

UPDATE #3 Names Released

Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash – Delaware Park



Stephen GOODMAN

Newark – The Delaware State Police have identified John W. Simon Jr. 77, and Irma Simon 92, both of Mantua N.J., as the victims who were killed in a crash that occurred at approximately 4:53 p.m., Saturday, December 23, 2017, on Delaware Park Boulevard, west of Ogleton-Stanton Road (DE Rt. 4), Newark.

John W. Simon Jr. was the operator, and Irma Simon the front seat passenger of a Mercury Grand Marquis that was struck head on by a stolen Nissan Altima, driven by Stephen R. Goodman 33, of Wilmington.

As a result of the crash Goodman has been charged with 2 counts of Vehicular Homicide 2nd Degree, and one count each of Receiving Stolen Property, Driving on the Wrong Side of the Road, Driving at an Unreasonable Speed, and Driving While Suspended.

Goodman was arraigned by the New Castle County Court of Common Pleas on Sunday, December 24, 2017, and remanded to the custody of the Delaware Department of Corrections on \$71,100 secured bond.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Cpl. J. Aube of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit at 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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Wilmington Man Arrested for Attempting to Disarm Trooper

Wilmington (19802) – Delaware State Police have arrested a Wilmington man for assaulting and attempting to remove a Troopers firearm, while being taken into custody on drug related charges.

The incident occurred at approximately 12:15 p.m., Tuesday, December 26, 2017, as the Trooper was on routine patrol in the area of N. Claymont Street and Todds Lane, Wilmington. The Trooper observed a subject, later identified as Kyon A. Miller, 37, of Wilmington, open a small package, and proceed to snort the contents.

The Trooper, who was in full uniform, exited his patrol vehicle and approached Miller, at which time he fled on foot, disregarding verbal commands to stop. Miller was located after a brief foot pursuit, at which time he proceeded to actively resist arrest, disregarding numerous verbal commands to stop resisting.

A struggle ensued, with both subjects going to the ground, as

the Trooper continued his attempt to take Miller into custody. As the two wrestled on the ground, a black female, who was seen with Miller prior to him fleeing, approached and proceeded to remove items from his pants pockets. The Trooper directed his attention to the female and ordered her to back up, however she refused to comply and continued to remove items from Miller's pockets, at which time the Trooper observed several white pills fall onto the ground.

As the Trooper diverted his attention to the female, he lost control of Miller, who was then able to position himself on top of the Trooper. Miller then began pulling on the Trooper's firearm, in an attempt to remove it from his holster. As the two struggled over the firearm, assisting Troopers arrived on scene and were able to take Miller into custody. As a result of the physical altercation the Trooper sustained an injury to his knee.

A subsequent search of Miller produced three small plastic bags containing heroin.

Miller was transported to Delaware State Police Troop 1 for processing, at which time he gave a fictitious name. After confirming Miller's true identity he was charged with one count each of: Attempting to Remove a Firearm from Possession of a Law Enforcement Officer, Assault 2nd Degree (Injure a Law Enforcement Officer), Resisting Arrest, Criminal Impersonation and Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Miller was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #2 before being committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in lieu of \$33,035.00 secured bond.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective Biddle at 302-365-8567.

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****Update-Arrest Made** Troopers Investigating Thefts of Packages From Front Porches**

Lewes – The Delaware State Police are currently investigating the thefts of multiple packages from front porches in which both suspects have now been arrested.

The incident occurred at approximately 4:20 p.m., Wednesday, December 20, 2017, in the 21000 block of Acorn Way, Oakwood Village at Lewes, as a suspect was observed running up to a front porch, removing packages, and then fleeing in a white

Kia Optima. Through investigative measures, the suspect identified as 55-year-old **Mary E. Murphy** of Lewes was arrested on Felony Theft, Theft, Tampering With Physical Evidence, Falsifying Business Records, Hindering Prosecution, Conspiracy 3rd, Criminal Mischief, and two counts of Criminal Trespass 3rd. Murphy was arraigned out of Justice of the Peace Court 3 and released on \$3351.00 unsecured bond.

The second suspect in this case has been identified as 32-year-old **Derek J. Rice** of Lewes. Through investigative measures, it was discovered on Tuesday, December 26, 2017 that Rice was at Murphy's residence located in the 22000 block of Dogwood Lane, Angola by the Bay. As Troopers approached the residence, Rice attempted to flee and was subsequently taken into custody without further incident. Rice was arrested on Felony Theft, Tampering With Physical Evidence, Theft, Falsifying Business Records, Hindering Prosecution, Conspiracy 3rd, Criminal Mischief, and two counts of Criminal Trespass 3rd. Rice was arraigned out of Sussex County Court of Common Pleas and released on \$3450.00 unsecured bond.

Murphy was also arrested again on Tuesday, December 26, 2017 for Noncompliance of Bond Conditions and Hindering Prosecution. She was arraigned out of Sussex County Court of Common Pleas and released on \$2000.00 unsecured bond.

The investigation remains ongoing and any other individuals who may have been a victim are asked to please contact Troop 7 at 302-644-5020. 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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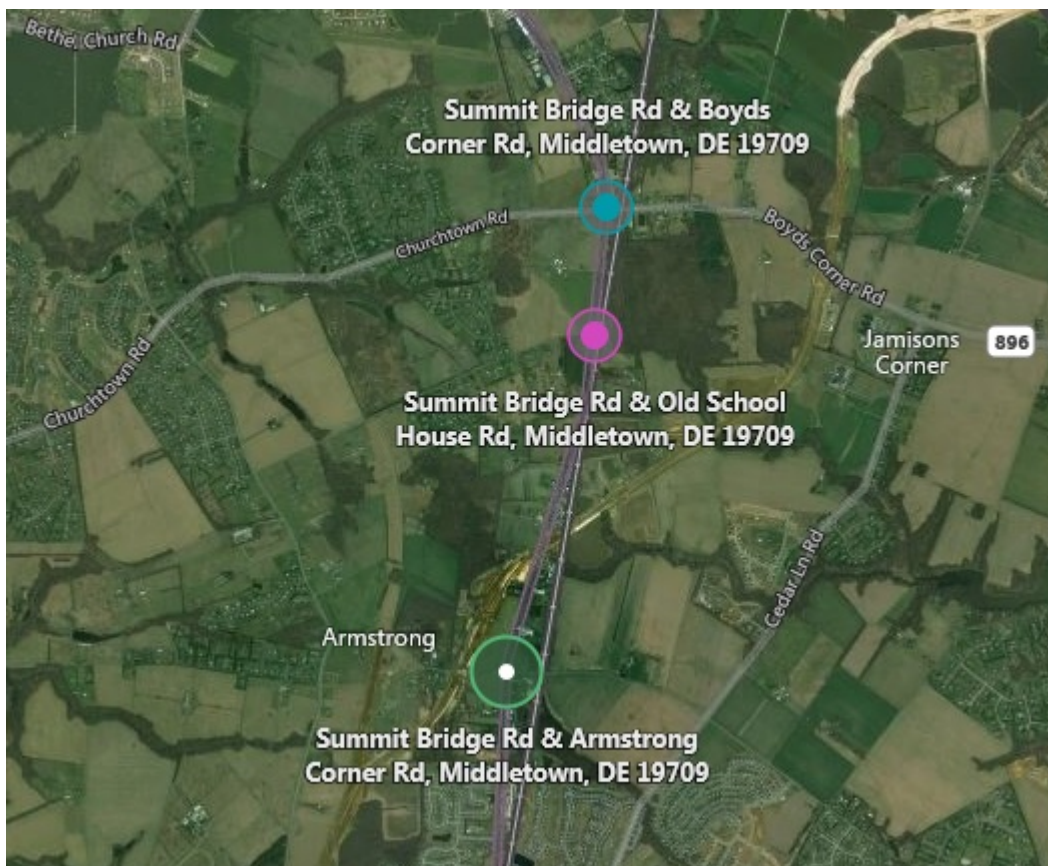
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***UPDATE* Overturned Tractor Trailer has Summit Bridge Road Closed – Middletown**



Middletown – Delaware State Police have completed their investigation into a crash involving an overturned tractor trailer that occurred at approximately 10:15 a.m., Tuesday, December 26, 2017, on Summit Bridge Road in the area of Old School House Road, Middletown.

The investigation determined that a 2013 International tractor trailer, containing a shipment of car batteries, and being operated by Robert Durham, 43, of Newark, was proceeding Summit Bridge Road (SR 71) northbound, south of Old School House Road, when it veered off the right (east) edge of the roadway. As Durham attempted to bring the vehicle back in to the lane of travel he lost control, with the tractor trailer overturning onto its right side, blocking all lanes of travel. Durham was able to exit the vehicle under his own power and was not injured.

Durham was issued a traffic citation for Failure To Remain In Lane of Travel.

DNREC units responded to the scene and performed a clean-up, due to minor leakage from some of the batteries.

Summit Bridge Road remained closed between Boyds Corner Road/Churchtown Road and Armstrong Corner Road/Marl Pit Road, for approximately 9 hours as the crash was investigated and cleared.

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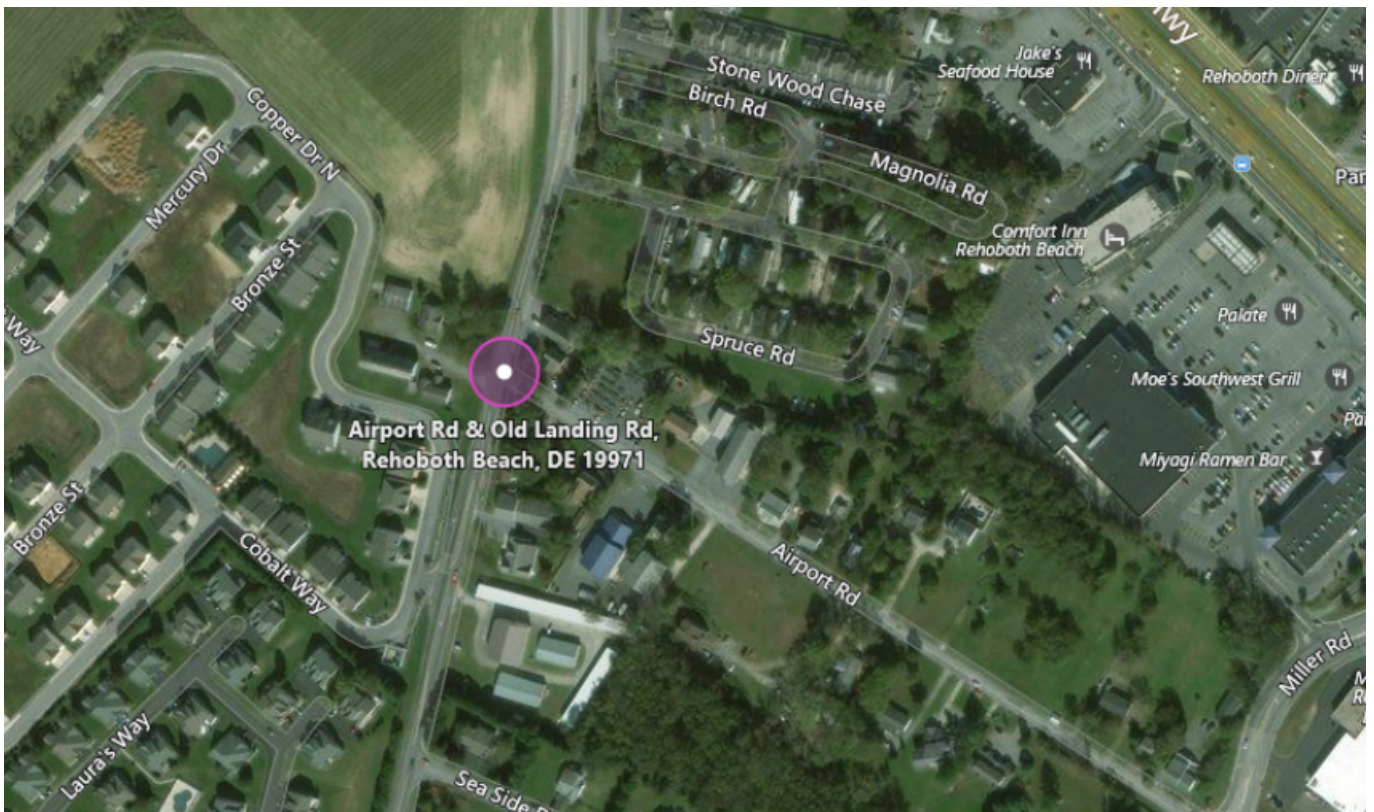
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Troopers Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash-Rehoboth Beach



Rehoboth Beach– The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash that occurred on Friday, December 22, 2017 on Airport Road (CR 275A) at Old Landing Road (CR 274).

The incident occurred on Friday, December 22, 2017 at approximately 7:06 p.m., as a 62-year-old Rehoboth Beach man was operating a 2008 Honda Accord traveling northbound on Airport Road approaching the intersection at Old Landing Road. For unknown reasons, the operator failed to stop at the posted stop sign. The vehicle crossed over Old Landing Road and subsequently struck a State Highway warning sign and a tree before coming to a rest. The operator of the Honda left his vehicle and fled the scene prior to police arrival.

The 62-year-old operator of the Honda was later identified as **Lawrence E. Cassidy Sr.** of Rehoboth Beach. On Saturday, December 23, 2017 Cassidy had collapsed at his residence and was unable to be revived by EMS, at which time he was pronounced dead at approximately 10:37 a.m. An autopsy was later conducted by the State of Delaware Medical Examiner's office and concluded that Cassidy died as a result of his injuries which he sustained in the collision.

It is unknown at this time if impairment is a contributing factor in this crash.

The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident.

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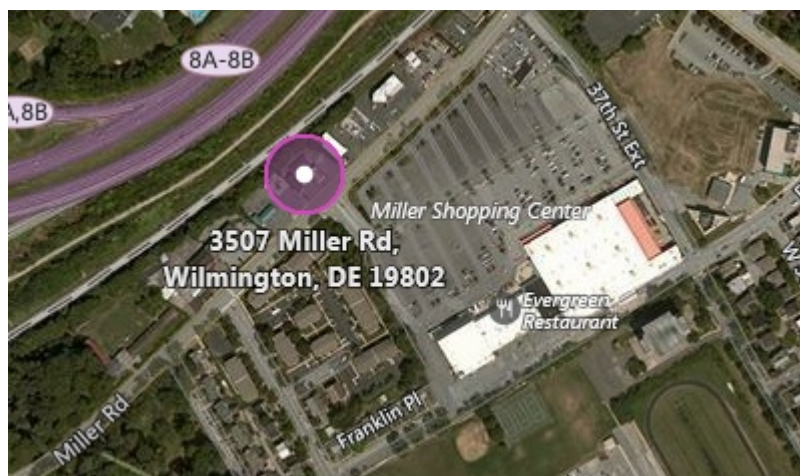
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Troopers Investigating Armed Robbery of North Wilmington BP Station



Wilmington (19802) – Delaware State Police are investigating the armed robbery of a North Wilmington BP station that occurred Christmas

night.

The incident occurred at approximately 7:35 p.m., Monday, December 25, 2017, at the BP gas station, located at 3507 Miller Road, Wilmington, when a subject approached the clerk at the counter and attempted to purchase cigarettes. The employee, a 32 year old Wilmington woman, asked for the subjects ID, at which time he reached into his jacket pocket, produced a black handgun and demanded cash from the register. The employee complied with the demand, and turned over an undisclosed amount of money to the subject, who then fled on foot towards the Miller Road Shopping Center. The employee was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect is described as a black male in his early twenties, 5'4" – 5'6" tall, with a thin build, wearing a black jacket over a gray hoodie, black hat, and bright blue jeans, possessing a black unknown make and model handgun.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Sgt. A. Lloyd of the Troop 2 Robbery Unit at 302-365-8403.

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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Middletown – Delaware State Police are currently on scene of an overturned tractor trailer that occurred at approximately 10:15 a.m., Tuesday, December 26, 2017, on Summit Bridge Road in the area of Old School House Road, Middletown. The tractor trailer is the only vehicle involved and the driver was not injured.

As a result of the crash Summit Bridge Road is closed in both directions, between Boyds Corner Road/ Churchtown Road and Armstrong Corner Road / Marlpit Road. The roadway is expected to be closed for an extended period of time. Please seek alternate routes of travel as delays can be expected on all surrounding roadways due to the closure.

For updated traffic conditions and information on the re-opening of the roadway log onto: http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel_advisory/index.shtml#advisories.

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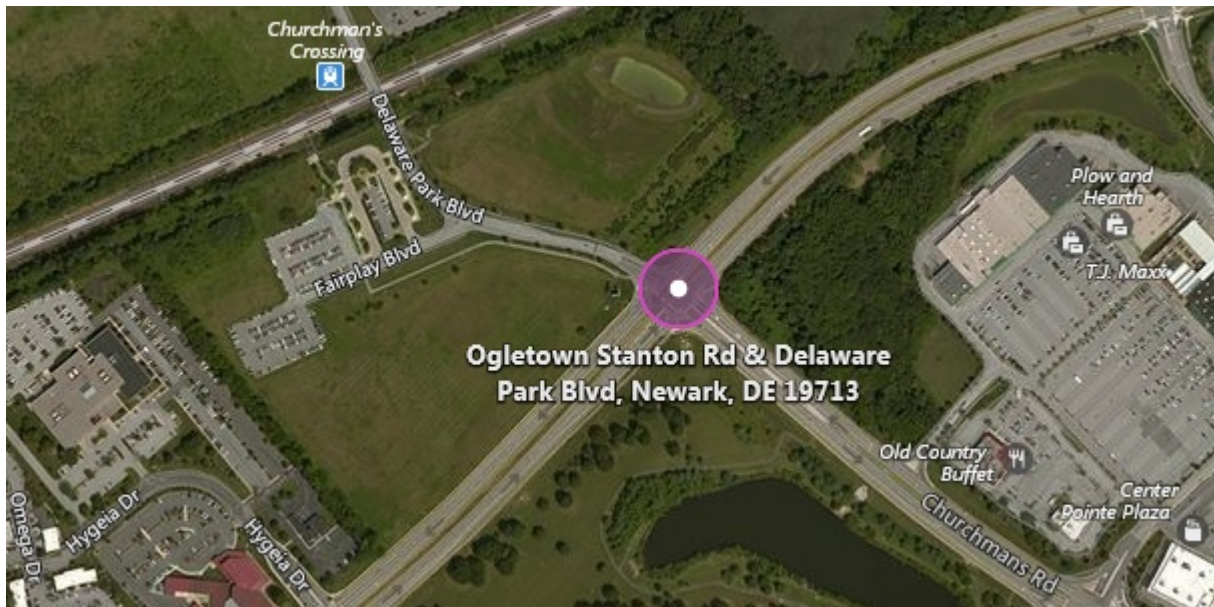
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***UPDATE #2* Troopers
Investigating Fatal Crash –
Delaware Park**



Newark – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a motor vehicle crash that has claimed the lives of two New Jersey residents.

The incident occurred at approximately 4:53 p.m., Saturday, December 23, 2017, on Delaware Park Boulevard, west of Ogletown-Stanton Road (DE Rt. 4), Newark.

A 2000 Mercury Grand Marquis, operated by a 77 year old Mantua, N.J. man was traveling on Delaware Park Boulevard, west of Ogletown-Stanton Road, as he was exiting the Delaware Park Casino property. Also occupying the Mercury, as a front seat passenger, was a 92 year old woman, also of Mantua.

A 2015 Nissan Altima, operated by Stephen R. Goodman, 33, of Wilmington, was entering the Delaware Park Casino property, on Delaware Park Boulevard, west of Ogletown-Stanton Road, at a high rate of speed. The Nissan was passing several vehicles on Delaware Park Boulevard after crossing the double yellow center line, and traveled directly into the path of the Mercury, at which time the vehicles collided head on.

The operator of the Mercury was pronounced dead at the scene by responding EMS. The front seat passenger in the Mercury was transported to the Christiana Hospital, where she was pronounced dead a short time later. Goodman was transported to

the Christiana Hospital where he was admitted with serious injuries.

The investigation revealed that Goodman was wanted by the Wilmington Police Department, for stealing the Nissan during the course of a carjacking, which occurred earlier this same date.

As a result of the initial crash investigation warrants were obtained charging Goodman with 2 counts of Vehicular Homicide 2nd Degree, and one count each of Receiving Stolen Property, Driving on the Wrong Side of the Road, Driving at an Unreasonable Speed, and Driving While Suspended. The execution of these warrants along with the pre-existing Carjacking 2nd warrant will be accomplished when Goodman's medical condition allows.

Identification of both victims is pending the notification of next of kin.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Sgt. D. Alexander of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit at 302-365-8484.

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***UPDATE-Corrected Location* Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash – Delaware Park**

Newark – Delaware State Police are currently on scene of a fatal motor vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 4:53 p.m., Saturday, December 23, 2017, on **Delaware Park Boulevard in the area of Churchman's Road (S.R. 4)**, Newark.

Traffic in the area is not being affected at this time.

The investigation is active and ongoing with further details being released as they become available.

Troopers Arrest Dover Woman for Brandishing Handgun

Magnolia – Delaware State Police have arrested a Dover woman for pointing a handgun at another woman and threatening to shoot her, during an argument at a local gas station.

The incident occurred at approximately 7:32 p.m., Thursday, December 21, 2017, at the Happy Gas, located at 50 W. Birdie Lane, Magnolia.

While inside the Happy Gas, the victim, a 24 year old Dover woman, became engaged in a verbal altercation with Shaniqua Saunders, 24, also of Dover. After the argument, Saunders exited into the parking lot, with the victim remaining inside the business with an acquaintance, a 37 year old Dover man.

The pair eventually exited the business at which time the victim was again confronted by Saunders, who was waiting in the parking lot. Another verbal altercation ensued and as Saunders walked towards the victim, she produced a black handgun and pointed it at the victim, threatening to shoot her. The male acquaintance intervened, and was able to disarm Saunders, taking possession of the handgun.

Upon Troopers arriving on scene all parties were still present, and Saunders was taken in to custody without incident. A loaded Ruger LCP 9 mm handgun, was recovered from the scene and positively identified as the weapon possessed by Saunders during the altercation. None of the involved parties were injured as a result of the incident.

Saunders was transported to Delaware State Police Troop 3 where she was arrested and formally charged with one count each of: Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon, Aggravated

Menacing and Reckless Endangering 1st Degree.

Saunders was arraigned at Justice of the Peace Court #7 and released after posting \$30,000.00 secured bail.

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