

# October I-295 Crash Claims Life of Maine Man



**Wilmington** – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit has assumed an investigation into a crash that occurred in October, but has since claimed the life of Eugene Paine, 91, of Ellsworth, Maine.

The incident occurred at approximately 7:05 p.m., Friday, October 27, 2017, on I-295 southbound, just north of I-495, Wilmington. A 2015 Jeep Cherokee, operated by a 57 year old, Somerville, Massachusetts man, was stopped in the left lane of

I-295, in congested traffic. Stopped directly behind the Jeep, was a 2010 Hyundai Sonata, operated by a 27 year old, Hoboken, New Jersey woman. A 2013 Chrysler 200, being driven by Judith Kelley, 73, of Portland, Maine, was proceeding I-295 southbound, in the left lane, following directly behind the Hyundai. Kelley became distracted and failed to stop, at which time she struck the rear of the Hyundai, which in turn, was forced into the rear of the Jeep.

All parties involved in the crash, refused medical treatment at the time of the incident, to include Eugene Paine, who was the front seat passenger in the Chrysler. Paine was subsequently hospitalized in Florida, and was determined to have suffered a head injury, which resulted in his death on December 11, 2017.

At the time of the original incident Kelley was cited for Careless Driving.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Sgt. D. Alexander, at 302-365-8484. 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 Investigating Armed Robbery – Townsend



**Townsend** – Delaware State Police are investigating the armed robbery of a Townsend man, that occurred at his residence over the weekend.

The incident occurred at approximately 12:46 a.m., Sunday, December 17, 2017, at a residence in the 6100 block of Summit Bridge Road, Townsend. The 31 year old victim had just

returned home, and was attempting to enter his residence via the back door. As he was unlocking the door, he was pushed from behind, and knocked into the side of the house. A male suspect then placed a handgun in the victim's back, ordered him to put his hands up and to not move. The suspect then removed the victim's wallet from his back pants pocket. After obtaining the wallet, which contained an undisclosed amount of cash, the suspect fled on foot in an unknown direction. The victim was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a black male, wearing a black sweatshirt, blue jeans, black mask and armed with a black, unknown make and model handgun.

The investigation is ongoing, and 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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## **\*UPDATE 2\* Trooper Involved Shooting with Suspect Fatally Wounded-Wilmington**

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police Homicide Unit is continuing to investigate a trooper involved shooting that occurred yesterday afternoon.

The suspect was transported to the Christiana Hospital Trauma Center in critical condition where he succumbed to his injuries. The suspect has been identified as Adam Radcliffe, 30 of Wilmington, Delaware.

The following information outlines the preliminary investigation into a trooper involved shooting that occurred yesterday west of Wilmington, Delaware.

The incident occurred on Friday, December 15, 2017 at approximately 4:24 p.m. as a trooper on patrol observed a burgundy Honda strike a pole and was driving erratically on Boxwood Road near Centerville Road, Wilmington. The suspect vehicle fled from the crash scene and the trooper followed the suspect vehicle which was later seen in the Kirkwood Plaza Shopping Center off of Kirkwood Highway, located at 4365

Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington. As the trooper proceeded to make contact with the driver, the suspect vehicle sped off with the trooper attached to the passenger side door dragging him. The vehicle accelerated down the access road for Kirkwood Plaza before turning left onto Farrand Drive. The Trooper fired his divisionally issued weapon striking the suspect. The suspect vehicle sped off down Farrand Drive into the neighborhood. Troopers began canvassing the area for the suspect and located the burgundy Honda Civic off of Hammond Place at the end of Farrand Drive where it drove through a fence into a small creek. Troopers removed the sole occupant from the vehicle and performed CPR. Emergency Medical Personnel arrived on scene and transported the subject to the Christiana Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

Troopers continue to investigate the circumstances surrounding this incident.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective M. Csapo of the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit by calling 302-741-2729. 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 Seek Public's Assistance in Identifying Shoplifting Suspects

Dover – The Delaware State Police Troop 3 is seeking the public's assistance in attempting to identify two shoplifting suspects.

The initial investigation has determined the incident occurred on Friday, December 15, 2017, as a suspect in the grey hooded sweatshirt entered the Cell Phone Repair store located at 2131 South DuPont Highway, Dover and inquired about trading a cellular phone. A few minutes later, another suspect in a black hooded sweatshirt entered the store. After he converses with the first suspect, he then asked the employee to look at a phone in a secured cabinet, at which time the employee opens the case and gives him the cellular phone. At this time the black male in the grey hooded sweatshirt distracts the employee and his partner runs out the front door with a Rose Gold Iphone 6s towards Rodney Village. The suspect was seen entering a blue Monte Carlo with Delaware tag 43690.

Suspect 1: black male early to mid 20's, wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt, approximately 6' 00" tall with a beard, black pants and black hat.

Suspect 2: black male early to mid 20's, black hooded sweatshirt, wearing blue jeans and black boots

If anyone has any information in reference to the identity of the suspects, they are asked to please contact TFC. R. Spanier of Troop 3, Camden at 302-698-8548. 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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Richard Bratz

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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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## **DSP S.O.A.R. Searching For**

# Wanted Sex Offenders

Dover, DE- The Delaware State Police Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration Unit (S.O.A.R) is currently looking for the following wanted sex offenders after they either failed to register or re-register their current address. If anyone knows the location of these subjects, they are asked to call 302-672-5306. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com/>

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## **\*UPDATE\* Trooper Involved Shooting with Suspect Fatally Wounded-Wilmington**

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police Homicide Unit is continuing to investigate a trooper involved shooting that occurred today. The suspect, 30 of Wilmington, has succumbed to his injuries.

The trooper who sustained bodily injuries, was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries and was treated and released.

The 37 year old Trooper involved in this incident has been

employed by the Delaware State Police for 11 years, and is assigned to Troop 6 patrol, in Prices Corner, DE. He has been placed on administrative leave as per Divisional Policy, pending the outcome of the investigation.

Troopers continue to investigate the circumstances surrounding this incident, with further details to be released as the investigation progresses.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective M. Csapo of the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit by calling 302-741-2729. 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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## **State Police Detectives Investigate Trooper Involved Shooting – Wilmington**

Wilmington-The Delaware State Police are currently investigating a shooting incident where a suspect was shot by a Trooper earlier this afternoon.

The preliminary investigation has determined the incident occurred on December 15, 2017 at approximately 4:24 p.m. in the area of Farrand Drive and Hammond Place, Wilmington. The initial investigation reveals a trooper attempted to conduct a traffic stop and was subsequently dragged by the suspect vehicle. The trooper fired his divisionally issued firearm at the suspect.

During the traffic stop the Trooper sustained non-life threatening injuries. The trooper was then transported to a local area hospital. The suspect was also transported to a local area hospital with serious injuries.

This investigation is active and ongoing with further details to be released as they become available.

Farrand Drive is currently closed at (DE 2) Kirkwood Highway as the investigation continues.

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Sergeant Richard Bratz***

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## **State Police Drug Investigation Leads to Multiple Arrests – Frederica**

***Frederica***– The Delaware State Police Kent County Drug Unit assisted by the Kent County Governor’s Task Force (GTF) and the Delaware State Police Special Operations Response Team

(S.O.R.T) concluded a drug investigation with the arrest of three people.

The month long drug investigation concluded on Friday, December 15, 2017, when members of the Kent County Drug Unit assisted by the Kent County GTF and the DSP S.O.R.T executed a narcotics search warrant in the 100 block of Jackson Street. Upon entry to the residence, three suspects identified as 26-year-old **Dazzel J. King** of Frederica, 22-year-old **Kaylia S. Custis** of Frederica, and 66-year-old **Jerry L. Warren Sr.** of Frederica were taken into custody without incident.

A search of the property resulted in the recovery of (679) packages of Heroin totaling (4.75) grams, (9.98) grams of Crack Cocaine, (70.93) grams of Marijuana, a .38 caliber handgun, \$645.00 in suspected drug money, and multiple drug paraphernalia items.

**Dazzel J. King** was charged with four counts of Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance, Conspiracy 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Receiving a Stolen Firearm, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Possession of a Weapon with an altered serial number, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited. King was arraigned at Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to the James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on \$135,500.00 secured bond.

**Kaylia S. Custis** was charged with four counts of Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance, Conspiracy 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Receiving a Stolen Firearm, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Possession of a Weapon with an altered serial number. Custis was arraigned at Justice of the Peace Court 2 and released on \$54,500.00 unsecured bond.

**Jerry L. Warren Sr.** was charged with Maintaining a Dwelling for Drug Distribution. Warren was arraigned at Justice of the

Peace Court 2 and released on \$3000.00 unsecured bond.

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# Troopers Offer Tips to Protect Yourself and Your Property



**Dover** – Being in the midst of the holiday shopping season, with the weather turning colder and the hours of daylight decreased, the Delaware State Police have seen an increase in the number of thefts from vehicles, not only in parking lots, but at residences as well. Another crime trend also on the rise during the holiday season is the theft of delivered packages from residences.

In order to help you protect yourself and your property we would like to offer the following crime prevention tips.

## Protect Yourself

- Keep your head up and scan your surroundings. Make eye contact with people so they are aware that *you* see them. This sends a message that you know they are there, and that you can also identify them if necessary.
- Walk confidently. Project an assertive, confident image.
- Avoid listening to music through earphones when out on the street. It prevents you from paying full attention, and distracts you from what and who is around you.
- If you are being followed, or you see a person or group

that makes you feel uncomfortable, give yourself permission to act; cross the street, walk in another direction, go in to a business, or ask other people walking if you may walk a short distance with them.

- If someone demands your property and displays or implies in any way that they have a weapon, don't resist. Your physical property isn't worth getting injured or killed over.

### **Secure Your Vehicle**

- Do not leave valuables in your car. That sounds like common sense, but drivers/passengers do leave items of value in plain view every day. If you leave valuable items visible in your car, your car is automatically a target.
- If you must leave valuable items in your car while out and about, place items out of sight before reaching your destination or move them inconspicuously.
- Once home, unload your valuables immediately. Do not store valuables in your car any longer than necessary, and certainly never overnight.
- Try to park in busy, well-lighted areas, or in your garage (if you have one).
- Raise your windows and lock ALL of your vehicle's doors even if you plan to be gone for only a brief time. Every week, items are stolen from unlocked vehicles where the owner expected to be away for "just a second."
- Set any alarm or anti-theft device. If you have one, use it! Many people believe that car alarms no longer make a difference, but they can be an effective deterrent to vehicle break-ins
- Don't think your dark tinted windows will hide your valuables. Thieves often use flashlights to see through tint, and after-market tint is handy to keep all the broken glass in one "sheet" when they break out your window.

## **Deter Package Theft**

Package thefts often increase between the months of October and January. Some package thieves follow delivery trucks and then take the packages after the delivery is made. Others are crimes of opportunity, when thieves see packages in plain view of the street. Here are a few measures you can take to decrease your chances of being a target:

- Track your shipment online.
- Choose a shipping option that requires you to sign for delivery.
- Arrange to ship the package to another location for someone else to receive. This can be a friend, relative, trusted neighborhood or landlord/apartment leasing office. Many local 'mailbox' businesses may agree to accept shipment of your item for a small fee.
- Ask the delivery service to hold the package for customer pick-up at their facility.
- A more expensive option is to buy a locking bin. This should be bolted down so the bin cannot be removed. You can then give the key code to the delivery company.

***Regardless of the situation, circumstance or location, if you observe any type of suspicious activity make sure to report it.***

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