

# Delaware State Police 2018 Honorary Commander Ceremony



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Led by our Superintendent, Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr., The Delaware State Police held a ceremony which recognized both the outgoing Honorary Commanders for 2017 and welcomed the newly selected Honorary Commanders for 2018. This prestigious event occurred on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at the Delaware State Police Museum located at 1425 North DuPont Highway, Dover. The Superintendent of the Delaware State Police, Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr. spoke at the event and helped recognize the importance of the ceremony.

### **Troop 1: Captain John Laird partnered with Ivy Harlev**

Ivy Harlev has served as the Executive Director of the Siegel JCC for the last 11 years. Since taking on the role of Executive Director, Ivy has overseen the introduction and implementation of a strategic plan, the addition of the J-Loop jogging track and the J-Cade interactive fitness space, and expansion of the Early Childhood Center to over 200 students. Ivy has worked in the JCC field for the last 25 years. Starting with the JCC of Greater Palm Beaches as the Youth and

Teen Director, she then worked at the JCCs of Greater Philadelphia. Ivy joined the team at the Siegel JCC in 1998. Ivy has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology with a minor in Business from the University of Florida and a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Pennsylvania. Additionally, Ivy holds a certificate in Jewish Communal Services from Gratz College.

**Troop 2 (Patrol): Captain Jason Sapp partnered with Eric Williams**

Eric Williams was born and raised in Delaware in North Wilmington, went to Sanford School then to Wesley College and Graduated from Brandywine College in 1992. He has worked at Cabela's for 4 years where he is the marketing manager. Eric is involved in the community with the honor to serve on the board for the DNG Youth Foundation, The Ronnie Williams foundation, The USO Board of Advisors and NCC Ducks unlimited board.

**Troop 2 (CIU): Captain Pete Sawyer partnered with Kate Parker West**

Kate Parker is the statewide coordinator of the pretrial demonstration initiative at the Delaware Center for Justice. As coordinator she advocates for evidence based policies that promote a safer, fairer, and more effective pretrial justice system. She relies on a consensus driven reform process and is responsible for coordinating collaboration between criminal justice stakeholders and implementing DCJs community advocacy campaign. Prior to joining the DCJ in 2014, Kate served as an Assistant Deputy Public Defender with the NJ Office of the Public Defender in Cumberland County's trial team, a law clerk in Camden County Chancery Court, a program evaluator for a children's mental health program with the University of Delaware's Center for Community, Research and Service, and a florist. Kate is a trained mediator and is working with DCJ staff to develop a yoga and meditation program specifically

for adult victims of crime.

**Troop 3: Captain Joshua Bushweller partnered with William Andrew**

William Andrew is the President and CEO of Delaware Electric Cooperative located in Greenwood, Delaware. He is a graduate of the University of Maryland, BSME in 1977 and Bill received his professional registration in 1982. His utility experience covers 40 years and he has been associated with all aspects of the utility business from gas to electric; operations to design; core business to subsidiary operations. Bill joined the Delaware Electric Cooperative in 1998 as Vice President of Engineering and Operations and was promoted to his present position in January, 2005. In addition, Bill is the Chairman of the Board of Directors for Old Dominion Electric Cooperative. He is a board member of The Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware Association of Cooperatives, ACES Power Marketing, The Federated Rural Insurance Company, The Harrington Raceway and Casino, and the Delaware State Fair, Inc.

**Troop 4: Captain Rodney Layfield partnered with Paul Downes**

Paul Downes was born and raised in Laurel Delaware. He started with Mountaire in 1978 as a Flock Supervisor and has served in many leadership positions within the company. Currently he serves as President/CEO and on the Board of Directors. Mountaire is the 7th largest poultry company in the United States and has about 8000 employees with over 4500 of them in Delaware. Paul was awarded the J. Frank Gordy Sr. Delmarva Distinguished Citizen Award for 2017, DPI's highest award. He also serves on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for the National Chicken Council.

**Troop 5: Captain Alice Brumbley partnered with Mary Johnson**

Mary Johnson has a Bachelor of Science degree from Delaware State University in Community Health. She works in the

capacity of a Trainer/Educator III with the state of Delaware for twenty-nine years. In her capacity as a Trainer/Educator III she works with several diverse communities in Sussex County by setting up programs that encompass a wide variety of health issues. Mary has given presentations on bullying, personal hygiene, respect, self-esteem, healthy relationships, Social Determinants of Health, and Health Equity Guide training to name a few. She validates that "just because you are down, it doesn't mean you're out."

#### **Troop 6: Captain Matthew Cox partnered with Thomas Laymon**

Reverend Tom Laymon is a graduate of Olivet Nazarene University and Nazarene Theological Seminary, with Graduate Work in Christian Social Ethics at Emory University. He has 30 years in ministry with 23 years in Rescue Mission Ministry, starting at Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries in 1989 as Church Relations Director. He then became the Executive Director at Mel Trotter Ministries in Grand Rapids, MI and oversaw the expansion of the ministry from 50 men to 350 men, women, and children in shelter and Program. Since May 2003, Tom has been President/CEO/Sr. Pastor of Sunday Breakfast Mission in Wilmington, DE during which he has seen the Mission's expansion to be the largest fully privately supported non-profit in the Delmarva region with a budget of more than \$5 million and serving 55 men and 70 women and children in program, as well as, 120-180 overnight shelter guests together with many other services. Annually, the Sunday Breakfast Mission provides over 300,000 meals and over 75,000 nights lodging. The Mission's free 14-20 month Rehabilitation Program for men and women has seen over 210 graduates with over 75% not returning to a lifestyle of drugs, alcohol, jail or homelessness. The Mission's Annual Back to School Rally and Alazar's Basketball Camp reaches thousands of inner-city youth with character and spirit building to resist drugs and gangs.

#### **Troop 7: Captain Darren Short partnered with Amy Schnerr Norgate**

Amy Schnerr is the General Manager of Tanger Outlet Center in Rehoboth Beach, DE. A native of Philadelphia, Amy attended Notre Dame of Maryland University in Baltimore, Maryland, then moved to the Rocky Mountains, first to Yellowstone National Park, and later to Park City, Utah for 16 years. Amy has been in the shopping centers business for 27 years, marketing and managing over 20 properties, large and small, in 8 states. Since 2011, Amy has served on the Board of Directors of the Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition, the only organization in Delaware focused solely on breast health issues that affect the women and men who live here. In her current role, Amy is privileged to lead an outstanding team of management, security, and maintenance professionals in Tanger's core mission: to provide Shoppers the latest and most popular brands at the best prices anywhere, with an experience so compelling they return over and over again with their Family and Friends.

### **Troop 9: Captain Daniel Hall partnered with Kevin Wood**

Kevin Wood is the Owner/Operator at Chick-fil-A in Middletown, Delaware. Kevin opened this restaurant in September of 2012. Prior to joining Chick-fil-A, Kevin was a career law enforcement officer with nearly 20 years of Leadership experience with the Maryland State Police. The majority of his career working as a detective in the Criminal Investigation Division and Homeland Security and Intelligence Divisions. He finished his career with the Maryland State Police as a Lieutenant working in the Baltimore Joint Terrorism Task Force. Kevin was drawn to Chick-fil-A by shared values with the Company and an entrepreneurial spirit. He enjoys working with young men and women and hopes to develop future leaders.

Both the Delaware State Police Troop Commanders and the newly selected Honorary Commanders are looking forward to their mutually beneficial partnerships and working alongside each other throughout the state this coming year.

Our Superintendent, Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr. and the women and men of the Delaware State Police express our gratitude and thank all of the amazing and talented Honorary Commanders for their participation in this highly honored program. This well-regarded community program brings police and civic leaders together to enhance the partnership with the communities we serve.

Congratulations on your selections and thank you for your commitment to serve others.

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**Robbery**

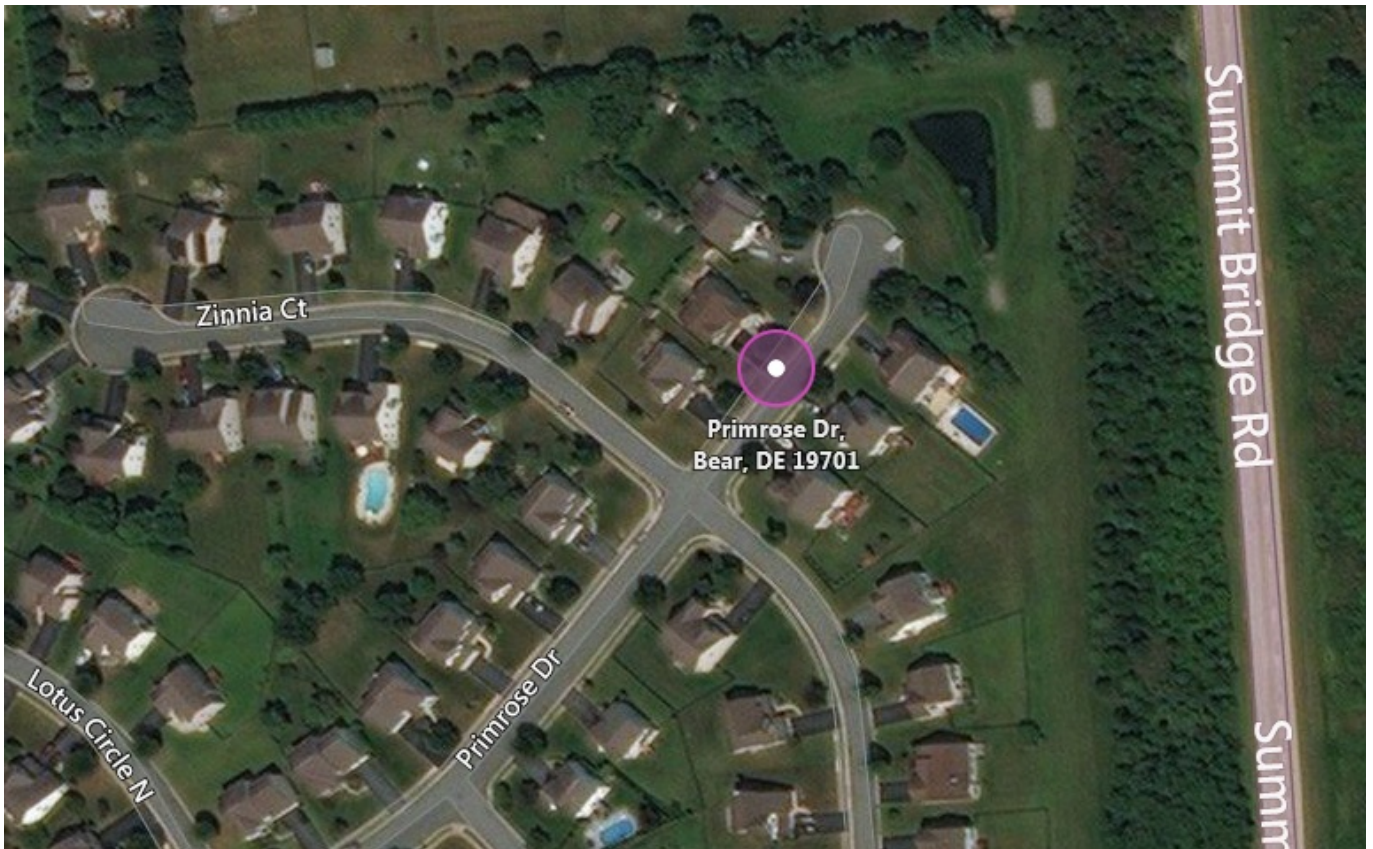
**Suspect**

**Being**

# Contained Residence

# Inside

# Bear



**Bear** – Delaware State Police are currently on scene at a residence in the unit block of Primrose Drive in the development of Brennan Estates, Bear, where an armed robbery suspect is confirmed to be located. A police perimeter has been set up which has contained the suspect and measures are underway to take him in to custody.

Adjacent residences have been evacuated as a precautionary measure and all others are being asked to avoid the area. Anyone who observes any suspicious activity in the area is asked to call 911.

Updates with further information will be released as it becomes available or as is necessary.

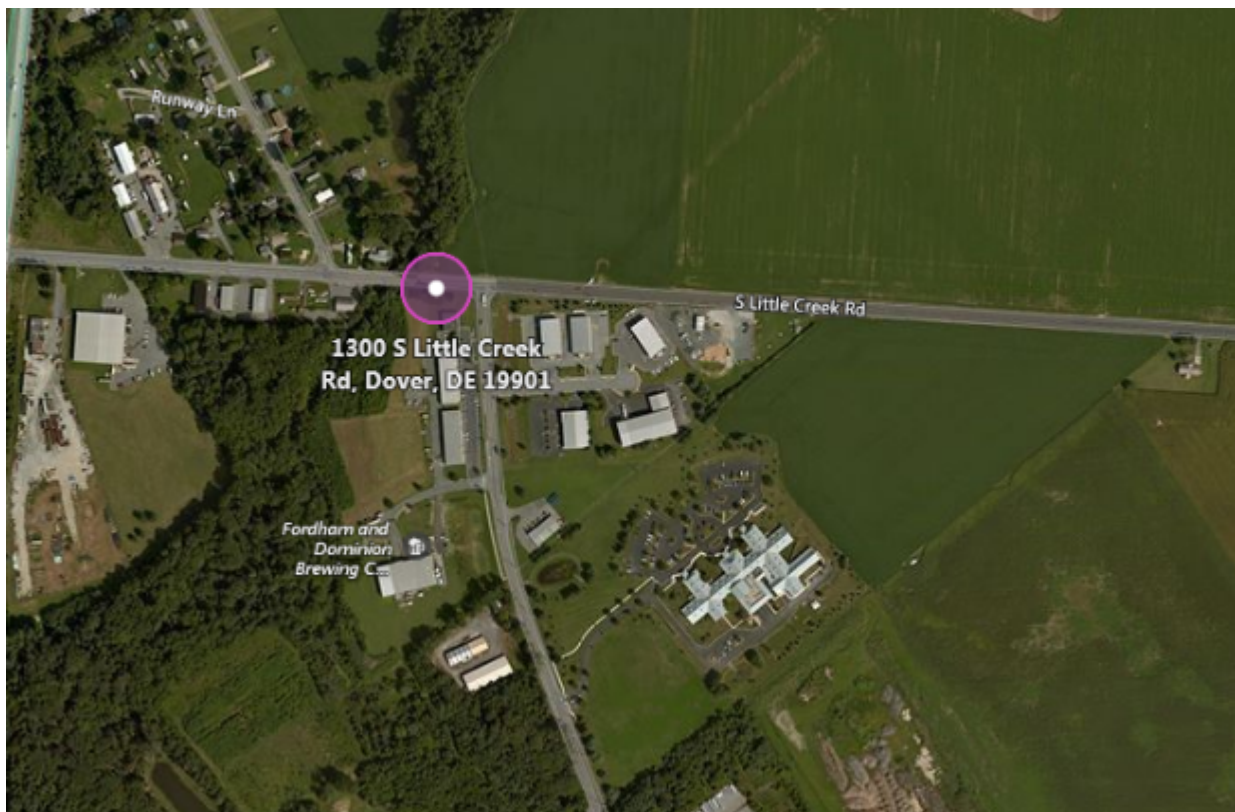
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# Troopers Investigate Home Invasion-Dover



**Dover (19901)** –The Delaware State Police are investigating a home invasion that occurred last evening.

The preliminary investigation has determined the incident occurred at approximately 8:57 p.m. Wednesday, January 24, 2018 when troopers responded to the 1300 block of South Little Creek Road for a reported home invasion. Upon arrival,

Troopers made contact with a 35-year-old male resident. The 35-year-old victim advised Troopers he agreed over the phone to meet a female in reference to purchasing an iPhone. The victim responded to an agreed upon location and met with the female in a parking lot. The female had proceeded to entered the victims car to discuss the purchase of the iPhone. The victim advised the female that his money was at his residence at which time the two of them drove to his house.

Upon the victim exiting his vehicle, he was approached by two males displaying firearms and demanding money. The victim was then forced inside of his residence. While the two male suspects were inside of the victim's residence, they ransacked a bedroom. When they did not find any money, they forced the victim at gunpoint back into his own vehicle. The suspects then proceeded to drive the victim around in his vehicle demanding to know the location of the money. The suspects eventually returned to the residence, and again forced the victim back inside of his house for a second time. The suspects obtained several items prior to fleeing the scene.

The first suspect was described as a black female, 20-30 years of age. The second suspect was described as a black male, approximately 20-30 years of age, 6'00"-6'02" tall, wearing a face mask partially covering his face, a light colored sweatshirt and displaying a handgun. The third suspect was described as a black male, approximately 20-30 years of age, 6'00"-6'02" tall, thin build, wearing a dark colored sweatshirt and also a face mask partially covering his face, and displaying a handgun. No further suspect information could be provided at this time. The victim was not injured as a result of this incident.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident, they are asked to please contact Detective D. Blomquist, Troop 3 Criminal Investigative Unit at 302-698-8426. 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 Juvenile for**

# Robbery Attempt – Bear

**Bear** – Delaware State Police have arrested **Salih M. Frink**, 14, of Bear, for the attempted robbery of a Bear area restaurant that occurred yesterday afternoon.

The incident occurred at approximately 12:43 p.m., Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at the Great Wall Chinese restaurant, located at 807 Governors Place, Bear. Frink placed a food order and as the 35 year old, female employee opened the register to complete the transaction, he jumped on to the counter and reached into the register, in an attempt to obtain money. The employee closed the drawer on Frink's hand, thwarting his attempt, and then alerted co-workers, who came to her aid. Frink was detained by employees until Troopers arrived on scene. There were no injuries as a result of the incident.

Frink was transported to Delaware State Police Troop 2 where he was arrested and charged with Robbery 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. Frink was then arraigned in Family Court on the robbery charge as well as an outstanding Family Court warrant, prior to being committed to the New Castle County Detention Center on \$10,000.00 secured bail.

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

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**Troopers Investigating  
Serious Crash I-495 –  
Wilmington**



**Wilmington (19809)** – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a serious motor vehicle crash that occurred overnight, which has sent two people to the hospital.

The incident occurred at approximately 2:14 a.m., Thursday, January 25, 2018, on I-495 southbound, north of Edgemoor Road, Wilmington. A 2005 Ford Escape operated by a 22 year old Philadelphia man, was stopped in the I-495 southbound, left lane of travel, for an unknown reason. A 2016 Nissan Pathfinder operated by a 62 year old Wilmington man was traveling I-495 southbound, also in the left lane. The operator of the Nissan did not see the vehicle stopped in the roadway and as a result, the front end of his vehicle struck the rear of the Ford. After impact both vehicles continued southbound, coming to rest in the I-495 southbound left lane.

The operator of the Ford who was unrestrained, was transported by Delaware State Police helicopter to the Christiana Hospital with serious injuries. Impairment on his behalf is unknown at this time.

The operator of the Nissan, who was properly restrained, was transported by EMS to the Christiana Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Impairment is not being considered a factor on his behalf.

The investigation is ongoing with further details being released as they become available. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Cpl. J. Aube of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit at 302-365-8483.

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# Troopers Seek Public's Assistance in Locating Theft Suspect-Seafood

**Seafood-** The Delaware State Police is seeking the public's assistance in attempting to locate 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, Seafood 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.

A warrant has been obtained for the arrest of Williams including multiple charges of Theft, Conspiracy and Attempting to Sell Stolen Property. Troopers have been unable to locate Williams who is known to frequent the area of Federalsburg, Maryland and Laurel, Delaware.

If anyone has any information in reference to the location of this individual, they are asked to please contact Detective A. Jones, Troop 4 Property Crimes at 302-752-3795. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at [www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com](http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com).

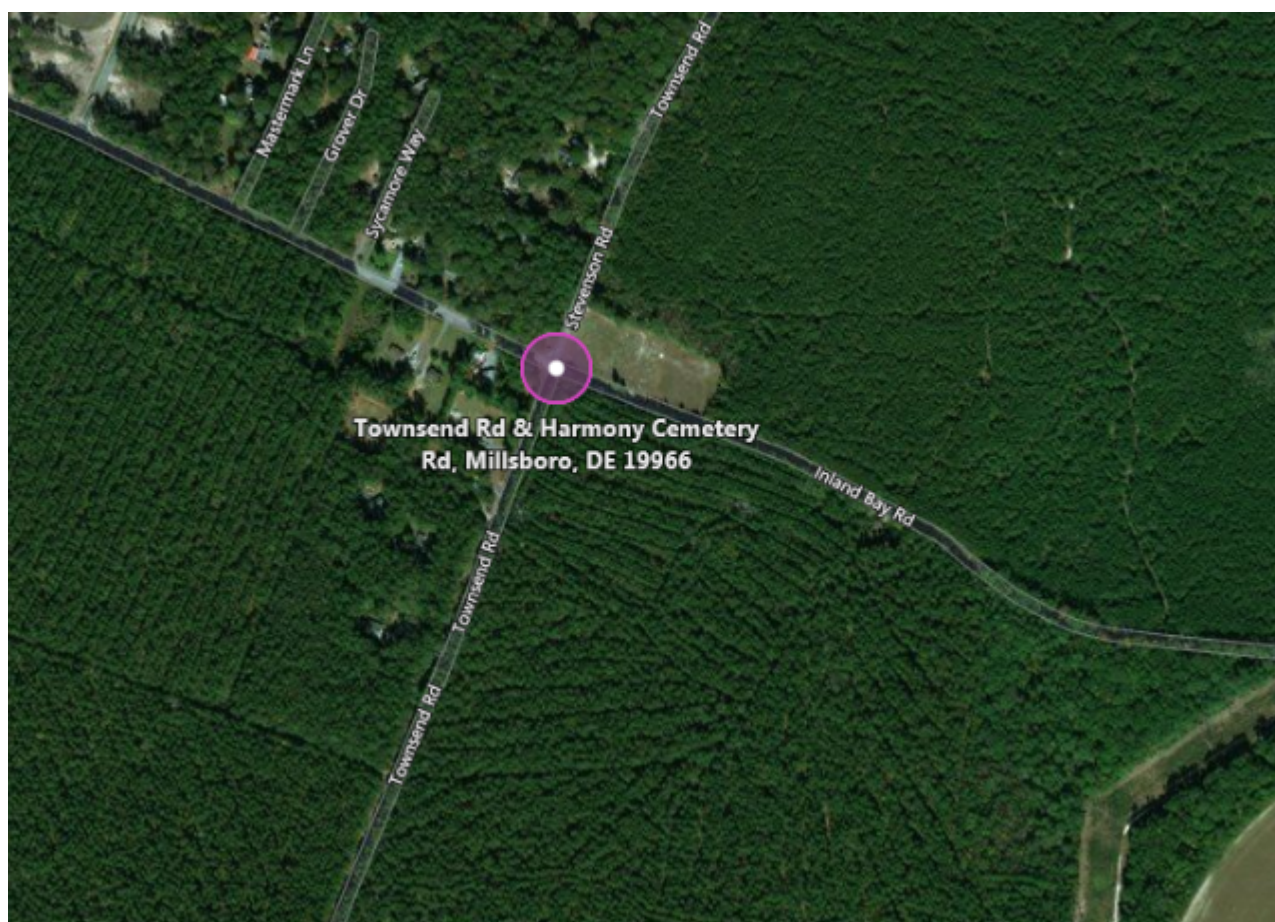
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# Troopers Investigate Stabbing-Millsboro



**Millsboro (19966)**– The Delaware State Police Major Crimes Unit detectives are currently investigating a stabbing that occurred last evening.

The investigation began on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at approximately 8:20 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the

intersection of Townsend Road and Harmony Cemetery Road for a reported stabbing. Upon arrival, units made contact with a 38-year-old victim of Milford who was sitting on the side of the roadway with stab wounds to his extremities. The 38-year-old victim was removed from the scene by Emergency Medical Services and transported to a local area hospital.

Preliminary investigation revealed that while the 38-year-old victim was a passenger in a vehicle, he engaged in a verbal argument with another passenger. The argument escalated at which point the driver stopped at the intersection of Townsend Road and Harmony Cemetery Road. While still seated in the vehicle, the passenger suspect had stabbed the victim. The victim was able to exit the vehicle prior to the suspect fleeing the scene.

The suspect could only be described as a black male. The victim was treated and released with non-life-threatening injuries.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact Detective D. Kristunas, Troop 4 Major Crimes Unit at 302-752-3856. Information may also be provided by calling [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at [www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com](http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com)

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# Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash Involving Pedestrian I-95 – Wilmington



**Wilmington** – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash involving a pedestrian that occurred overnight.

The incident occurred at approximately 1:00 a.m., Thursday,

January 25, 2018, on I-95 southbound, south of the 4<sup>th</sup> Street off-ramp, Wilmington. A 21 year old Wilmington woman was walking in the I-95 southbound right lane of travel for an unknown reason, at which time she was struck by a 2010 Toyota Prius, operated by a 77 year old Galena, Maryland man. After impact, the victim was thrown to the ground, coming to rest on the I-95 southbound, right shoulder. The operator of the Prius brought his vehicle to a controlled stop and remained at the scene.

The victim was transported to the Christiana Hospital where she was pronounced dead. Impairment on her behalf is unknown at this time. Identification is pending the notification of next of kin.

The operator of the Prius was not injured as a result of the incident. Neither speed nor impairment are being considered as factors on his behalf.

I-95 southbound was closed at Martin Luther King Boulevard for approximately two hours, as the crash was investigated and cleared.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Cpl. J. Forester of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit at 302-365-8485.

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## Troopers Arrest Suspect In Drug Related Robberies-Felton

**Felton-** Members of Probation and Parole, and the Troop 3 Governor's Task Force (GTF) arrested a suspect in connection with two drug related robberies.

On Tuesday, January 23, 2018 members of Probation and Parole and the Troop 3 GTF, responded to the 700 block of Peach Basket Road in reference to 26-year-old **Tyree M. Bordley** of Felton, who is a level III probationer. Through investigative measures, Troopers were able to connect Bordley to two drug related robberies in which the drug buyers were robbed at

gunpoint in the Felton area. Subsequently a warrant was obtained for the arrest of Bordley. Due to Bordley's probation status and his previous charges, Probation and Parole Officers were granted permission to conduct an administrative search of Bordley's reported address.

Upon arrival at the residence, Bordley was immediately taken into custody without incident and turned over to Troopers for the Robbery warrant. Probation and Parole Officers then conducted a search of Bordley's residence, and located a plastic bag containing 2,743 bags (19.201 grams) of heroin.

Bordley was transported to Troop 3 where he was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance, Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Bordley's charges from the initial Robbery warrant included; Aggravated Menacing, 2 counts of Robbery 1<sup>st</sup>, Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony, Possession of a Firearm by a Person Convicted of a Felony, Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited, and Conspiracy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bordley was arraigned out of Justice of the Peace Court 7 on all charges and committed to the James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on \$155,000 cash bond.

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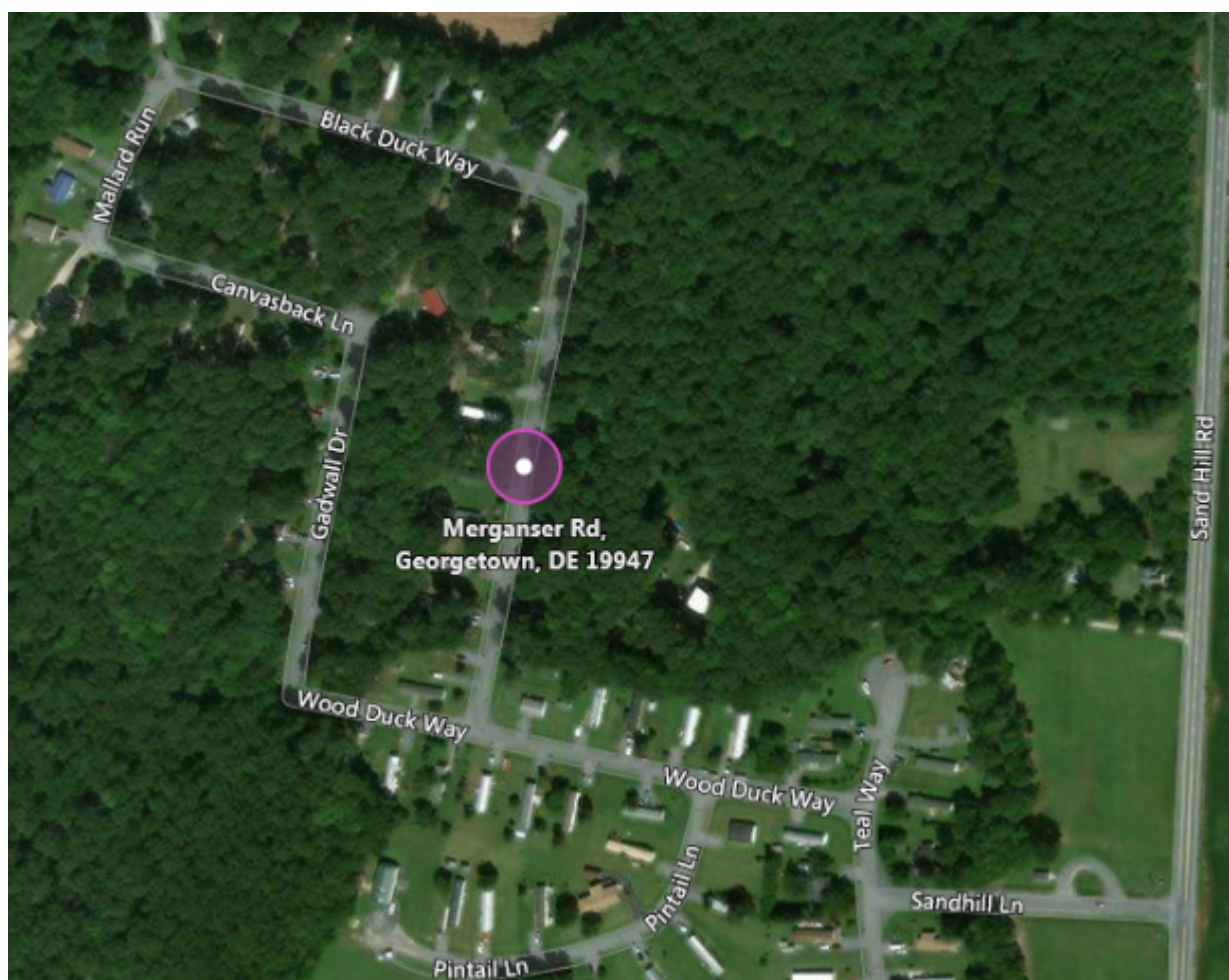
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## Troopers Investigate Armed Robbery-Georgetown



**Georgetown (19947)**– The Delaware State Police are investigating an armed robbery that occurred last evening in the Sandhill Acres.

The incident occurred at approximately 10:58 p.m., Wednesday,

January 24, 2018 at a residence located in the unit block of Merganser Road. While two victims, a 16-year-old female and a 22-year-old male were seated in the 16-year-old's vehicle, parked in her driveway a vehicle had pulled in beside them. A subject exited the vehicle and approached the victims. During this time, another subject armed with a handgun exited the vehicle and ordered the 22-year-old victim out of the car while demanding he turn over his wallet and cellphone. While the 22-year-old was being confronted by the suspect with the handgun, two more subjects exited the vehicle. The 22-year-old victim turned over his cellphone and wallet prior to all four suspects getting back into their vehicle and fleeing the scene.

The first suspect was described as a Hispanic male wearing a dark colored sweatshirt. The second suspect was described as a Hispanic male wearing a dark colored sweatshirt, with a light colored bandana partially covering his face and displaying a handgun. The other two suspects that exited the vehicle could only be described as Hispanic males. The suspects vehicle was described as a white, four door passenger car. No further suspect or vehicle information could be provided at this time. Both victims were not injured as a result of this incident.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident, they are asked to please contact the Troop 4 Major Crimes Unit at 302-856-5850 . Information may also be provided by calling [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at [www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com](http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com).

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