

Update – Victims Identified

State Police Investigating Fatal Two-Vehicle Crash Near Selbyville

The Delaware State Police have identified 22-year-old **Veronika McCoy** from Berlin, Maryland, and 77-year-old **Douglas Bachtell** from Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, as the two people who died in the [fatal two-vehicle crash](#) yesterday near Selbyville.

The investigation remains ongoing. Anyone who witnessed the crash or has relevant information is asked to contact Master Corporal K. Argo at (302) 703-3264. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

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Update – Suspect Arrested

State Police Investigating

Robbery in New Castle

The Delaware State Police arrested a **17-year-old male** from Wilmington, Delaware, for felony offenses stemming from a robbery that occurred in New Castle in April.

On April 13, 2025, at approximately 1:30 a.m., an Uber driver arrived in the area of Dock View Drive and Harbor View Drive to pick up a passenger. When the driver stopped, seven individuals entered his vehicle. After the driver told the group that he could only accommodate a limited number of passengers, several became disorderly and refused to exit. As the driver stepped out of the car to call 9-1-1, three suspects threw him to the ground, stole his cell phone, and fled the scene in his black Nissan sedan.

Later on April 13, 2025, Troop 2 Criminal Investigations Detectives were notified by the Springfield Township Police Department (Delaware County, Pennsylvania) that the stolen Nissan was located in Springfield, and was occupied by 3 black males. One of the suspects taken into custody by the Springfield Police Department was identified as the 17-year-old male. Through investigative means, Troop 2 Detectives identified the 17-year-old male as the individual that requested the Uber, and as one of the suspects involved in the robbery. Detectives subsequently obtained a warrant for his arrest.

On July 7, 2025, troopers were notified that the 17-year-old suspect was taken into custody by the Wilmington Police Department for unrelated charges. The suspect was charged with the crimes listed below, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2, and committed to New Castle County Detention Center on a \$21,000 secured bond.

- Robbery 1st Degree (Felony)
- Conspiracy 2nd Degree (Felony)

Delaware State Police Troop 2 Criminal Investigations Unit continues to investigate this incident. Anyone with relevant information is asked to contact Detective D. Patterson at (302) 365-8404. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

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State Police Arrest Man for Felony Gun Charge Following Traffic Stop in Newark

The Delaware State Police arrested 24-year-old **Lenford Kirlew** of Wilmington, Delaware, for a felony gun charge following a traffic stop that occurred in Newark on Sunday afternoon.

On July 6, 2025, at approximately 3:32 p.m., a trooper on patrol observed a white Honda Accord with multiple equipment violations bypassing traffic as it traveled on the right shoulder of Route 1 northbound, approaching the ramp to I-95 northbound in Newark. The trooper conducted a traffic stop on the Honda as it continued on to I-95 northbound while still traveling on the right shoulder, and made contact with the driver, identified as Lenford Kirlew. During the traffic stop, Kirlew made multiple inconsistent statements, and repeatedly

entered the vehicle despite being instructed to remain outside of the vehicle. Kirlew was ultimately taken into custody after he was observed entering the Honda from the driver's side, and reaching toward the passenger seat. After Kirlew was taken into custody, troopers observed a loaded firearm on the passenger seat that was previously concealed during the initial contact.

Kirlew was taken to Troop 2, where he was charged with the crimes listed below, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 11, and released after posting a \$2,500 secured bond.

- Carrying a Concealed Firearm (Felony)
- Overtaking/Passing on the Right is Unlawful
- Additional Traffic Violations

Delaware State Police Announce Promotion of Captain J. Andrew Lloyd to the Rank of Major

Colonel William D. Crotty, Superintendent of the Delaware State Police, is proud to announce the promotion of Captain J. Andrew Lloyd to the esteemed rank of Major, which was effective on June 27, 2025. In his new role as the New Castle County Operations Officer, Major Lloyd brings more than two decades of experience, strategic leadership, and a long-standing commitment to excellence that continues to strengthen the Delaware State Police (DSP).

Major Lloyd began his law enforcement career as a patrol

trooper at Troops 6 and 7 before being promoted to Sergeant at Troop 9. In that role, he guided patrol troopers, responded to critical incidents, and mentored his subordinates in their professional development.

He went on to supervise the Criminal Investigations Unit at Troop 2, where he managed the Drug Unit, Property Crimes Unit, and Robbery Unit. He led a joint investigation in collaboration with the New Castle County Police Department, the Wilmington Police Department, and the Drug Enforcement Administration that disrupted one of the largest heroin distribution networks in Delaware's history. He also led investigations into racketeering and firearms-related crimes, collaborated with federal partners, and was recognized as an expert witness in Superior Court.

In 2019, he was promoted to Lieutenant at Troop 9, where he led a team of 35 sworn troopers and civilian staff. He coordinated with civic organizations and government agencies, addressed problem areas, and ensured investigative accountability. That same year, Major Lloyd was named a 2019 IACP 40 Under 40 award recipient, an international honor recognizing him as one of the top law enforcement leaders worldwide under the age of 40.

From 2021 to 2024, Major Lloyd served as Director of the State Bureau of Identification, where he modernized background check systems, improved fingerprint digitization, negotiated major contracts, and advanced Delaware's participation in the National Fingerprint File. He also led the division's largest civilian workforce and played a key role in supporting public safety legislation.

Most recently, Major Lloyd served as the Commander of Troop 3, where he led nearly 100 troopers and civilian staff. Under his leadership, Troop 3 increased proactive enforcement efforts and strengthened community partnerships to support crime reduction initiatives. He also managed DSP's operational

response to major events, such as NASCAR and the Phish Festival, while overseeing the implementation of the High-Risk Violent Offender program.

Major Lloyd earned a Master of Science in Criminal Justice with a focus on Homeland Security from Saint Joseph's University in 2018 and a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Wilmington University in 2004. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Session 289.

Beyond his professional duties, Major Lloyd stays actively involved in community service. He has coached youth softball, basketball, and Little League for over ten years, and he continues to volunteer with Special Olympics Delaware. He has also participated on various DSP committees, including serving as Chair of the Wellness Committee and Co-Chair of the Events Committee for the 100th Anniversary Planning Committee.

The Delaware State Police congratulates Major Andrew Lloyd on this well-deserved promotion and looks forward to his continued contributions in service to the people of Delaware.

State Police Investigating Fatal Two-Vehicle Crash Near Selbyville

Delaware State Police are investigating a two-vehicle fatal crash that occurred this morning near Selbyville that left two people dead.

On July 8, 2025, at approximately 7:54 a.m., a Chevrolet Camaro was traveling eastbound on Lighthouse Road, approaching

New Road. At the same time, a Hyundai Santa Fe was traveling westbound on Lighthouse Road, approaching New Road. For reasons still under investigation, the Camaro crossed the double-yellow center line and entered the Santa Fe's path of travel in the westbound lane of Lighthouse Road. As a result, the front of the Camaro struck the front of the Santa Fe.

The driver of the Camaro, a 22-year-old woman from Berlin, Maryland, was taken to an area hospital where she later died. Her name is being withheld until her family is notified.

The right front seat passenger of the Santa Fe, a 77-year-old man from Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, was pronounced dead at the scene. His name is being withheld until his family is notified. The driver of the Santa Fe, a 74-year-old man from Selbyville, Delaware, was taken to an area hospital with critical injuries.

[Lighthouse Road was closed](#) for an extended time while the scene was investigated and cleared.

The investigation remains ongoing. Anyone who witnessed the crash or has relevant information is asked to contact Master Corporal K. Argo at (302) 703-3264. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

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Detectives Investigating Shoplifting Turned Robbery at the Brandywine Town Center Target

Delaware State Police are investigating a shoplifting turned robbery that occurred at the Brandywine Town Center Target in Wilmington last night.

On July 7, 2025, at approximately 6:36 p.m., troopers responded to a report of a shoplifting turned robbery at Target, located at 1050 Brandywine Parkway in Wilmington. The preliminary investigation revealed 2 female suspects were confronted by a Target employee as they were exiting the store with unpaid merchandise. During the confrontation, one of the suspects sprayed the employee with a chemical spray, which also struck 2 customers entering the business. The suspects then ran out to the parking lot with the stolen merchandise, and fled in a grey Honda Odyssey toward Naamans Road. The 3 victims were evaluated by EMS at the scene.

The suspects are described as 2 unknown black females wearing dark-colored clothing. Surveillance video and images are not yet available.

Delaware State Police Troop 2 Robbery Unit continues to investigate this incident. Detectives are asking anyone with information regarding this case to contact Detective D. Patterson at (302) 365-8404. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

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State Police Arrest Laurel Man for Thefts in Eastern Sussex County

Delaware State Police have arrested 22-year-old **Donsha Sturgis** of Laurel, Delaware, for several felonies following a series of thefts that occurred last month in eastern Sussex County.

Between June 10 and June 17, 2025, troopers investigated several thefts and attempted thefts of a similar nature from unsecured vehicles in the communities of Autumn Oaks, Overbrook Shores, Vincent Overlook in Milton, Eagle Run in Lincoln, and Edgewater Estates in Lewes. In each of the thefts, unknown suspects trespassed onto various properties during the overnight hours and stole money and property from unsecured vehicles. During the investigations, detectives identified a silver Chevy Cruz as the suspect vehicle. Through investigative means, detectives identified Donsha Sturgis as one of the suspects involved in the thefts.

On July 1, 2025, detectives executed a search warrant at a residence on the 2800 block of Daniel Street in Laurel during which Sturgis was taken into custody without incident.

Sturgis was taken to Troop 4, where was charged with the crimes listed below, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2, and released on his own recognizance.

- Theft Under \$1,500 Where a Victim is 62 Years of Age or Older (Felony) – 3 counts
- Conspiracy 2nd Degree (Felony)
- Theft Under \$1,500 – 5 counts
- Criminal Trespass 3rd Degree – 11 counts

Delaware State Police Troop 4 Criminal Investigations Unit are working to identify the other suspects and are asking anyone with information regarding these incidents to contact Detective M. Aberman by calling (302) 752-3807. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

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***Update – Second Suspect Arrested* State Police Arrest Man for Unlawful Imprisonment**

Charges in Dover; Second Suspect Remains At-Large

The Delaware State Police arrested 36-year-old **Coles Khayree** of Dover, Delaware, for unlawful imprisonment charges stemming from an incident that occurred at a Walmart in Dover last week.

[On June 30, 2025, at approximately 7:35 p.m.](#), troopers responded to the Walmart, located at 36 Jerome Drive, Dover, for a report of a disorderly person. Upon arriving, troopers learned that 2 male suspects, identified as Kevin Caple, and Coles Khayree, arrived at the Walmart in a RAM 3500 truck, and approached an occupied Chevrolet Silverado parked in the fire lane at Walmart. Caple confronted the occupants of the Silverado, a teenager and an infant, and demanded the teenager move the SUV, or he will tow it for being illegally parked. The teenager did not comply, and expressed she would contact her mother who was in the store. Subsequently, Khayree began loading the SUV onto the RAM's towing mechanism, and lifted the rear of the SUV several feet off the ground, which scared the 2 children in the SUV. The driver of the SUV arrived, and an argument ensued until troopers arrived.

On July 8, 2025, Khayree turned himself in at Troop 9, where he was charged with the crimes listed below, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2, and released on his own recognizance.

- Unlawful Imprisonment 1st Degree (Felony) – 2 counts
 - Conspiracy 2nd Degree (Felony)
 - Criminal Mischief \$1,000 but less than \$5,000
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State Police Detectives Investigating Shooting in Lewes

Delaware State Police are investigating a shooting that occurred last week in Lewes.

On July 7, 2025, troopers responded to the 29000 block of Frenchman Bay Drive in Lewes for a late reported shooting. When troopers arrived, they learned that on July 3, 2025, at approximately 10:30 p.m., an unknown suspect fired an unknown number of shots that hit an occupied house. Two adults were inside at the time, and no one was injured. The incident remains under investigation.

Delaware State Police Troop 4 Criminal Investigations Unit continues to investigate this incident. Detectives are asking anyone who witnessed or has information regarding this case to contact Detective M. Venero by calling 302-752-3340. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

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State Police Arrest Teen for Stealing Vehicle from Claymont Area Wawa

The Delaware State Police arrested a **16-year-old male** from Claymont, Delaware, for stealing a Volkswagen Tiguan from a Wawa in Claymont on Sunday evening.

On July 6, 2025, at approximately 5:31 p.m., troopers responded to Wawa, located at 697 Naamans Road, Claymont, for a report of a stolen vehicle. Upon arriving, troopers learned that a 34-year-old man left his Volkswagen Tiguan unsecured and running in the parking lot while he went into the Wawa. While the man was inside, a masked black male suspect wearing dark-colored clothing entered the Volkswagen, and fled in an unknown direction. Through investigative means, troopers located the stolen vehicle unoccupied in the area of Sterling Avenue in Claymont. Further investigation revealed the suspect abandoned the stolen vehicle and fled into a residence on Sterling Avenue. Troopers ultimately located the suspect, identified as the 16-year-old male, in the residence, and took him into custody without incident.

The 16-year-old male was taken to Troop 1, where he was charged with the crimes listed below, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 11, and committed to New Castle County Detention Center on a \$7,000 secured bond.

- Theft of a Motor Vehicle (Felony)
- Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Theft Under \$1,500