Troopers Conducting Death Investigation- Dover



Dover (19901)- Delaware State Police detectives are currently conducting a death investigation after an adult male subject was found deceased earlier this morning.

The investigation began at approximately 7:26 a.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, after Troopers were called to respond to the 300 block of Kitts Hummock Road, for the report of an unresponsive subject. Upon their arrival, Troopers located a male subject laying on the ground. The male victim was pronounced dead at the scene by responding paramedics. 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.

This incident remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police and further information will be released as it

becomes available.

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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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.

George F. Morgan Jr., 36 of Seaford who is 5'03" tall, 130 lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes is a registered sex offender who is currently wanted for failure to re-register. His last known whereabouts is in the Seaford area.

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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Troopers Investigating Armed Robbery Attempt – North Wilmington



Wilmington (19802) – Delaware State Police are investigating the attempted armed robbery of a north Wilmington business that took place last night.

The incident occurred at approximately 7:51 p.m., Sunday, February 18, 2018, at the Family Dollar store, located at 4331 Northeast Boulevard, Wilmington.

Two black male suspects, one brandishing a handgun, approached the cashier at the sales counter and demanded money from the register. Prior to the cashier opening the register a second employee became aware of what was occurring and proceeded towards the sales counter. At this time both suspects fled the

business without obtaining any money. The suspects were last seen entering into a dark colored vehicle which fled northbound. Neither employee was injured as a result of the incident.

Suspect #1, who was armed with a silver handgun, was described as a black male, 18 years of age, 5'7"-5'9", wearing all dark clothing to include a cloth covering over his face.

Suspect #2, was described as a black male, 18 years of age, 5'7"-5'9", wearing a dark jacket, light colored pants, also with a cloth covering his face.

No surveillance photos are available at this time.

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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Joint Investigation between Delaware State Police Governor's Task Force and New Castle County Police Operation Safe Streets led to Multiple Arrests

New Castle & Newark– The Delaware State Police launched an investigation into illegal drug sales in New Castle County. Nine people were charged after the culmination of a month long investigation. Multiple search warrants were executed at residences in New Castle and Newark. The joint effort between the Delaware State Police, Probation and Parole, New Castle County Governor's Task Force, Kent County Drug Unit, New Castle County Police Department Safe Streets Unit and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms led to the seizure of nine firearms and over $52,000.00 in illegally obtained drug proceeds.

In mid-January, members of the Delaware State Police and Probation and Parole (GTF) initiated an investigation into **Karieem J. Howell Jr., 22 of Newark and Malique Howell, 18 of New Castle**. Troopers obtained information that both these subjects were involved in distributing large amounts of marijuana while in possession of firearms, to include assault style rifles. Very early in this investigation, it was learned that the New Castle County Police Safe Streets Unit and the Delaware State Police Kent County Drug Unit, also had information regarding additional subjects involved in this criminal activity.

On Tuesday, February 6, 2018, Probation and Parole Officers conducted a search in the 2000 block of Porter Road, Newark. At this residence, Dale E. Doyle, who is on Level II probation, was contacted as a member of the drug trafficking organization. During the search warrant 979 grams (approximately 2 lbs.) of marijuana was seized. **Dale E. Doyle, 21 of New Castle,** was transported to Troop 2 and charged with: Possession of Marijuana Tier I Felony and Possession with the Intent to Distribute (PWID) Marijuana Felony. He was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Court 2 and given a $3000.00 unsecured bond; however he was subsequently committed on an administrative warrant to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution for violation of his probation.

Thursday, February 8, 2018 members of the Governor's Task Force (GTF) gained information of two residences in the unit blocks of Bradbury Road and Caxton Drive, New Castle which had been used for drug trafficking. Shortly after receiving this information, members of (GTF) observed what appeared to be a drug transaction occurring at the Caxton Drive address. As (GTF) attempted to conduct a stop of the subject in the neighborhood of Eagle Glenn, the vehicle fled down a dead end street and the driver then fled on foot. After a brief foot chase, the subject was caught and identified as Patrice St. Bernard, 26 of New Castle. St. Bernard was found in

possession of 223 grams of marijuana (approximately ½ pound) and nearly $400.00 of suspected drug proceeds.

Patrice St. Bernard, 26 of New Castle, was transported to Troop 2 and charged with: Possession with the Intent to Distribute (PWID) Marijuana Felony, Possession of Marijuana in a Tier I Quantity Felony, Tampering with Physical Evidence Felony, Disregarding a Police Officers Signal Felony, (2 Counts) Possession of a Controlled Substance, Resisting Arrest, Breach of Release, Numerous Traffic Offenses. St. Bernard is on active probation. He was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Court 11 and was committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in default of $13,500.00 secured bond and was issued an administrative arrest warrant for violation of probation.

Through investigative measures, GTF was able to obtain evidence to secure search warrants for the unit block of Bradbury Drive, New Castle DE and the unit block of Aldershot Drive, Newark DE.

At the Aldershot Drive address, contact was made with Malique Howell and Harrison Dorsey. During a search of the residence the following was located: a Colt AR-15 rifle (fully loaded), a 9mm Taurus semi-automatic handgun with obliterated serial number, two shotguns, a Sig Sauer 522 rifle (reported stolen), several hundreds of rounds and extended magazines for various firearms, 132 grams of marijuana, $27,560.00 in suspected drug proceeds, money counter and drug paraphernalia commonly used for the distribution of marijuana.

Malique Howell, 18 of New Castle, was transported to Troop 2 and charged with: Receiving a Stolen Firearm Felony, Possession of a Weapon with an Obliterated Serial Number Felony, Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Felony, Possession with Intent to Deliver Marijuana Felony, Conspiracy 2nd Felony, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Court 2 and

committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in default of $79,000.00 cash bond.

Harrison Dorsey, 23 of New Castle, was transported to Troop 2 and charged with: Receiving a Stolen Firearm Felony, Possession of a Weapon with an Obliterated Serial Number Felony, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Possession of a Firearm by Person Prohibited Felony, Possession of Ammunition by Person Prohibited Felony with Intent to Deliver Marijuana Felony, Conspiracy 2nd Felony, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Court 2 and subsequently committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in default of $101,000.00 cash bond.

On February 16, 2018 New Castle County Governor's Task Force executed a search warrant in the unit block of Bradbury Road with assistance from Delaware State Police New Castle County and Kent County Drug Units, Special Operations Response Team (SORT), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms (ATF) and Probation and Parole. During the search warrant contact was made with Sharon M. Howell and Loretta L. McCleary.

During a search of the residence the following was located: a sawed-off shotgun, a Taurus 9mm handgun, large amounts of ammunition for various firearms, drug paraphernalia used for the distribution of marijuana, over $2,400.00 in suspected drug proceeds, extended clip for a handgun, marijuana, MDMA, cocaine and Oxycodone tablets.

Sharon M. Howell, 41 of New Castle and Loretta L. McCleary, 42 of New Castle were transported to Troop 2 and were formally charged with: Possession of a Destructive Weapon Felony, Possession of a Deadly Weapon while in Possession of a Controlled Substance Felony, Conspiracy 2nd Felony, Manufacture or Deliver a Controlled Substance Felony, 4 x Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Both were arraigned before Justice of the Peace

Court 2 and released on $28,000 unsecured bond.

Detectives from the New Castle County Police Safe Streets Task Force (NCCPD/Probation and Parole) received information of marijuana sales from South Independence Boulevard – Jefferson Farms. During the investigation it was discovered that the Governor's Task Force (DSP/Probation and Parole) had a separate investigation into other suspects that link the two cases. New Castle County Police Safe Streets Task Force and Delaware State Police Governor's Task Force then collaborated and shared intelligence on their respective investigations.

On Friday, February 16, 2018 the New Castle County Police Safe Streets Task Force, assisted by New Castle County Police SWAT and the Mobile Enforcement Team, executed a search warrant in the unit block of South Independence Boulevard, New Castle. Detectives seized 490.91 grams of marijuana, two handguns, 194 rounds of ammunition and $22,549 in suspected drug proceeds.

Dillon Brasefield, (22) and Ryan Gabbert (24) both of New Castle are each being charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance in Tier I quantity, Drug Dealing, Conspiracy II, Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited and Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Felony.

Please contact the New Castle County Police Department for any questions at 302-573-2800.

There are currently outstanding arrest warrants for **Karieem J. Howell Jr., 22 of Newark** for: Receiving a Stolen Firearm Felony, Possession of a Weapon with an Obliterated Serial Number Felony, Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Felony, Possession with Intent to Deliver Marijuana Felony, Conspiracy 2nd Felony and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of ***WANTED Karieem J. Howell Jr.*** is asked to please contact Troop 2 Governor's Task Force at 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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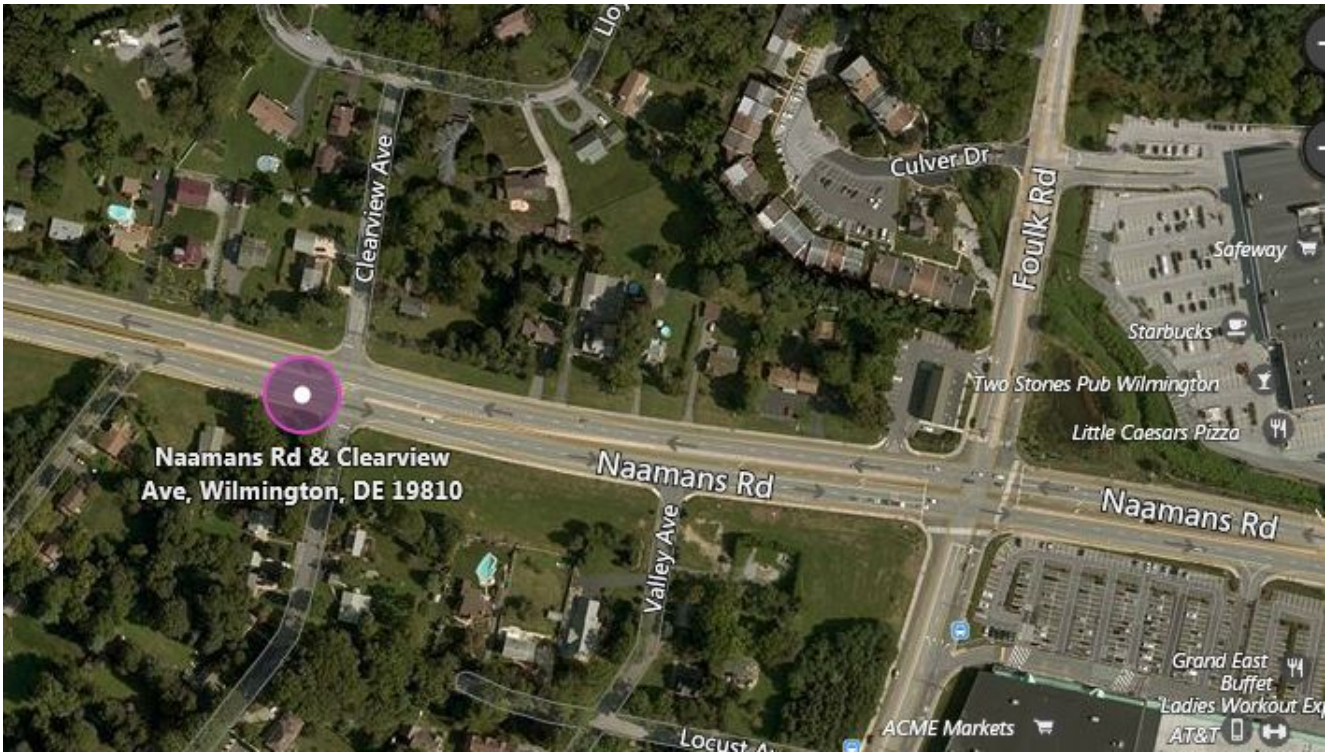
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Troopers Investigating Fatal

Motor Vehicle Crash- Wilmington



Wilmington– The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash that occurred earlier this month on Naamans Road, Wilmington.

The incident occurred at approximately 1:31 p.m. Monday, February 5, 2018. Kenneth L. Jeanes, 60 of Wilmington, was operating a 2014 Dodge Ram westbound on Naamans Road west of Clearview Avenue in the left lane. For unknown reasons, a 2016 Toyota Rav4 operated by Philip B. Weymouth, 82 of Montchanin, De. was traveling eastbound in the westbound lanes of Naamans Road in this same area. The front-end of the Toyota Rav 4 struck the front right of the Dodge Ram. After the initial collision the Toyota Rav 4 traveled approximately 10′ in a northeast direction where it came to rest partially in the right lane and right shoulder of Naamans Road westbound facing eastbound. The Dodge Ram spun in a clockwise direction towards the southwest, stopping partially in the left lane of Naamans Road eastbound and on the center grass median.

The occupants of each vehicle were seat belted while trapped within their vehicles. The operators were removed from the scene and transported to the Christiana Hospital for their injuries. On Wednesday, February 14, 2018 Philip Weymouth succumbed to his injuries at the Christiana Hospital.

The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. Impairment and speed are not suspected as being contributing factors in this crash.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT GRADUATION

ANNOUNCEMENT

Who:

- 91st Delaware State Police and 85th Municipal Recruit Class

When:

- Friday, February 16, 2018, at 4:00 p.m.

Location:

- Dover High School **(Auditorium)**
- 1 Dover High Drive, Dover, Delaware

Dignitaries Addressing the Graduates:

- Governor John C. Carney Jr., State of Delaware
- Lieutenant Governor Bethany A. Hall-Long, State of Delaware
- Attorney General Matthew P. Denn, State of Delaware
- Secretary Robert M. Coupe, Department of Safety and Homeland Security
- Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr., Superintendent, Delaware State Police
- Justice James T. Vaughn Jr., Delaware Supreme Court Justice
- Retired Colonel Thomas Manion, United States Marine Corps.

Class Speakers:

- Trooper Anthony C. DiGati, Delaware State Police
- Patrol Officer Kathryn E. Bennett, DRBA

Keynote Speaker:

- Retired Colonel Thomas Manion, United States Marine Corps.

Dover – Delaware State Police Superintendent Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr. announces the graduation ceremonies for the 91th Delaware State Police and 85rd Municipal Recruit Class. The ceremonies celebrated and recognized the successful completion of Law Enforcement training of 30 Delaware State Troopers and 28 Law Enforcement Officers representing the Bethany Beach Police Department, Delaware State University Police Department, Dover Police Department, Department of Natural Resources Police Division of Fish & Wildlife, Delaware River & Bay Authority, Elsmere Police Department, Felton Police Department, Greenwood Police Department, Middletown Police Department, Milford Police Department, Seaford Police Department, Wyoming Police Department and the University of Delaware Police Department.

****Awards****

Governor's Outstanding Recruit Trooper Award:

- Trooper Julie R. Merritt, Delaware State Police

The Attorney General's Award for Legal Excellence:

- Officer Brandon R. Smith, University of Delaware Police Department

The Secretary of Safety and Homeland Security Award:

- Trooper Michelle V. Galiani, Delaware State Police

The Delaware Police Chiefs' Council Award:

- Patrol Officer Kathryn Bennett, Delaware River and Bay Authority.

The Delaware State Police Academy Law Enforcement Core Values Award:

- Trooper George R. Justice III, Delaware State Police

The Outstanding Proficiency in Police Firearms Award:

- Trooper Trevor C. Greenawalt, Delaware State Police
- Officer Kenneth L. P. Haynes, Bethany Beach Police Department

The Delaware State Police Academy Physical Fitness Award:

- Trooper Ryan M. Nowakowski, Delaware State Police
- Officer Kenneth L. P. Haynes, Bethany Beach Police Department

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Presented by the Director of Public Information, Sergeant Richard Bratz

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Troopers Arrest Man Following Bank Robbery-Wilmington

Wilmington (19808) – The Delaware State Police have arrested a Wilmington man and charged him in connection with the robbery of a Wilmington area bank that occurred last month.

The investigation has determined the incident occurred on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at approximately 9:45 a.m. as a male suspect entered the Wells Fargo Bank located at 3215 Old Capital Trail, Wilmington. The investigation revealed that an unknown white male entered the bank wearing a disguise and demanded money from the tellers. The tellers complied turning over an undisclosed amount of money to him. After the robbery, the suspect was observed fleeing in a dark-colored Jeep Grand Cherokee onto Kirkwood Highway in unknown direction. There

were no injuries.

As the investigation continued detectives located the suspect vehicle on February 15, 2018 in the parking lot of a motel in Smyrna. The next day the suspect was seen leaving the motel and was stopped by troopers. The suspect was identified as Douglas W. Walker, 39 of Wilmington. After obtaining a search warrant for the suspect's vehicle evidence linking him to the robbery was located inside the vehicle.

Douglas W. Walker was transported to Troop 2 and was charged with two counts of Robbery 2nd Degree and two counts of Wearing a Disguise during the Commission of a Felony. He was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and was committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in default of $24,000.00 cash bond.

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Troopers Investigate Bank Robbery- Wilmington

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Troopers Arrest Suspect in Armed Robbery of Donut Shop – Wilmington

Wilmington (19808) – Delaware State Police are investigating the armed robbery of a Wilmington area Dunkin' Donuts that took place this morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 11:20 a.m. Friday, February 16, 2018, at the Dunkin' Donuts located at 4557 New Linden Hill Road, Wilmington. The suspect, who was armed with an unknown make and model handgun, confronted the employees of the business and demanded money from the cash registers. The employees complied with the suspect's demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of money to him. The suspect then exited the business and fled in an unknown direction. There were no injuries.

During the robbery the suspect wore a mask to conceal his identity and displayed an unknown make and model handgun. A witness observed the suspect running from the store and contacted the business to confirm a robbery had just occurred. The witness then followed the suspect and observed him run through a wooded area directly behind the business. After waiting for the suspect to exit the wooded area, the witness tackled and detained the suspect on the roadway until troopers arrived. No injuries were reported during the incident.

The suspect was identified as Michael D. Bennett Jr., 32 of Wilmington. He was transported to Troop 2 where he was charged with three counts of Robbery 1st Degree and Wearing a Disguise

during the Commission of a Felony. He was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and was committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in default of $186,000.00 secured bond.

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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 Suspect for Threat Made to High School

Woodside– The Delaware State Police arrested a Dover teenager after it was discovered that he made a threatening comment towards a high school.

On Thursday, February 15, 2018, the Delaware State Police Youth Aid Unit was made aware that a student from James H. Groves Adult High School located at 823 Walnut Shade Road, had overheard another student make a threatening comment. Members of the Troop 3 Youth Aid Unit immediately responded to the school and investigated the allegation. Further investigation revealed that an adult student, identified as 19-year-old **Channing Fisher** of Dover made a threatening statement, indicating he would do harm to the school.

Fisher was taken into custody without incident and transported back to Troop 3 where he was charged with Terroristic Threatening (Felony). Mr. Fisher and his residence were searched and no weapons were found. He was arraigned out of the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and released on $2000.00 unsecured bond with a condition of the bond that he turn in

any and all weapons and have no contact with any schools.

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