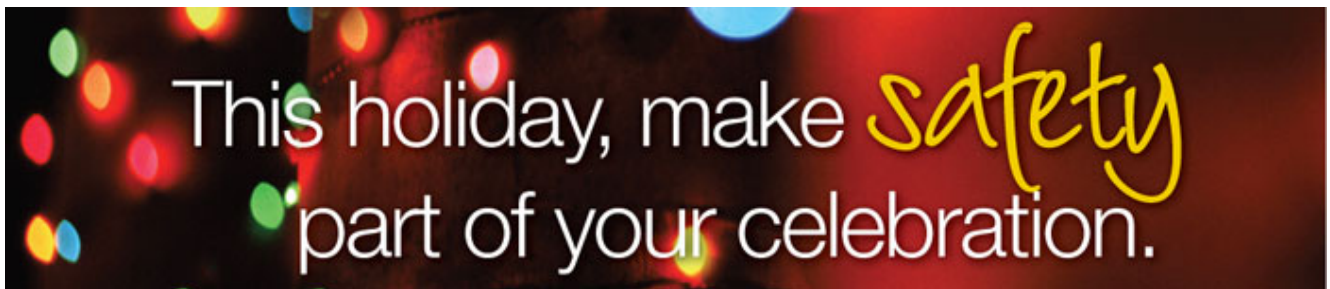


Troopers Urge Vigilance and Safety during the Holiday Season



The holiday season is upon us, and the Delaware State Police urge holiday shoppers to exercise vigilance and caution during the busy shopping season. It is also the season when thieves are frequently on the prowl.

With the goal of preventing criminal activity and protecting holiday shoppers, Troopers will increase visibility statewide with stepped up patrols in shopping centers and malls.

The first line of defense is to reduce your own vulnerability and do what you can to minimize the possibility that you could be a victim of crime. Troopers offer the following safety tips to help contribute to the safety and security of our communities during the holiday season.

Staying Safe While Shopping:

- Park in high visibility and well lit areas. Lock your car and take your keys.
- Stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you.
- Shop with a friend, there is safety in numbers.
- Use credit/debit cards and avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Keep purse close to your body at all times and keep

wallet in your front pocket.

- Be extremely careful using ATM machines. Use them in populated places and pay attention to your surroundings.
- Do not leave purchased items visible in the car-leave them in the trunk.
- Report suspicious people or activity immediately.

Keeping Your Home Safe:

- Keep the outside of your home well lit with doors and windows locked.
- Keep gifts hidden from view through outside windows of your residence.
- After opening gifts, break down the boxes of expensive electronics or other gifts and dispose of in a non-clear garbage bag to hide the fact that you have valuable items in the home.

The Thanksgiving holiday is traditionally one of the busiest travel periods of the year. The Delaware State Police will have an increased number of Troopers patrolling to ensure that everyone is driving with care, and will be offering assistance to motorists in need. Troopers will be targeting aggressive and impaired drivers.

Travel Safety Tips:

- Do not drink and drive! Have a Designated Driver
- Buckle up and make sure all occupants are properly restrained
- Be aware of weather and road conditions
- Keep all doors locked while riding in your car
- Minimize distractions and slow down
- Report aggressive or impaired drivers

Happy Holidays from the Troopers of the Delaware State Police!

Presented by the Director of Public Information, Sergeant Richard Bratz

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**Troopers Seek Public's
Assistance in Identifying
Theft Suspect**



Christiana – Troopers are seeking the public's assistance in attempting to identify a theft suspect.

The female depicted in the surveillance photo is suspected of removing a victim's wallet from her purse while she was eating in the food court of the Christiana Mall with her child. The suspect then used the victim's credit cards in Target to purchase over \$5,000.00 in gift cards.

If anyone has any information in reference to the identity of this individual, they are asked to contact Corporal M. Fiore at 302-633-5000. 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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State Police Drug Investigation Leads to Multiple Arrests-Dagsboro

Dagsboro— The Delaware State Police Sussex County Governor's Task Force (GTF) has arrested four suspects in connection with illegal drug activity at a residence in Diamond Acres.

The initial investigation began On October 31, 2017, after Sussex GTF had received numerous complaints regarding drug activity and drug distribution occurring at a residence located on the 30000 block of Iron Branch Road. Several individuals were arrested on this date for drug dealing and weapons charges after 31 bags (0.217 grams) of heroin,

2.36 grams of cocaine, a .22 caliber rifle and ammunition were seized.

On Tuesday, November 21, 2017, Sussex GTF again responded to the same residence after receiving additional reports of drug activity continuing at the property. Upon arrival, GTF members contacted several individuals to include; 34-year-old **Hasan Oney** of Millsboro, 21-year-old **Edward Thomas** of Millsboro, 26-year-old **Keion Sturgis** of Dagsboro and 45-year-old **Lynnell Drummond** of Dagsboro . A subsequent consent search resulted in the seizure of 390 bags (2.73 grams) of heroin and over \$3,000.00 of suspected drug proceeds.

The four suspects were transported to Troop 4. Oney was charged with Subsequent Offense Drug Dealing Heroin, Bribing a Witness, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was arraigned out of JP3 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$65,250.00 cash bond. Thomas was charged with Possession of Heroin, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Providing a False Statement to Police. He was arraigned out of JP3 and released on \$2,500.00 unsecured bond. Sturgis was charged with Maintaining a Drug Property and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was arraigned out of JP3 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$3,250.00 cash bond. Drummond was charged with Maintaining a Drug Property. She was arraigned out of JP3 and released on \$3,000.00 unsecured bond.

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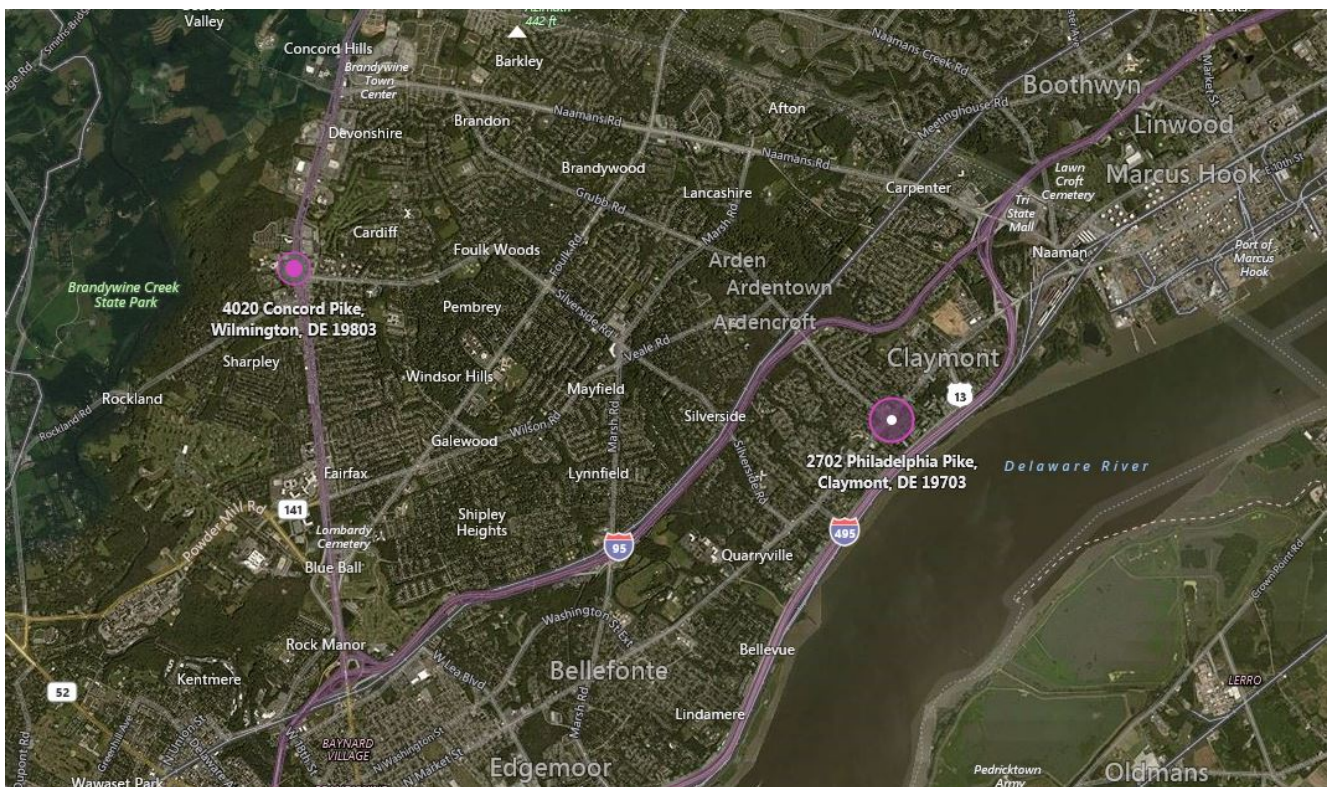
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Melissa Jaffe

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Troopers Investigating Pair of Robberies



Claymont/N. Wilmington (19803) – Troopers are investigating a pair of robberies in the North Wilmington and Claymont areas that occurred overnight.

The first incident occurred at approximately 10:00 p.m., Monday November 20, 2017 at the McDonald's located at 2702

Philadelphia Pike, Claymont, when a male subject entered the restaurant and confronted employees. The suspect was armed with an unknown type handgun and demanded money. The clerks complied and turned over an undisclosed amount of cash before the suspect fled out of the business and ran northbound. The store employees were not injured in the incident.

The suspect was described as a black male, 20-30 years of age, 5'05-5'09" tall, wearing a light color hooded sweatshirt, jeans, and had a mask covering his face (no further physical or clothing description). He was armed with an unknown type handgun.

The second incident occurred at approximately 3:30 a.m., Tuesday November 21, 2017 at the CVS located at 4020 Concord Pike, North Wilmington, when a male subject entered the store and confronted a store employee. The suspect was armed with an unknown type handgun and demanded money. The clerk complied and turned over an undisclosed amount of cash before the suspect fled out of the store. The employee was not injured.

The suspect was described as a black male, 30-35 years of age, 5'08-5'09" tall, 160-180 lbs., wearing a hooded sweatshirt, jeans, and had a mask covering his face (no further physical or clothing description). He was armed with an unknown type handgun.

No surveillance photos are available in either incident.

If anyone has any information in reference to either of these incidents, they are asked to contact the Robbery Unit at Troop 2, Glasgow, at 302-834-2630. 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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Two Arrested in Wilmington Area Bank Robbery

Wilmington (19808) – Delaware State Police detectives have arrested two men in connection with a Wilmington area bank robbery.

The incident occurred at approximately 1:05 p.m., Monday, November 20, 2017, at the Fulton Bank, located at 3812 Kirkwood Highway, when a male subject, dressed in a wig and carrying a purse, entered the bank and provided a demand note to a 25-year-old female teller. The demand note stated that he was armed and also instructed the teller to place money into a bag. The teller complied and turned over an undisclosed amount of money to the suspect who then exited the bank. There were no injuries as a result of the incident.

Through a variety of investigative measures, detectives were able to obtain a description of the suspect. They were also able to identify a brown or gold in color Mitsubishi Lancer as a possible suspect vehicle.

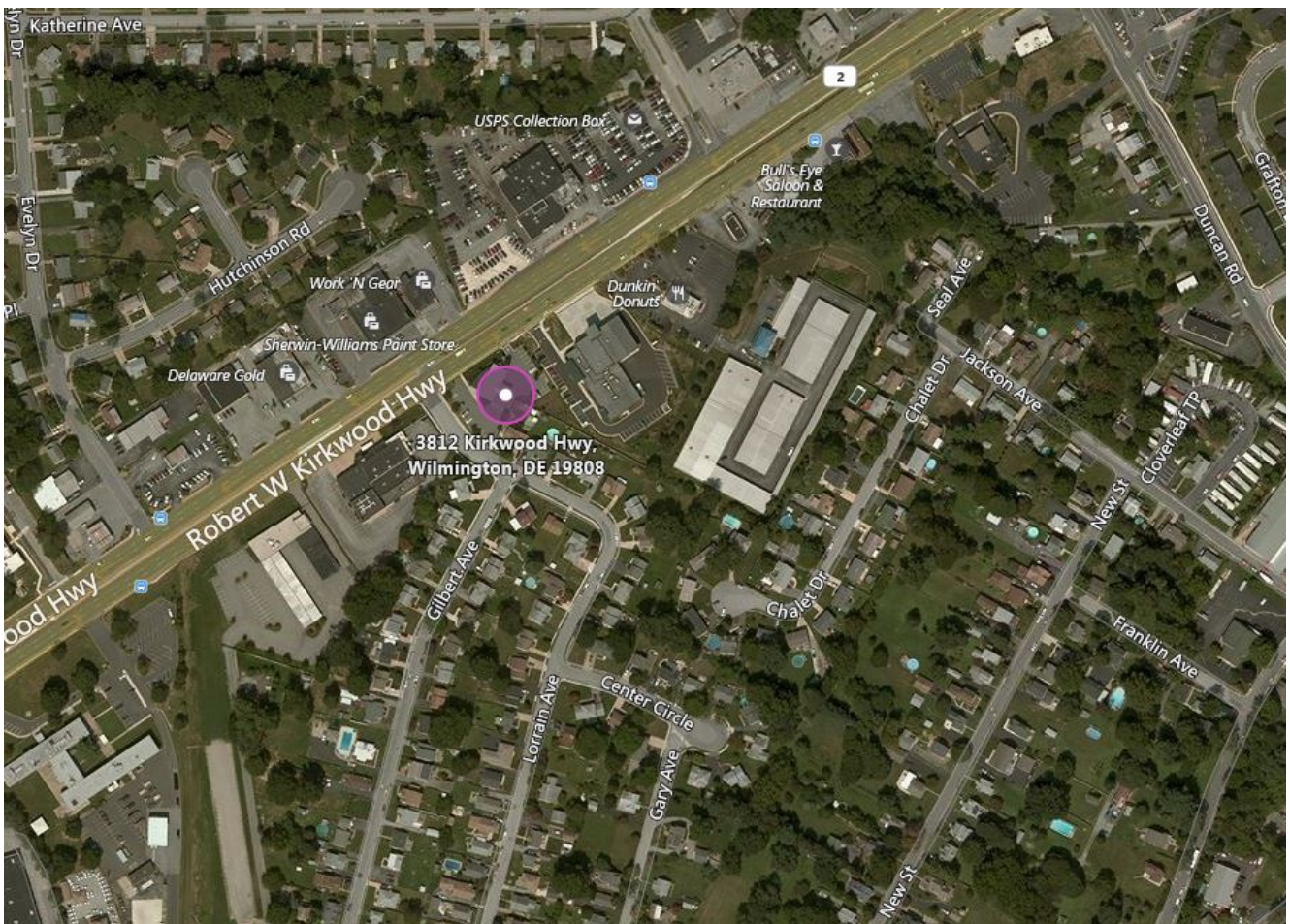
While canvassing the area, troopers located the Mitsubishi Lancer on Concord Pike and a pursuit ensued. At one point, a rear passenger exited the vehicle and began fleeing on foot. That subject, who was identified as **Joseph H. Perkins**, 23 of the Wilmington area, was taken into custody shortly thereafter. Another unidentified male who was seated in the front passenger's seat also fled from the vehicle and has not been located. The driver, who was identified as **Seth Briscoe**, 25 of the Wilmington area, came to a stop in a subdivision off

Concord Pike and was taken into custody without further incident.

Joseph Perkins and Seth Briscoe were transported to Delaware State Police Troop 2 where they were both charged with Robbery 1st and Conspiracy 2nd. Perkins was additionally charged with Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony. They were arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court 11 and committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on \$68,000.00 cash (Perkins) and \$42,000.00 secured (Briscoe).

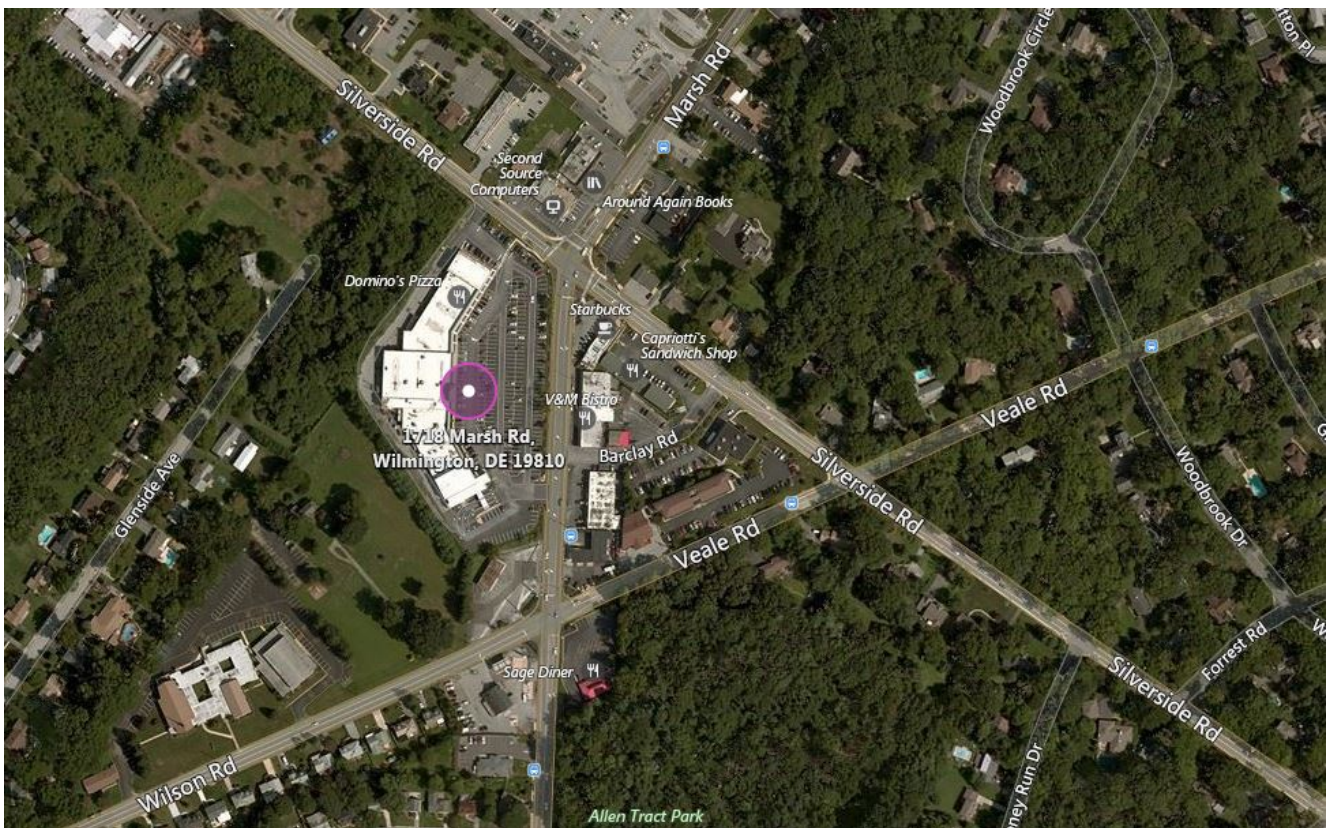
If anyone has information in reference to the identity of the third suspect, they are asked to contact Detective C. Hevelow at 302-365-8471. Information may also be provided by calling [Delaware Crime Stoppers](http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com) at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

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Troopers Investigate Robbery of Wilmington Area Rite Aid



Wilmington (19810) – Troopers are investigating a robbery of a Wilmington area Rite Aid that occurred early Sunday morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 2:55 a.m., Sunday November 19, 2017 at the Rite Aid located at 1718 Marsh Road, as a male subject confronted a male employee as he was standing behind the counter. The suspect was armed with an unknown type handgun and demanded money. The clerk complied and turned over an undisclosed amount of cash before the

suspect fled out of the store and ran southbound. The store employee was not injured in the incident.

The suspect was described as a black male, 20-30 years of age, 5'07-5'11" tall, 190-200 lbs., wearing a dark colored jacket, dark hooded sweatshirt, black pants, and had a mask covering his face (no further physical or clothing description). He was armed with an unknown type handgun.

No surveillance photos available.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident, they are asked to contact the Robbery Unit at Troop 2, Glasgow, at 302-834-2630. Information may also be provided by calling [Delaware Crime Stoppers](http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com) at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

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****Update – Arrest Made** Troopers Seek Public's Assistance in Locating Wanted Subject**

Frederica – The Delaware State Police in conjunction with the Milford Police Department has arrested a man in connection

with multiple robberies, shopliftings and theft charges.

The first incident occurred on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at approximately 11:07 p.m. when Troopers responded to the Canterbury Shore Stop located at 8953 South DuPont Highway in Felton for a report of a shoplifting complaint. Investigation revealed that a white male subject entered the store and asked for two cartons of Newport cigarettes. When the store clerk placed the cartons on the counter, the subject grabbed them and ran out of the store. It was later determined that Milford Police had recently handled a similar incident in their jurisdiction. With their assistance and through video surveillance footage, the suspect was identified as 26-year-old **Douglas F. Coppock** of Frederica.

The second shoplifting incident occurred on Thursday, November 15, 2017 at approximately 9:16 p.m. when Troopers responded to Uncle Willies, located at 12984 South DuPont Highway in Felton for a report of a shoplifting complaint. Investigation revealed that a white male subject requested to purchase one carton of Newport Short Cigarettes. When the store clerk placed the carton on the counter, the subject grabbed the carton of cigarettes and fled out the front entrance of the store. Through photographs and video surveillance footage, Douglas Coppock was again identified as the suspect.

On Tuesday, November 16, 2017, Troopers responded to Coppock's residence in the 100 block of West Front Street in an attempt to serve a warrant. Coppock was located upstairs in the residence and was taken into custody without incident. Coppock was charged with two counts of Shoplifting, two counts of Conspiracy Second, unrelated charges including; Theft, Theft By False Pretense, and Falsifying Business Records, and multiple unrelated charges out of Milford Police Department. He was transported to Troop 3 where he was arraigned out of Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on \$22,0000 secured bail.

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If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll-free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov.

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The suspect was described as a black male, 30-40 years of age, 6'00"-6'02" tall, 190-200 lbs. He was last seen wearing a light colored hooded sweatshirt, dark colored pants, dark colored mask over his face (no further physical or clothing description available). Armed with an unknown type handgun.

No surveillance photos available.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact the Robbery Unit at Troop 2, Glasgow, 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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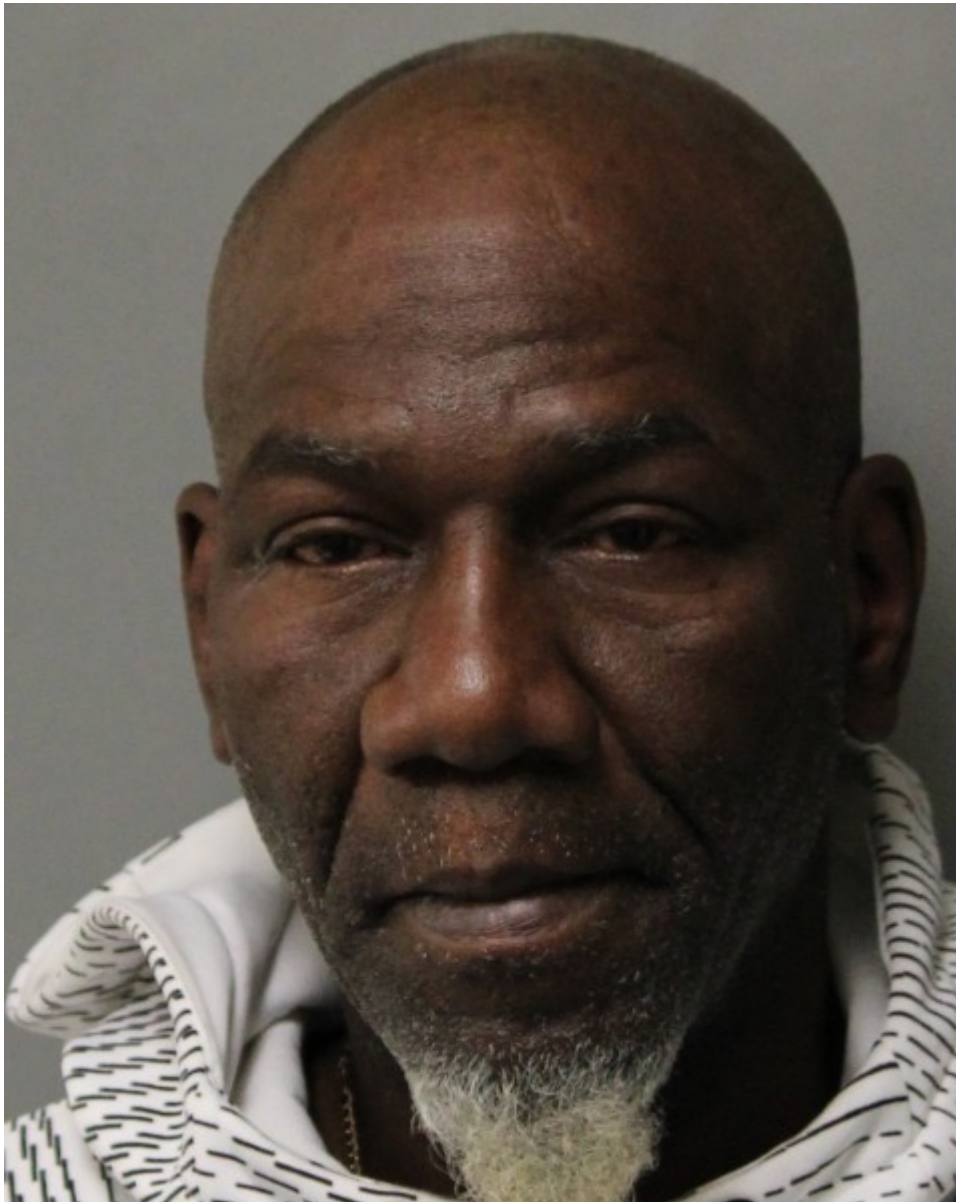
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Troopers Arrest Lincoln Man

for 6th Offense DUI



Kerv

y E. Riley

Ellendale- The Delaware State Police have arrested a Lincoln man after he was found to be operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol for the 6th time.

The incident occurred at approximately 5:24 p.m. on Sunday, November 19, 2017 as a Trooper was traveling southbound on DuPont Boulevard (US 113) north of West Robbins Road and observed a Chevrolet Malibu pulled over on the shoulder of the

roadway with its flashing lights on. The trooper pulled behind the vehicle to check on the occupants. Contact was made with the operator, **Kervy E. Riley**, 53 of Lincoln, and an odor of alcohol was detected. A DUI investigation ensued and Riley was taken into custody and transported back to Troop 4. A computer check revealed Riley had five previous DUI convictions, making this his 6th arrest.

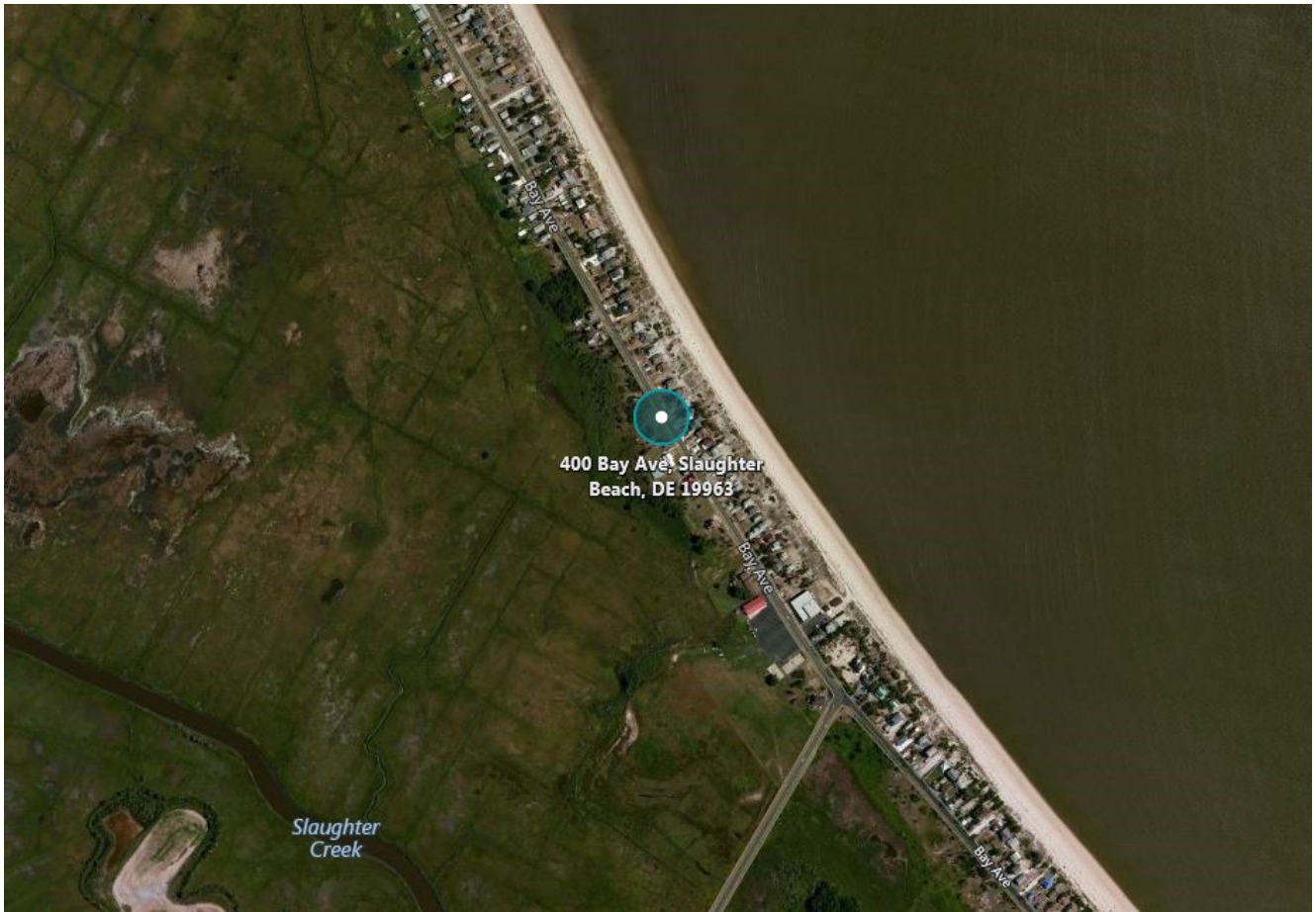
Kervy Riley was charged with 6th Offense Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Driving After Judgment Prohibited, and Driving While Suspended or Revoked. He was arraigned at JP3 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$11,500.00 secured bond.

Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Melissa Jaffe

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Troopers Investigating Shots Fired Complaint in Slaughter Beach



Slaughter Beach – The Delaware State Police are currently investigating an incident in which shots were fired at a residence last evening on Bay Avenue.

The incident occurred at approximately 7:00 p.m., Saturday, November 18, 2017, at a residence in the 400 block of Bay Avenue. The homeowner contacted 9-1-1 after he heard gunshots outside and when he went to investigate, he noticed a bullet hole in the front door of his residence. The homeowner was not injured as a result of this incident.

At this time there are no suspects.

This case remains under investigation and the Delaware State Police is requesting anyone with any information regarding this incident to contact Troop 4, Major Crimes Unit at 302-856-5850. 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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