Suspect Arrested in Armed Robbery of Convenience Store-Greenwood



Thomas E. Mitchell

Greenwood– The Delaware State Police with the assistance of the Bridgeville Police Department and the Greenwood Police Department, arrest a suspect in connection with an armed robbery of a Convenience Store that occurred last evening.

The incident occurred at approximately 7:37 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2018 at Al's Country Store located at 4937

Hickman Road, Greenwood. Upon arrival, Troopers made contact with a store employee who advised that a white male, dressed in all black clothing had entered the store with a handgun and demanded all of the money in the register. The victim complied with the suspects demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect fled the scene in a silver pickup truck with its tailgate down which prevented the victim from seeing the registration plate.

The victim described the suspect as a white male, wearing black pants, a black hooded sweatshirt with the hood up, a black leather jacket, a black ski mask, and gloves.

Shortly thereafter, a traffic stop on a silver pickup truck with the tailgate down was conducted by the Bridgeville Police Department and the Greenwood Police Department. The operator, identified as 37-year-old **Thomas E. Mitchell** of Greenwood matched the description provided by the victim. Mitchell was subsequently taken into custody and a .25 caliber firearm and a loaded magazine was observed and removed from the front passengers seat of the vehicle.

A subsequent search of Mitchell's person yielded counterfeit currency and a review of his vehicle revealed that he applied tape to the vehicle's registration plate and model description alongside of the truck.

Mitchell was transported to Troop 4 where he was charged with Robbery 1st degree, Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony, Aggravated Menacing, Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony, Forgery 1st degree, and Failure to Display a License Plate. He was arraigned out of the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on $115,001.00 cash only bond.

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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 Seek Public's Assistance in Identifying Theft Suspect

New Castle County – The Delaware State Police are asking for the public's assistance in identifying a suspect responsible for multiple thefts, that have occurred at Home Depot locations throughout New Castle County.

During the month of February 2018, the white male suspect pictured above, has committed thefts at the Christiana, Glasgow and Wilmington Home Depot locations, making off with merchandise valued in excess of $3000.00. In each of the incidents the suspect has loaded a shopping cart with an assortment of power tools and then exited the store without rendering payment, before fleeing in the pictured, silver GMC SUV. The vehicle has been observed with different license plates, both of which have been determined to be fictitious.

Anyone with information regarding these thefts or the identity of the suspect is asked to contact Detective R. Angelucci of the Troop 2 Retail Theft Unit at 302-365-8502.

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 Seek Public's Assistance in Identifying Burglary Suspects

Kent County-The Delaware State Police is seeking the public's assistance in attempting to identify suspects involved in multiple commercial burglaries.

Delaware State Police, Troop 3 Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) are investigating a pattern of commercial burglaries impacting multiple jurisdictions. The incidents have occurred between August 2017 and February 2018. The suspects force entry to the front doors by using a rock to break the glass and gain entry into the businesses. Once inside, the suspects

have removed the cash register, cash or cash drawer prior to fleeing the scene in a black Chevrolet Equinox with a model year ranging from 2005-2009 (pictured). The suspects are described as males wearing dark hooded sweatshirts, dark colored pants, and gloves.

Anyone with information in reference to the identity of the suspects is asked to please contact Troop 4 Property Crimes, Detective T. Powell at 302-752-3807. 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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Update – Name Released

Delaware Troopers Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash-Claymont

Claymont – The Delaware State Police is releasing the name of the man that was killed in the crash on SR 92 Naamans Road west of the I-95 ramp, Claymont on Friday March 9, 2018 as Michael S. Simmons, 49 of Brookhaven, Pennsylvania.

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

Update Delaware State Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash-Claymont

Traffic Advisory Serious Crash-Claymont

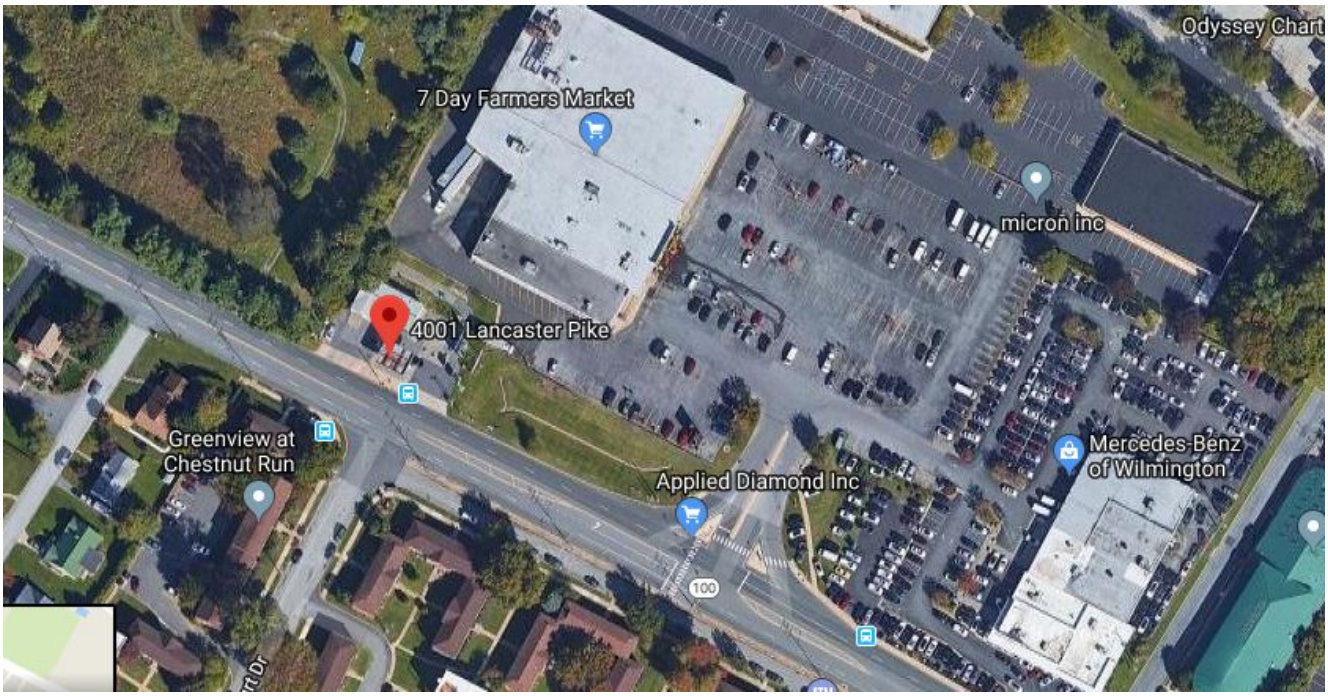
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Troopers Investigating Parking Lot Robbery-

Wilmington



Wilmington (19805) – Delaware State Police are currently investigating the armed robbery of a man which occurred in the parking lot of a local area BP Gas station.

The preliminary investigation has determined the incident occurred at approximately 9:15 p.m. on Friday, March 9, 2018 at the BP Gas Station located at 4001 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington. The 31 year old male victim finished work and responded to the BP Gas Station to add air to his car tires. He drove to the air pump and began adding air to the rear passenger tire when he was suddenly struck on the head by a handgun and surrounded by three unknown young black males. Subjects began cursing at him and demanded money as one of the suspects pointed an unknown make and model hand gun at him. The suspects removed an undisclosed amount of money and cellular phone from the victim. All three suspects then fled the scene on two dirt bikes eastbound on Lancaster Pike. The victim sustained non-life threatening injury to his head.

The three suspects were described as black males wearing all black with their faces covered and one with an unknown make

and model handgun. There is no further physical or clothing description available.

No video surveillance photos are available at this time.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact the Robbery Unit at Troop 2 at 302-365-8566. 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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Troopers Seek Public's Assistance in Identifying Shoplifting Suspect-Wilmington



Wilmington (19803)—The Delaware State Police is seeking the public's assistance in attempting to identify a shoplifting suspect.

The preliminary investigation has determined the suspect entered the Walgreens on Friday March 9, 2018 at 7:30 a.m. located at 4201 Concord Pike; Wilmington. The suspect forced his way through the front doors before the business opened. Once inside the suspect walked toward the front checkout counter. The suspect then went behind the counter and crawled stopping where the cigarettes were displayed. The suspect then grabbed several cartons and packs of cigarettes. As the suspect crawled out from behind the counter, single packs of cigarettes fell out of his sweatshirt. The suspect then exited the store and fled with the merchandise and was last seen near Concord Pike.

The suspect is described as a black male approximately 35-40 years old, 5'10" tall, 180 lbs. wearing a red Philadelphia Phillies baseball cap, black hooded sweat shirt and blue jeans. He has a distinctive mark on his right cheek which appears to be a boil.

If anyone has any information in reference to the identity of this individual, they are asked to please contact M/Cpl. R. Deskis at Troop 1, (302) 761-6677. 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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Troopers Investigate Stabbing-Wilmington

Wilmington (19808)– The Delaware State Police Major Crimes Unit detectives are currently investigating a stabbing that occurred late last night.

The investigation began on Friday, March 9, 2018 at approximately 10:24 p.m., when Troopers responded to the area of Kirkwood Highway and Delaware Park Boulevard for a reported stabbing. Upon arrival they found a 51 year old victim of Wilmington with a stab wound to the body. The victim was removed from the scene by Emergency Medical Services and transported to a local area hospital in critical condition.

The preliminary investigation revealed the victim was a

passenger on a DART bus and at some point later the suspect also got on the bus. During the bus ride the suspect moved from his seat and decided to sit near the victim where he engaged in a verbal argument with him. The victim exited the bus at Kirkwood Highway and Delaware Park Boulevard and walked across the street. The suspect proceeded to follow him and then confronted the victim again where he stabbed him. The suspect then fled eastbound on Kirkwood Highway.

The suspect is described as a heavyset white male, approximately 5'09" tall, approximately 60 years old, with a full grey beard and mustache wearing a red sweatshirt and blue jeans.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact Detective S. Rizzo, Troop 2 at 302-365-8440. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com

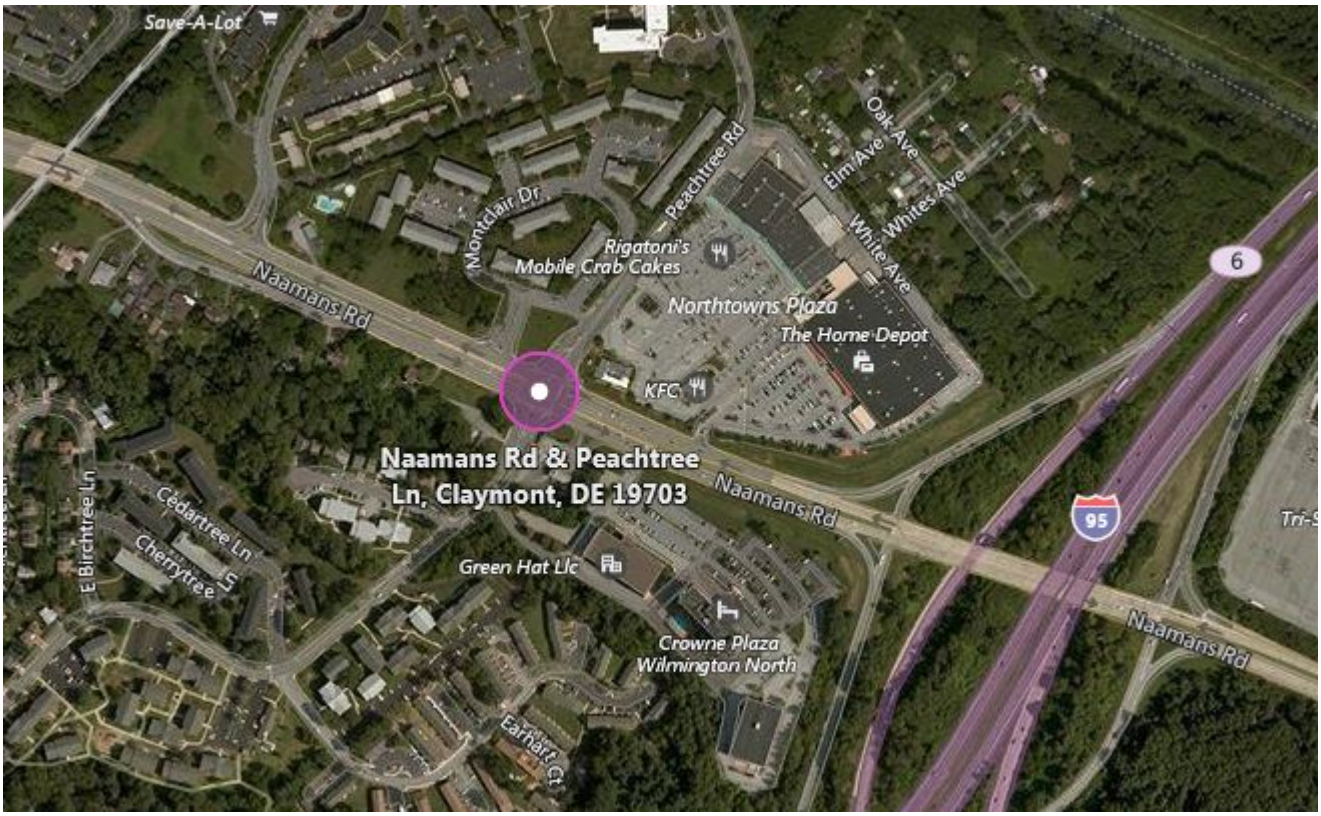
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Update Delaware State Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash-Claymont



Claymont – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is currently investigating a fatal crash that occurred last night.

The preliminary investigation has determined the incident occurred at approximately 8:50 p.m., Friday, March 9, 2018, on SR 92 Naamans Road west of the I-95 ramp, Claymont.

A 2014 Honda Accord, being driven by a 48 year old man of Pennsylvania, was traveling westbound on DE SR 92, Naamans Road in the right lane and stopped at a red traffic signal at the intersection of Society Drive. A 2001 Mercedes M-Class,

operated by 49 year old Pennsylvania man, was traveling directly behind the Honda in the right lane. The Mercedes failed to stop and as a result the front of the Mercedes struck the rear of the Honda Accord. After this initial collision the operator of the Mercedes exited his vehicle and appeared agitated, mumbled incoherently and then reentered his vehicle. He then accelerated his vehicle to turn around and fled the crash scene traveling eastbound in the westbound lanes of DE SR 92 Naamans Road. The Mercedes then drove through the grass median and struck a road sign. After this collision the Mercedes continued eastbound in the left lane of westbound DE SR 92, Naamans Road. It was at this time a 2001 Ford F350, operated by a 17 year old male of Pennsylvania, was traveling westbound on DE SR 92, Naamans Rd, in the left lane toward Society Drive. The Mercedes entered into the path of the Ford F350 and as a result the front of the Mercedes collided with the front of the Ford F350 in the left lane of westbound DE SR 92, Naamans Road.

The operator of the Honda Accord and his passenger refused medical treatment at the scene. Both of the occupants were wearing their seatbelts.

The operator of the Ford F350 and a front seat passenger were treated at Christiana Hospital for non-life threatening injuries. A rear middle seat passenger was treated at the A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children with non-life threatening injuries. The passengers were not wearing seatbelts.

The operator of the Mercedes, who was unrestrained, was pronounced dead at the scene. Speed does appear to be a factor in the crash, impairment on his behalf is unknown at this time.

Identification of the victim is pending notification of next of kin.

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Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact M/Cpl. J. Forester of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8485.

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Update – Name Released Delaware Troopers Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash-Wilmington

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police are releasing the name of the 33-year-old man that was killed in the crash at Silverside Road on Friday as Christopher Kufta, 33 of Wilmington.

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

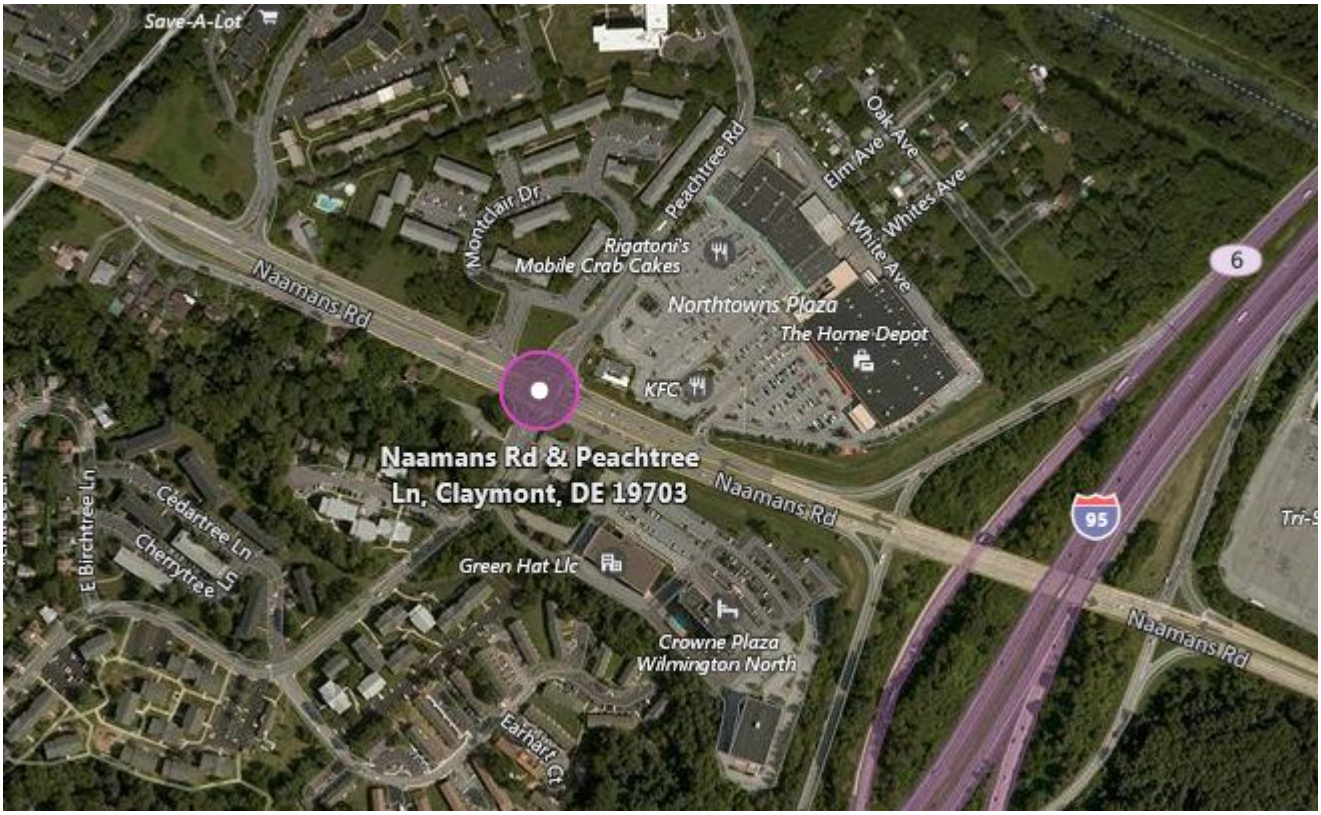
Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash-North Wilmington

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Traffic Advisory Serious Crash-Claymont



Claymont- Delaware State Police are currently on scene of a serious motor vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 8:51 p.m., Friday, March 09, 2018, which has the intersection of Naamans Road and Peachtree Road closed.

Motorists should expect delays in the area and are asked 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

The investigation is in its early stages and further details will be released as they become available.

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