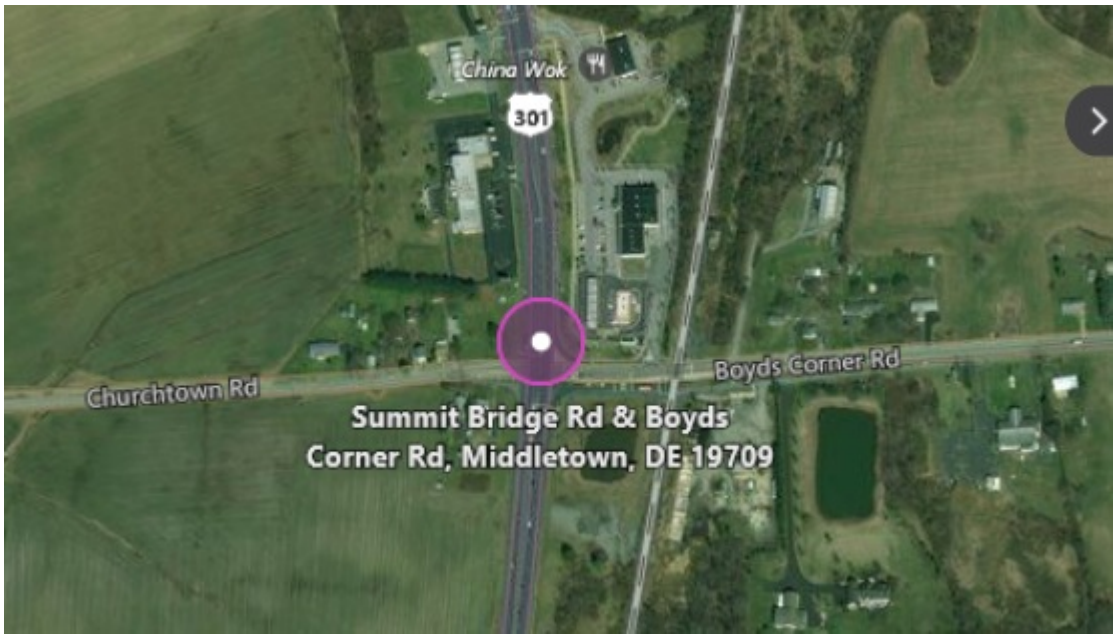
UPDATE-TRAFFIC ADVISORY Traffic Lights Now Functional Summit Bridge Rd. at Boyds Corner Rd. – Middletown



Middletown – The traffic lights at the intersection of Summit Bridge Road and Boyds Corner Road/Churchtown Road have been repaired and are now functioning properly. The roadway has been re-opened.

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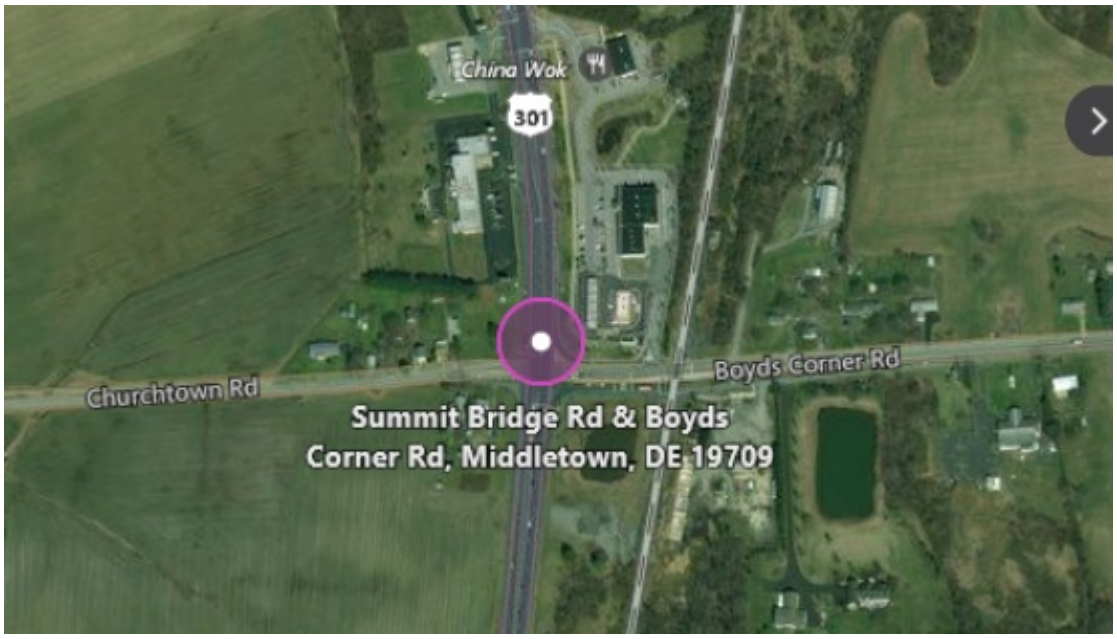
TRAFFIC ADVISORY Traffic Lights Out Summit Bridge Rd. at Boyds Corner Rd. – Middletown

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TRAFFIC ADVISORY Traffic Lights Out Summit Bridge Rd. at Boyds Corner Rd. – Middletown



Middletown – Troopers are currently performing manual traffic control at the intersection of Summit Bridge Road and Boyds Corner / Churchtown Road, Middletown, due to malfunctioning traffic lights.

Traffic is being allowed to proceed north and southbound however there is no cross traffic at the intersection.

DELDOT crews are on scene however there is no estimated time on the repairs being completed.

Motorists can expect delays in the area and are encouraged to seek alternate routes of travel.

If traveling in the area use extreme caution due to decreased visibility and wet roadways.

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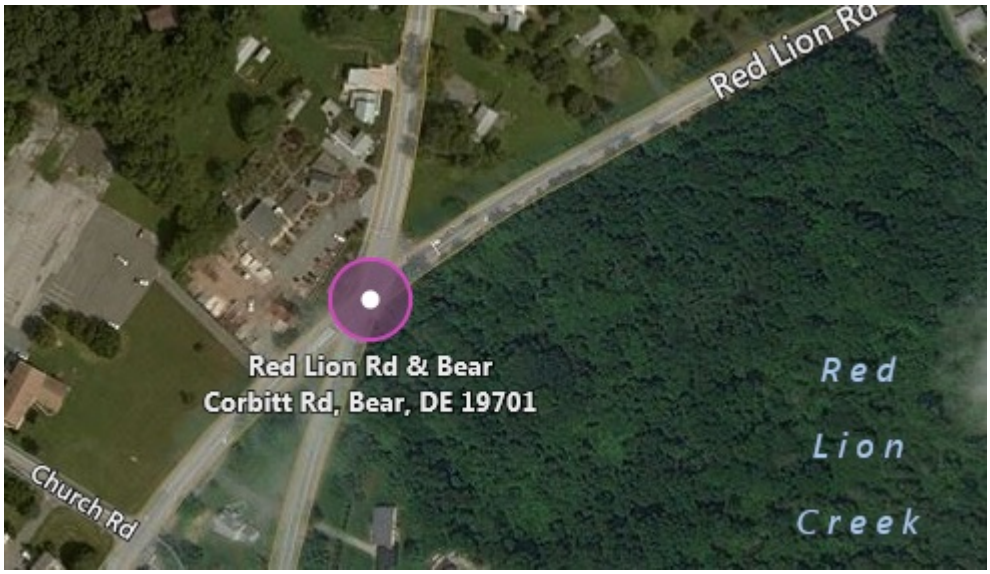
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UPDATE Fatal Crash Involving Motorcycle Rt. 7 at Rt. 71- Bear



Bear – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing it's investigation into a fatal motor vehicle crash which occurred earlier this afternoon.

The incident occurred at approximately 3:39 p.m., Monday, January 22, 2018, on DE Rt. 7 (Bear Corbitt Road) northbound, just north of DE Rt. 71 (Red Lion Road), Bear.

A 2005, Harley Davidson XLL, operated by a 35 year old Bear man, had just turned left, on to DE Rt. 7 northbound from DE Rt. 71 eastbound, when he lost control of the motorcycle. The operator became separated from the bike, at which time he began to tumble in a northerly direction, before striking the undercarriage and front, left tire of a 2006 Buick Rendezvous, which was stopped in traffic at the red light on DE Rt. 7 southbound, at the intersection with DE Rt. 71. The motorcycle continued to slide in a northerly direction past the Buick, coming to rest on the DE Rt. 7 northbound shoulder.

The operator of the Harley Davidson, who was not wearing a helmet, was pronounced dead at the scene by responding EMS. Speed is not being considered a factor in the crash. Impairment on behalf of the operator is unknown at this time. Identification of the victim is pending notification of next of kin.

The operator of the Buick, a 57 year old Bear woman, was not injured as a result of the collision.

DE Rt. 7 northbound was closed at DE Rt.71 for approximately 2 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. Aube of the Collision Reconstruction Unit, by calling 302-365-8483.

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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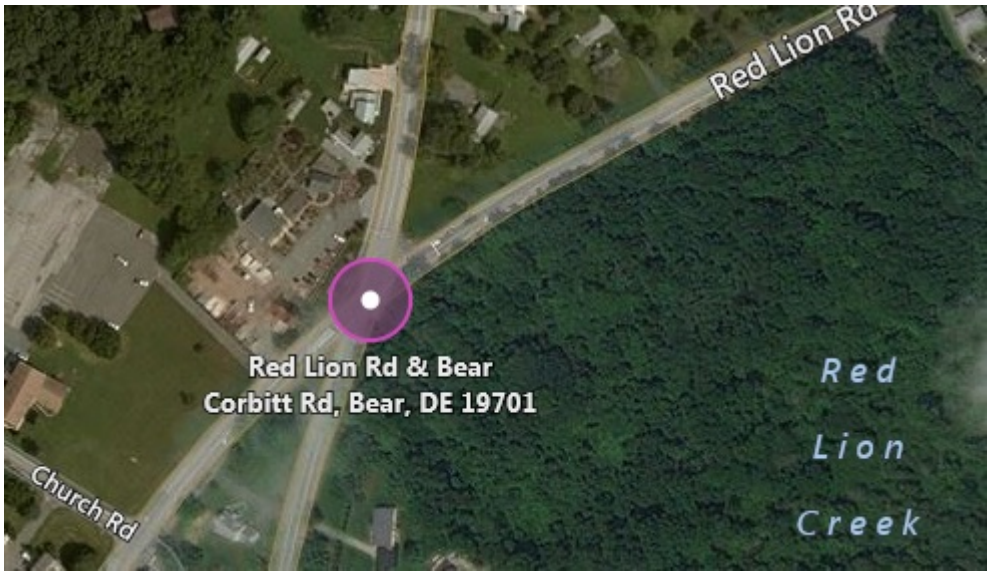
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Traffic Advisory Serious Crash Involving Motorcycle Rt. 7 at Rt. 71- Bear



Bear – Delaware State Police are currently on scene of a serious crash involving a motorcycle which occurred at approximately 3:39 p.m., this afternoon on Bear Corbitt Rd. (DE Rt. 7) in the area of Red Lion Road (DE Rt. 71).

Motorists can expect delays in the area and should seek alternate routes of travel.

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The investigation is ongoing with further details being

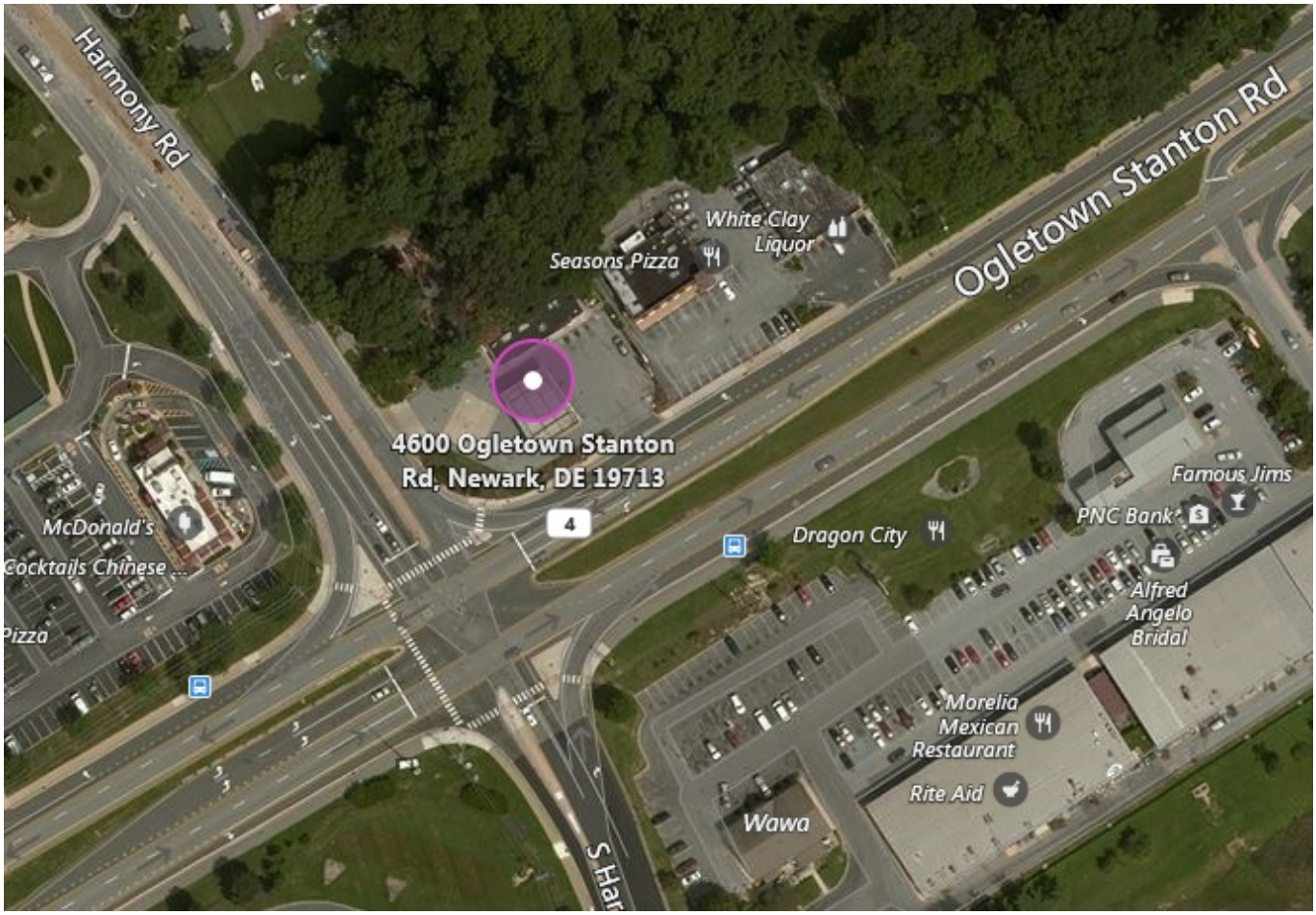
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Troopers Investigating Armed Robbery of Newark Area Gas Station



Newark (19713) – Delaware State Police are investigating the armed robbery of a Newark area gas station that occurred overnight.

The incident occurred at approximately 12:58 a.m., Monday, January 22, 2018, at the Exxon gas station, located at 4600 Ogletown-Stanton Road, Newark. Two black female suspects entered the business and began browsing, under the premise of making a purchase. Soon after, two black male suspects entered and approached the 55 year old male employee at the sales counter. One suspect displayed a knife, while the second suspect implied that he was armed with a handgun.

Immediately upon being confronted, the employee vaulted the counter and fled the business. All four suspects remained inside at which time they removed an undisclosed amount of cash and cigarettes before fleeing on foot, northbound on Harmony Road. The employee was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspects could only be described as two black males and two black females, wearing all dark clothing. Additionally, both male suspects had their faces concealed throughout the incident.

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.

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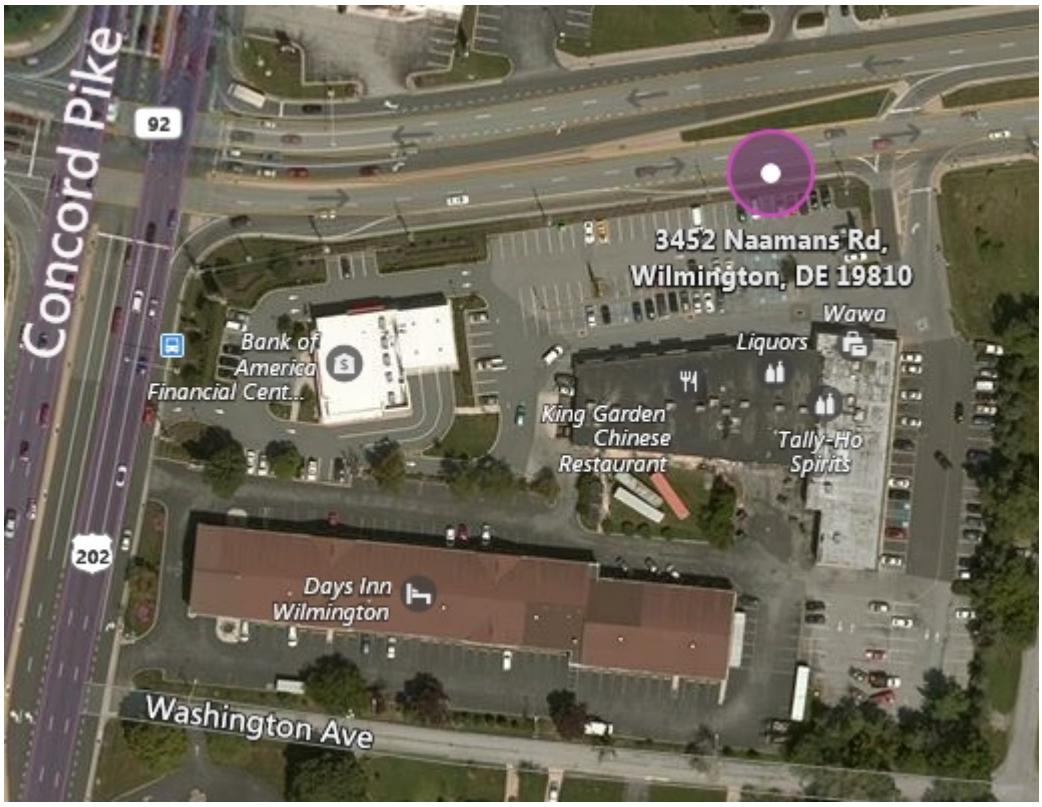
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Troopers Investigating Armed Robbery-North Wilmington



Wilmington (19810) – Delaware State Police are investigating an armed robbery that took place in the parking lot of a Naaman's Road Wawa yesterday afternoon.

The incident occurred at approximately 4:07 p.m., Sunday, January 21, 2018, in the parking lot of the Wawa, located at 3452 Naaman's Road, Wilmington. A 24 year old Suisun City, California woman, was walking through the rear parking lot of the Wawa, when she was approached by a black male suspect who displayed a black handgun and then snatched her wallet out of her hand. After obtaining the wallet, which contained an undisclosed amount of cash and personal items, the suspect fled the scene in a four door, dark colored vehicle. The victim was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect is described as a black male, 22-25 years of age, 6'0", 160-170 lbs, wearing all dark clothing and in possession of a black handgun.

No surveillance photos are available at this time.

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Troopers Make Multiple Arrest in Drug Investigation-Dover

Dover (19904)- Members of the Kent County Drug Unit (KDU), with the assistance of the Kent County Governor's Task Force (GTF), and Troop 3 Property Detectives concluded a drug investigation with the arrest of three suspects.

On Friday, January 19, 2018 at approximately 6:28 a.m., members of the KDU assisted by the Kent County GTF and T-3 Property Detectives executed a narcotics search warrant in the unit block of Webbs Lane, Alder Park Apartments in reference to a drug investigation involving the sale of heroin.

Upon arrival, Troopers took the following subjects into custody without incident at the residence: 27-year-old **Jarad Wilson** of Dover, 31-year-old **Sean Caldwell** of Dover, and 36-year-old **Holly McLaughlin** of Salisbury Maryland.

During a search of the apartment, .42 grams of heroin and multiple stolen electronic items were recovered.

Jarad Wilson and Sean Caldwell were both charged with Possession With Intent to Deliver, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Conspiracy 2nd. Both were arraigned out of Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to the James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on $12,500.00 secure bond.

Holly McLaughlin was charged with Criminal Impersonation. She was arraigned out of Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to the Delores J. Baylor Womens Correctional Institution on $250.00 secured bond.

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Troopers Seek Public's Assistance in Identifying Shoplifting Suspect

Wilmington (19802)—The Delaware State Police is seeking the public's assistance in attempting to identify a shoplifting suspect.

The suspect entered the BP Gas Station located at 3507 Miller Road on two separate occasions, Thursday, January 18, 2018 at approximately 7:17 p.m., and Friday, January 19, 2018 at approximately 2:13 p.m. On both occasions, the suspect

removed large quantities of candy boxes before fleeing the store without rendering payment.

The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 30 years of age, 5’10” tall, with a goatee, wearing a dark colored puffy winter jacket, blue jeans, and brown colored shoes.

If anyone has any information in reference to the identity of this individual, they are asked to please contact Trooper Desiderio 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 Bank Robbery- Wilmington



Wilmington (19808)– The Delaware State Police are investigating the robbery of a Wells Fargo Bank located in the Prices Corner Shopping Center that occurred this morning.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident occurred at approximately 9:45 a.m. on Saturday, January 20, 2018, as a male suspect wearing a disguise entered the Wells Fargo Bank located at 3215 Old Capital Trail. The suspect made contact with two employees and demanded money. The employees complied with the suspects demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect then exited the bank and fled in an unknown direction. There were no reports of injuries from this incident.

The suspect was described as a white male, approximately 30-40 years of age, 6’01” to 6’02” tall and weighing 170-200 lbs. The suspect was last seen wearing a dark colored hooded sweatshirt, dark colored pants, with a light colored disguise covering his face. There is no further physical or clothing description available. No video surveillance photos are available to be released at this time.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident, they are asked to please contact Detective Tenebruso, Troop 2 Robbery Unit at 302-365-8435. 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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Newark Man Charged with 5th

Offense DUI After Crash

New Castle 19720 – The Delaware State Police have arrested a Newark man with his 5th offense DUI after he was involved in a motor vehicle crash.

The incident occurred on Friday, January 19, 2018 at approximately 6:44 p.m. when Troopers were dispatched to the intersection of Llangollen Blvd and US-13 in reference to a crash involving two motor vehicles. Further investigation revealed that a 2017 Ford F-150 was traveling eastbound on Llangollen Boulevard in the left lane approaching the entrance to South Dupont Highway. A 1992 Jeep Cherokee was traveling westbound on Llangollen Boulevard, and began cross over the eastbound lanes of travel into the path of the Ford F-150. Subsequently the front of the Jeep struck the left side of the Ford F-150.

Upon the Troopers arrival, the occupant of the Jeep was still seated in the driver's seat. Contact was made with the operator, identified as 52-year-old **Ryan P. Ott** of Newark. An odor of alcohol was detected and a DUI investigation ensued. A computer check revealed that Ott had four previous DUI convictions, making this his fifth offense. Ott was subsequently arrested and transported back to Troop 2 where he was charged with 5th Offense Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol (Felony) and Inattentive Driving. He was arraigned out of Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institute on $5,000.00 cash only bond.

There were no injuries reported as a result of this crash.

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