln MKZ with Pennsylvania tags, as a vehicle suspected of

being involved in illegal drug transactions that were taking place in the parking lots of businesses along the Churchman's Road/Route 7 corridor.

At approximately 7:40 p.m., Monday, March 12, 2018, GTF members observed a silver Lincoln MKZ in the parking lot of Miller's Ale House, located at 1323 Churchman's Road, at which time they made contact with the driver, who was identified as Eric T. Dunn, 29, of Philadelphia. A search of Dunn and the vehicle, produced a large sum of suspected drug money, multiple rounds of 9mm ammunition along with a key for a motel room at the adjacent Days Inn, located at 900 Churchman's Road.

Through further investigation Dunn was able to be linked to two rooms at the Days Inn which were subsequently searched. As a result of the combined searches of Dunn, the vehicle and the two motel rooms, the following was recovered:

- Taurus 9mm semi-automatic handgun with extended magazine
- 225 rounds of 9mm ammunition
- 178 grams heroin
- 81 grams crack cocaine
- 57 grams powder cocaine
- 10 grams methamphetamine
- 8.5 dosage units of Suboxone
- 59 Alprazolam tablets
- $5,293.00 in suspected drug proceeds
- An assortment of drug paraphernalia to include: blenders, strainers, scales and thousands of bags commonly used for the packaging of heroin, cocaine and methamphetamine.

Dunn was transported to Delaware State Police Troop 2 where he was arrested and formally charged with the following:

- 3 counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance in a Tier 5 Quantity

- 4 counts of Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance
- 2 counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance in a Tier 2 Quantity
- 1 count of Possession of a Controlled Substance without a Prescription
- 1 count of Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited
- 1 count of Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Felony
- 1 count of Possession of a Firearm while in Possession of Drugs
- 1 count of Possession of Marijuana
- 1 count of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- 1 count of Conspiracy 2nd Degree

Dunn was committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in lieu of $159,750.00 cash bail.

The investigation also led to the identification of a second suspect, Iman M. Douglas, 38, also of Philadelphia, as being involved in the drug operation. Douglas is described as a black male, 6'4", 200 lbs. Warrants are currently on file charging Douglas with the identical crimes as Dunn.

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Douglas is asked to contact the Governor's Task Force by calling 302-834-2620.

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Update 2 Two Suspects Arrested in Robbery of a Gas Station – Milton

Milton- The Delaware State Police have arrested two suspects in connection with the robbery of a Valero Gas Station.

The incident occurred around 7:42 p.m. Thursday, December 7, 2017, as a male subject armed with a handgun entered the Valero Gas Station located at 25576 Deep Branch Road. The suspect approached the clerk at the counter and demanded cash from the register. The employee complied with the suspect's demands and the suspect was able to remove an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect fled the store in an unknown direction. The clerk was not injured.

Through investigative measures, Detectives identified two suspects, 23-year-old **Christian S. Ferry** of Rehoboth Beach and 34-year-old **Michael N. Gieron** of Lewes. One of the suspects

entered the business while the other suspect waited outside in a getaway vehicle.

On Tuesday, March 13, 2018, Ferry was taken into custody at a residence located in the 300 block of Munson Street, Rehoboth Beach without incident and transported to Troop 4. Gieron was already in custody at the Sussex Correctional Institution on unrelated charges. Both suspects were charged with Robbery First Degree, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Aggravated Menacing, Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony, and Conspiracy Second Degree. Ferry was arraigned out of the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on $61,000.00 secured bond. Gieron was also arraigned out of the Justice of the Peace Court 2, received $61,000.00 secured bond on these charges and remained incarcerated.

This case continues to remain under investigation.

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