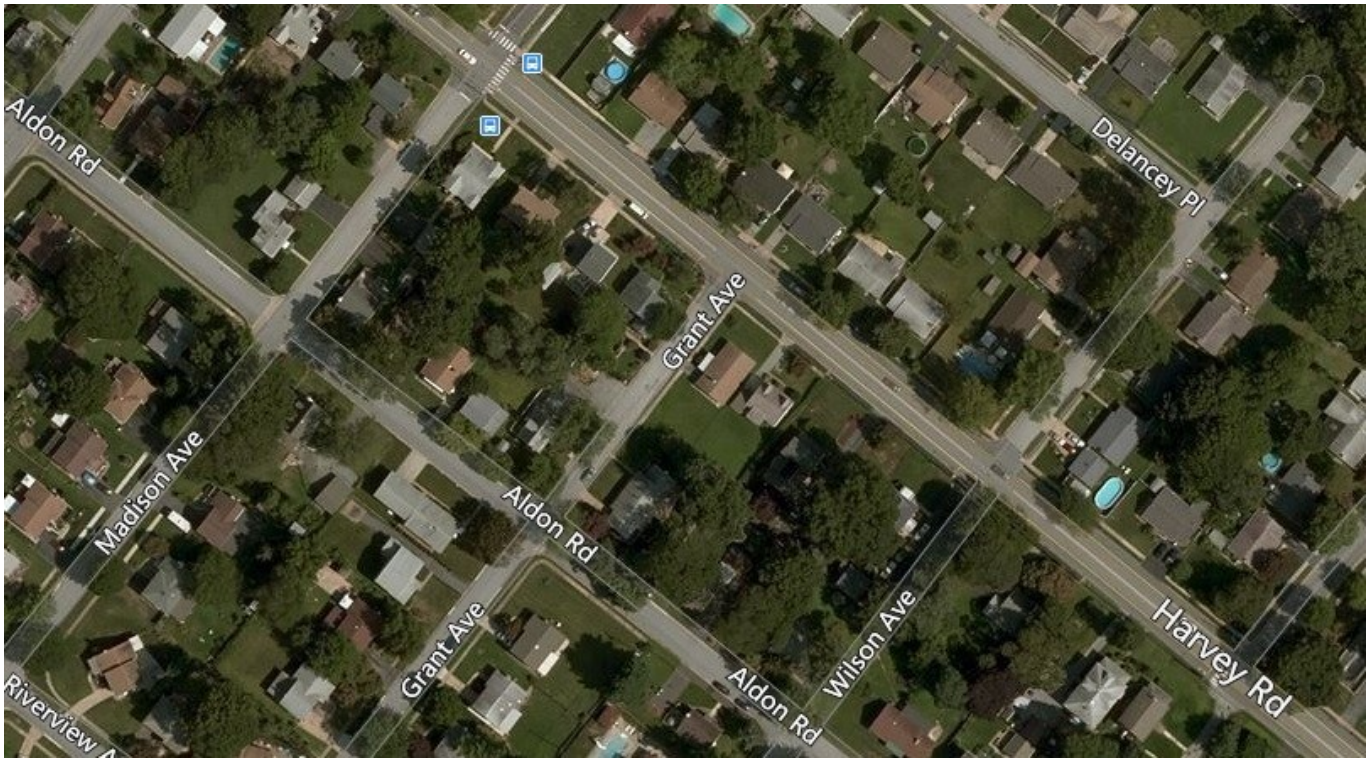
TRAFFIC ADVISORY Serious Crash has Harvey Road Closed – Claymont



Claymont – Delaware State Police are currently on scene of a serious motor vehicle crash, that occurred at approximately 2:23 p.m., Saturday, February 3, 2018, which has Harvey Road closed in the area of Madison Avenue, Claymont. A utility pole has been damaged and wires are reportedly down in the roadway.

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 it’s early stages with further details

being released as they become available.

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Homeless Sex Offender Notification

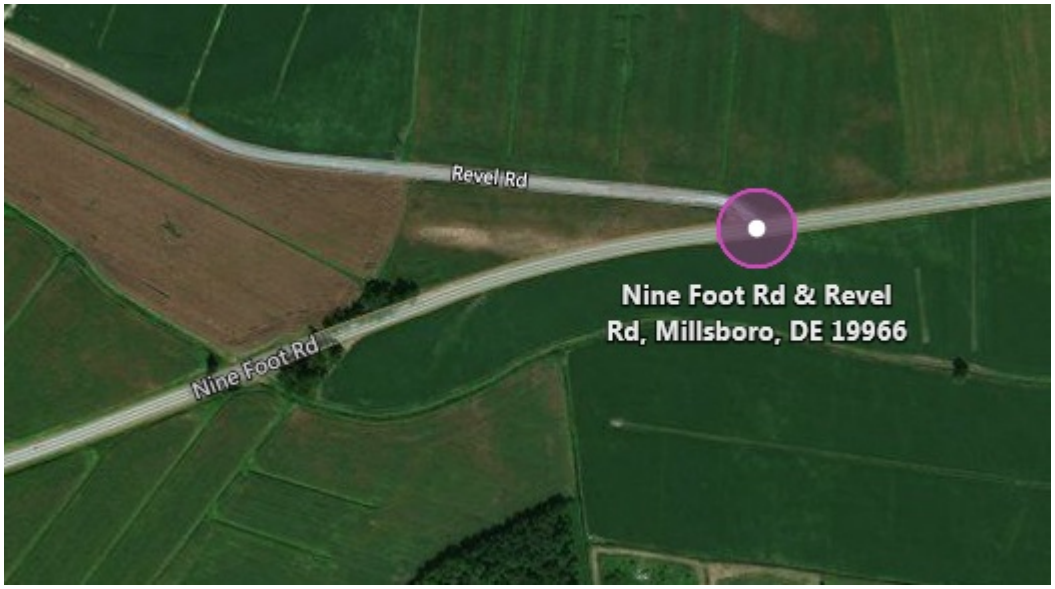
Dover— The following are not wanted. This is a Homeless Sex Offender Public Notification. If you have information that any of the listed subjects are occupying a residence, please call 302-672-5306. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

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Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash-Millsboro



Millsboro – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is currently investigating a motor vehicle crash, which has claimed the life of Jesse J. Hendrix, 26, of Seaford.

The incident occurred at approximately 9:53 p.m., Friday, February 2, 2018, as Hendrix, who was operating a 2015 Dodge Dart, was traveling Nine Foot Road (SR26) eastbound, approximately .5 miles west of Revel Road, at an apparent high rate of speed. Hendrix began to lose control of the vehicle while negotiating a gradual curve to his left and proceeded off the south edge of the roadway. He then over-corrected, and traveled off the north edge of the roadway, at which time his vehicle entered into a ditch, overturning multiple times, before coming to rest on its roof in an open farm field.

Hendrix, who was unrestrained, was pronounced dead at the scene. Impairment on his behalf is unknown at this time. Hendrix was the sole occupant of the vehicle.

Nine Foot Road was closed for approximately 2.5 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to contact Cpl. J. Burns of the Sussex County Collision Reconstruction Unit at 302-703-3266.

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 Suspect Arrested For Meth Lab Operation-Millsboro

Millsboro– The Delaware State Police has arrested a suspect in connection with the manufacturing of methamphetamine (meth) in a residence.

On Monday, January 29, 2018, Troop 4 patrol units responded to the 30000 block of Millsboro Highway for a domestic related complaint. Upon arrival, contact was made with a resident who advised that she believed her son, 39-year-old **Elijah L. Cantrell** of Millsboro was manufacturing methamphetamine within the residence. Further investigation revealed that items believed to be consistent with manufacturing methamphetamine were located in a trash container in the garage. Members of the Sussex County Governor's Task Force (GTF) and Sussex Drug Unit (SDU) responded to the scene and confirmed that a meth lab was present.

A hazmat response was coordinated with DNREC, Millsboro Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services. The residence was searched and numerous items consistent with the manufacturing of methamphetamine and additional drug paraphernalia were located and disposed of by DNREC. No evacuations were ordered as it was determined that there was no immediate hazard to nearby residents.

Elijah Cantrell fled the residence prior to the arrival of the police. Cantrell was later located at an apartment in Salisbury, MD. He was taken into custody and extradited back to Delaware on Friday, February 2, 2018. He was charged with Operating a Clandestine Laboratory and two counts of Drug Paraphernalia. Cantrell was arraigned out of the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to the Sussex

Correctional Institution on $15,000.00 secured bond.

Click on the link for the original release: State Police Investigate Meth Lab Operation-Millsboro

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Wanted Subject Leads to Multiple Arrests-Milton

Milton– The Delaware State Police in conjunction with Probation and Parole Officers responded to a residence to serve a warrant in which several arrests were made.

The incident occurred on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at approximately 6:30 p.m., as members of the Governor's Task

Force (GTF) responded to a residence in the 20000 block of Harmon Drive in reference to attempting to locate a wanted subject, 30-year-old **Marissa Mess** of Millsboro. Mess was wanted by the Newark Police Department for endangering the welfare of a child and violation of probation. GTF had obtained information that Mess was actively residing at this location, along with another subject, who was currently on Level III probation.

Upon arrival, GTF members knocked on the side door to the residence several times and received no answer. Task Force officers, who were standing at the rear of the residence, heard people moving around inside and also heard a female's voice. After several minutes, Marissa Mess's mother, 54-year-old **Cheryl Mess** of Millsboro, finally answered the door and indicated that Marissa Mess was not at home, and that she was the only one present in the residence.

Probation Officers assigned to GTF were able to access the residence due to the Level III probationer reporting it as his address. Upon entering the residence, a subject identified as 37-year-old **Lenear D. Kellam** of Millsboro, attempted to flee out of the rear door of the residence. Kellam ran into a back bedroom and exited the residence by crashing through a closed window causing the glass to break. Kellam then began to flee on foot and was given verbal commands to stop and get on the ground. Kellam ignored these commands and continued to flee. Subsequently, a detective deployed his Taser and eventually took Kellam into custody. Once taken into custody, Kellam was found to be in possession of six bags of heroin and approximately 4.98 grams of marijuana. Kellam was transported by officers to the Beebe Medical Center due to injuries he sustained from jumping through the window. He was treated and released back into police custody.

While officers continued to search the interior of the residence, they located Marissa Mess hiding in a bedroom closet. When Marissa Mess was taken into custody, drug

paraphernalia was located on the floor of the closet directly where she had been hiding.

Lenear Kellam was charged with Criminal Mischief, Resisting Arrest, Conspiracy 3rd, Possession of Heroin, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Possession of Marijuana. Kellam also had an active warrant out of Troop 5 for resisting arrest and three capiases for Violation of Probation, Failure to Appear in Court and Failure to Pay Fines. Kellam was arraigned out of the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on $29,000 cash only bond.

Marissa Mess was charged with Resisting Arrest, Conspiracy 3rd and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Marissa was arraigned out of the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to the Delores J. Baylor Women's Correctional Institution on $9,000 cash only bond.

Cheryl Mess was charged with Hindering Prosecution. She was issued a criminal summons and released.

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State Police Investigating Serious Crash-Millsboro



Millsboro– The Delaware State Police are investigating a serious crash that occurred at the intersection of John J. Williams Highway (SR 24) and Long Neck Road (SR 5) last evening.

The incident occurred at approximately 9:04 p.m. on Thursday, February 1, 2018 as a Honda motorcycle was traveling westbound on John J. Williams Highway approaching the intersection at Long Neck Road. Subsequently a 2006 Isuzu sweeper truck was

traveling eastbound, approaching the same intersection. The operator of the Honda, 43-year-old man of Snow Hill MD, attempted a left turn, directly in the path of the Isuzu, resulting in an impact in the eastbound lane.

After impact, the Honda was redirected eastbound and was pushed by the Isuzu for a short distance before coming to a rest. The operator of the Honda was ejected from the motorcycle and came to rest next to the Isuzu.

The operator of the Honda was removed from the scene by Emergency Medical Services and transported to the Beebe Medical Center prior to being transferred to the Christiana Hospital in serious condition. He was wearing a helmet during the time of this crash, and alcohol is considered to be a factor on his behalf.

The operator of the Isuzu, 42-year old man of Salisbury, MD, was properly restrained and not injured as a result of this crash. John J. Williams Highway at the intersection of Long Neck Road was closed for approximately 2 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. Anyone with information pertaining to this crash is asked to please contact Cpl/1 N. DeMalto at (302) 703-3267. 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 Arrest Suspect in Armed Robbery of Restaurant-

Millsboro

Millsboro– The Delaware State Police have arrested a suspect in connection with an armed robbery of a Chinese Restaurant that occurred late yesterday afternoon.

The incident occurred at approximately 4:38 p.m. on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at the First Wok Chinese Restaurant located at 24832 John J. Williams Highway. Upon arrival, Troopers made contact with the owner of the business who advised that a subject had entered the restaurant displaying a handgun and demanding money. The owner complied with the suspects demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect fled the scene on foot towards the rear of the business.

The suspect was described as a white male with a beard, wearing a light colored hooded sweatshirt, with letters tattooed on his right hand, and displaying a handgun. Also present in the restaurant during this incident were three employees and two children. The victims were not injured as a result of this incident.

Later that evening, at approximately 11:00 p.m., further investigation led detectives to the Sea Esta Motel II located at 100 Rudder Road, Longneck. Members of the Sussex Governor's Task Force and Major Crimes Unit observed the suspect exit a vehicle in the parking lot and subsequently took 31-year-old **Christopher Pfaffenrath**, of Millsboro into custody without incident. A search warrant was obtained for both the motel in which Pfaffenrath was staying and also his residence located in the 30000 block of Kill Deer Lane, PotNets Bayside. Upon execution of the search warrant at the residence in PotNets, detectives located an airsoft BB gun, a sweatshirt and black hat that were consistent with the clothing worn during the robbery.

Pfaffenrath was transported back to Troop 4 where he was

charged with Robbery 1st, Possession of a Deadly Weapon during the Commission of a Felony, 6 counts of Reckless Endangering 1st Degree, and two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child. He was also a fugitive from Pennsylvania. Pfaffenrath was arraigned out of the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on $138,000.00 cash only bond.

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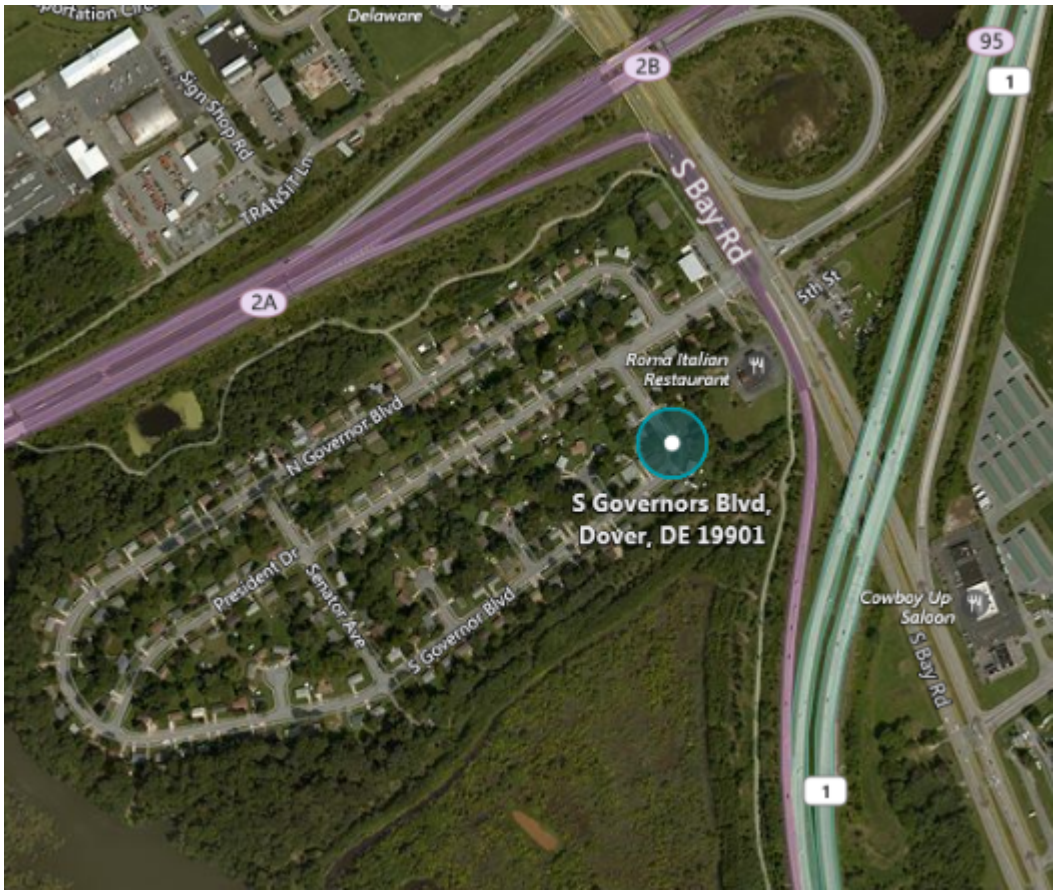
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Troopers Investigate Home Invasion-Dover



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

The preliminary investigation has determined the incident occurred at approximately 9:46 p.m. Wednesday, January 31, 2018 when Troopers responded to the 100 block of South Governors Boulevard for a reported home invasion. Upon arrival, contact was made with the home owner, a 31-year-old female, who advised she heard a knock at her door, and when she proceeded to open the door, multiple subjects armed with

handguns had forced their way into the residence. Also inside the residence at the time were four children ranging from ages 5 to 14 who were asleep in their rooms.

Through investigative measures, it was determined that the intended target was the 31-year-old victim's ex-boyfriend who no longer lives at the residence. The home owner along with her four children were not injured as a result of this incident.

This case continues to remain under investigation and if anyone has information in reference to this incident, they are asked to please contact Detective J. Dear, Troop 3 Criminal Investigative Unit at 302-698-8540. 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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State Police Investigate Meth Lab Operation-Millsboro

Millsboro– The Delaware State Police are investigating the manufacturing of methamphetamine (meth) in a residence in which one suspect is wanted.

On Monday, January 29, 2018, Troop 4 patrol units responded to the 30000 block of Millsboro Highway for a domestic related complaint. Upon arrival, contact was made with a resident who advised that she believed her son, 39-year-old **Elijah L. Cantrell** of Millsboro was manufacturing methamphetamine within the residence. Further investigation revealed that items believed to be consistent with manufacturing methamphetamine were located in a trash container in the garage. Members of the Sussex County Governor's Task Force (GTF) and Sussex Drug Unit (SDU) responded to the scene and confirmed that a meth lab was present.

A hazmat response was coordinated with DNREC, Millsboro Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services. The residence was searched and numerous items consistent with the manufacturing of methamphetamine and additional drug paraphernalia were located and disposed of by DNREC. No evacuations were ordered

as it was determined that there was no immediate hazard to nearby residents.

Elijah Cantrell fled the residence prior to the arrival of the police. Warrants have been obtained for his arrest including charges of Operating a Clandestine Laboratory and two counts of Drug Paraphernalia.

If anyone has any information in reference to the location of this individual, they are asked to please contact Troop 4 , Detective T. Ralston at 302-752-3823. 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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Delaware State Police Camp Barnes Applications Available

Delaware– Applications for Camp Barnes will be available online or at any Delaware State Police Troop on March 1st 2018. Applications can be downloaded at the camp's website. www.campbarnes.net . Dates for the camp and camp orientation will be listed on the website.

Camp Barnes is a recreational overnight summer camp run by the Delaware State Police and there is no fee to attend. All Children that are residents of the State of Delaware and are between the ages of 10-13 are eligible. Below are some of the many activities campers participate in throughout the week:

- Swimming in an Olympic size pool
- Kayaking in Millers Creek
- Archery
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Lacrosse

- Arts and Crafts
- Nature Walk
- Fishing/Crabbing
- Talent Show

Camp Barnes has a staff of 14 counselors (7 male and 7 female). All Counselors are required to submit to a criminal background and are interviewed prior to being hired. The staff also includes 1 on site nurse, 1 head cook, and 1 assistant cook. A State Trooper will be on duty at all times when the camp is in session. Camp Barnes is **NOT** a boot camp or intended for youth with behavior or disciplinary problems.

Campers are required to get a physical exam or an updated physical exam prior to being accepted to Camp Barnes. It is encouraged that all parents get an updated physical for their children as soon as possible in preparation for the camping season. The camp will fill up very fast, and Campers will not be assigned a week until an up to date physical is submitted.

The Delaware State Police is also seeking individuals to fill the position of camp counselor:

- Starting salary is $300.00 per week
- Camp Weeks: June 25th – August 3rd
- Food and lodging provided
- Weekends off
- Must be a graduating senior in high school or college student

Applications may also be found on the camp's website at www.campbarnes.net

History-In 1947, the Delaware Association of Chiefs' of Police, an organization which was composed of active law enforcement and correctional officers, accepted the challenge to undertake a project to combat juvenile delinquency in the First State. A committee was appointed to investigate the

problems confronting youth. The committee’s resulting recommendations led to the establishment of Camp Barnes for the recreation of deserving youth from throughout the state.

Camp Barnes, located on Miller’s Creek, a tributary of Little Assawoman Bay, has since served the needs of thousands of children from throughout Delaware. Camp Barnes was originally designed to provide the children who were unable to attend summer camp an opportunity to experience life at a summer youth camp. Camp Barnes has remained basically unchanged, providing Delaware children with these outdoor experiences for over 60 years.

Any questions, please contact **Master Corporal Shawn Hatfield at 302-752-3834 or james.hatfield@delaware.gov**.

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