Troopers Investigating Robbery at Claymont Florist



Claymont- Delaware State Police are investigating the robbery of a 62 year old business owner that took place outside a Claymont area florist earlier this week.

The incident occurred at approximately 2:43 p.m., Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at the Silver Queen Florist, located at 20 Ridge Road, Claymont, as the shopkeeper was approached while outside the front door of his business by a black male suspect who inquired about making a purchase. As the victim turned his back to proceed back in to the business to assist with the inquiry, the suspect knocked him to the ground and proceeded to rifle through his pockets, while demanding money.

A bystander who heard yelling then approached, at which time the suspect fled without obtaining any money or property. The suspect was last seen entering into a blue mini-van which was parked in the lot of the adjacent Wawa, that fled westbound on Naaman’s Road. The victim sustained minor injuries as a result of the incident.

The suspect is described as a black male, 40-50 years of age, 5’8”-5’9”, with a muscular build, wearing all dark clothing to include a winter hat.

No surveillance photos are available at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Troop 2 Robbery Unit by calling 302-365-8566.

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Troopers Seek Public's Assistance in Identifying Burglary Suspect

Newark – Delaware State Police detectives are investigating a daytime burglary that took place last month, and are asking for the public's assistance in identifying the suspect.

The incident occurred at approximately 3:41 p.m., Wednesday, January 30, 2018, at the Sallie Mae Corporation, located at 300 Continental Drive Newark. The above pictured suspect made forcible entry into the building before proceeding to a restricted area where employee's personal belongings are kept. The suspect was then able to take possession of multiple personal credit cards before exiting the property undetected.

After fleeing the Sallie Mae property in the above pictured vehicle, the suspect proceeded to the Christiana Mall where multiple fraudulent purchases were made, utlizing the stolen credit cards.

The suspect is described as a black male, wearing a dark colored baseball hat, dark colored sweatshirt, light blue jeans and dark sneakers. The U-Haul rental van which the suspect was operating, displayed stolen Maryland license plate 2AWA66.

Anyone with information regarding the identity of the pictured suspect is asked to contact Detective D. DeFlaviis of the

Troop 2 Burglary Unit at 302-365-8388.

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Troopers Investigating Crash Involving Overturned Tractor

Trailer-Stanton

Stanton – Delaware State Police are currently on scene of a crash involving an overturned tractor trailer at the intersection of DE Rt. 7 northbound and DE Rt. 4 eastbound, Stanton.

The crash occurred at approximately 12:05 p.m., Friday, February 23, 2018 and involves only the tractor trailer, which was fully loaded with hay. The operator and sole occupant of the vehicle was not injured as a result of the crash.

DE Rt.7 northbound at DE Rt. 4 eastbound will be closed for an extended period of time and motorists are advised to avoid the area and seek alternate routes of travel. All lanes of DE Rt. 4 are unaffected.

Further details will be released as they become available.

For 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 Arrest Suspect on Multiple Drug Charges-Felton

Felton– Troopers of the Kent County Governor's Task Force (GTF) with the assistance of the Kent County Drug Unit and Probation and Parole arrest a suspect on multiple drug charges.

The incident occurred on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at approximately 5:39 p.m. when members of GTF, the Kent County Drug Unit, and Probation and Parole executed a tactical vehicle stop in the Canterbury Shore Stop parking lot located at 8953 South DuPont Highway. Through investigative measures, Detectives learned that 28-year-old **Russell "Rocky" Thomas** of Harrington was involved in the sale of heroin.

Upon Thomas entering the parking lot of the Shore Stop, he was contacted by Detectives, at which point he attempted to reverse his vehicle, striking a Trooper's vehicle . Thomas then proceeded to exit his vehicle and a brief foot pursuit ensued. While Thomas was fleeing on foot, he discarded his jacket along with several packages. Thomas was subsequently taken into custody and a search of his jacket and the direct route where he ran yielded 24.27 grams of cocaine, 144 white bags of packaged heroin (approximately 1.008 grams), and multiple prescription pills.

Thomas was transported to Troop 3 where he was charged with

three counts of Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance, three counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance, Resisting Arrest, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, six counts of Reckless Endangering 2nd Degree, and Criminal Mischief.

Thomas was arraigned out of the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to the James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on $70,000 cash only bond.

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Troopers Arrest Suspect on Multiple Drug Charges-Millsboro

Millsboro– Troopers of the Sussex County Governor's Task Force (GTF) in conjunction with the Delaware Probation and Parole Sussex Street Unit arrest a suspect on multiple drug charges.

The incident occurred on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 8:50 a.m. when members of GTF and the Delaware Probation and Parole Sussex Street Unit responded to the 23000 block of Mission Road, to conduct an arrest attempt for 26-year-old **Tyree R. Oliver** of Millsboro. Oliver was a probation absconder who had a Rule 9 warrant from Superior Court for drug charges, as well as a Violation of Probation capias from Superior Court, and a capias out of the Justice of the Peace Court 3 for Failure to Pay fines.

Upon arrival, Oliver was located in the residence and taken into custody without incident. A search of the residence yielded over $1000.00 in illegally obtained drug proceeds, approximately 1,780 bags of heroin (12.46 grams), and drug paraphernalia.

Oliver was transported to Troop 4 where he was charged with Possession with Intent to Deliver, Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was arraigned out of the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on $20,000.00 cash only bond.

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Troopers Conducting Death Investigation-Claymont



Claymont – Delaware State Police are currently conducting a death investigation at Ocean Port LLC, located at 6200 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont, that occurred at approximately 9:59 a.m., Thursday, February 22, 2018.

The preliminary investigation has determined that a 62 year old male employee was operating a front end loader on an elevated pier, and for an undetermined reason, traveled off the pier into the water below. The victim was recovered and subsequently pronounced dead on scene by EMS

The body has been turned over to the Delaware Division of Forensic Science where an autopsy will be performed to determine the manner and cause of death. The victim's identity is being withheld pending the notification of his next of kin.

The investigation is in the very early stages. Further details will be released upon the conclusion of the investigation.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to

contact the Troop 2 Major Crimes Unit by calling 302-365-8440

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Delaware State Police Troop 7 to Host Community Café-Lewes



Lewes – Delaware State Police Troop 7 will be holding a Community Café from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at the Surf Bagel located at 17382 Coastal Highway, Lewes. The Community Café will have Delaware State Police Troop 7 Administration and the Community Outreach Officer to meet and interact with members of the public.

The 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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Update Victim's Name Released and Suspect Arrested in Homicide Investigation-Dover

Dover (19901)-The Delaware State Police are releasing the name of the male subject that was found deceased early this morning and the suspect who has been arrested in connection with his death.

The investigation began at approximately 7:26 a.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, after Troopers were called to respond to the rear grounds of the John Dickinson Plantation Mansion House located at 340 Kitts Hummock Road for the report of an unresponsive subject. Upon their arrival, Troopers located a male subject laying on the ground with multiple suspected stab wounds. The male victim was pronounced dead at the scene by responding paramedics. The victim has been identified as 36-

year-old **Thomas M. Bunting Jr**. of Milford. While Detectives from the Homicide Unit were conducting their investigation, they were informed by the Harrington Police Department that the victim's vehicle was stopped for a traffic violation in the town limits. The driver, identified as 25-year-old **Malcolm A. Casson** of Dover, was taken into custody without incident and transported to Troop 3.

As a result of interviews and other investigative measures, Casson was charged with Murder 1st and Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony. He was arraigned out of the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to the James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on $1,060.000.00 secured bond.

Click on the link for the original release: Troopers Conducting Death Investigation- Dover

Anyone with any information in reference to this investigation is asked to please contact Detective D. Grassi at 302-365-8441. 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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Joint Investigation Leads to Recovery of Drugs and Gun-New Castle Man Charged

Newark – Based on information provided by Probation and Parole officers regarding suspected drug activity at a Newark residence, the Delaware State Police Governor's Task Force, has arrested a New Castle man on drug and weapons offenses.

On Monday, February 19, 2018, members of the Governor's Task Force (GTF), responded to a residence in the unit block of Fairway Road, Newark, to assist Probation and Parole officers with an administrative search. Upon making entry into the residence, GTF members came in to contact with Anthony J. Mata, 21, of New Castle, who was found to be in possession of heroin. A subsequent search of the residence produced an additional quantity of heroin that was packaged for sale, a fully loaded 9mm handgun, as well as an assortment of drug paraphernalia. Further investigation led GTF members to a 2012 Chrysler 200, which was able to be linked to Mata, where an additional quantity of heroin was located.

Mata was taken in to custody without incident and then transported to Delaware State Police Troop 2 where he was formally charged with one count each of the following:

- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony
- Possession of a Deadly Weapon while in Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Possession with Intent to Deliver Heroin in a Tier 4 Quantity
- Possession of Heroin in a Tier 5 Quantity

Mata was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #11 before being committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in lieu of $62,500.00 secured bail.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Governor's Task Force, by calling 302-834-2620. 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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Update Theft Suspect Arrested-Seaford

Seaford- The Delaware State Police have arrested a suspect in connection with multiple thefts from vehicles.

Between December 10, 2017 and December 11, 2017, State Police responded to the area of Bethel Road and Woodland Ferry Road, Seaford in reference to six reported thefts from motor vehicles. Through investigative measures, Troopers were able to identify 35-year-old **Billy Williams 3rd** of Laurel as a suspect.

Williams was taken into custody by the Laurel Police Department on Monday, February 19, 2018 after which he was turned over to the Delaware State Police. He was charged with one count of Felony Theft, four counts of Theft, six counts of Criminal Trespass 3rd, six counts of Conspiracy 3rd, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Attempt to Sell Stolen Property. Williams was arraigned out of the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on $4,330.00 secured bond.

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