

***UPDATE - Suspect Vehicle Image* New Castle Woman Dragged by Vehicle During Robbery Attempt**



Green, possibly a Chevrolet Suburban

New Castle (19720) – Delaware State Police detectives are continuing to investigate an attempted purse snatching which left a 65 year old New Castle woman hospitalized.

The incident occurred at approximately 5:08 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 in the parking lot of the Community Plaza Shopping Center located at the intersection of Christiana Road (DE 273) and Airport Road, New Castle.

A 65 year old New Castle woman who had just left the Walgreens Pharmacy, was at the driver's side of her vehicle, in the process of unlocking the door. Before she could enter her vehicle, a green SUV, possibly a Chevrolet Suburban, pulled up alongside her, at which time the passenger reached out the window and grabbed the strap of her purse. Once the passenger had taken hold of the purse the operator of the vehicle accelerated, which in turn dragged the victim to the ground. The victim was able to retain her purse and the vehicle fled on Christiana Road westbound towards Newark. As a result of being knocked to the ground the victim sustained head and hip injuries for which she was transported to the Christiana Hospital for treatment.

The suspects were described as black males in their early 20's, clean

cut and the operator was possibly wearing a black bandana on his head.

The above still image of the suspect vehicle was taken from security camera footage from within the shopping center. No known video of the suspects is available at this time.

If anyone has information regarding this incident they are asked to contact detective D. Dukes of the Troop 2 Robbery Unit at 302-365-8412. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crimestoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

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Troopers Investigating Shots Fired Complaint



Milton – The Delaware State Police is currently investigating an incident in which shots were fired at a residence last evening on Walker Drive.

The incident occurred at approximately 9:05 p.m., Wednesday, November 8, 2017, as troopers responded to the 15000 block of Walker Drive for a report of shots fired in the area. When troopers arrived they were contacted by the homeowner who advised there were multiple gunshots fired at their house. Multiple bullet holes were located on the exterior and interior of the home. None of the residents, to include two adults and three children were injured as a result.

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.

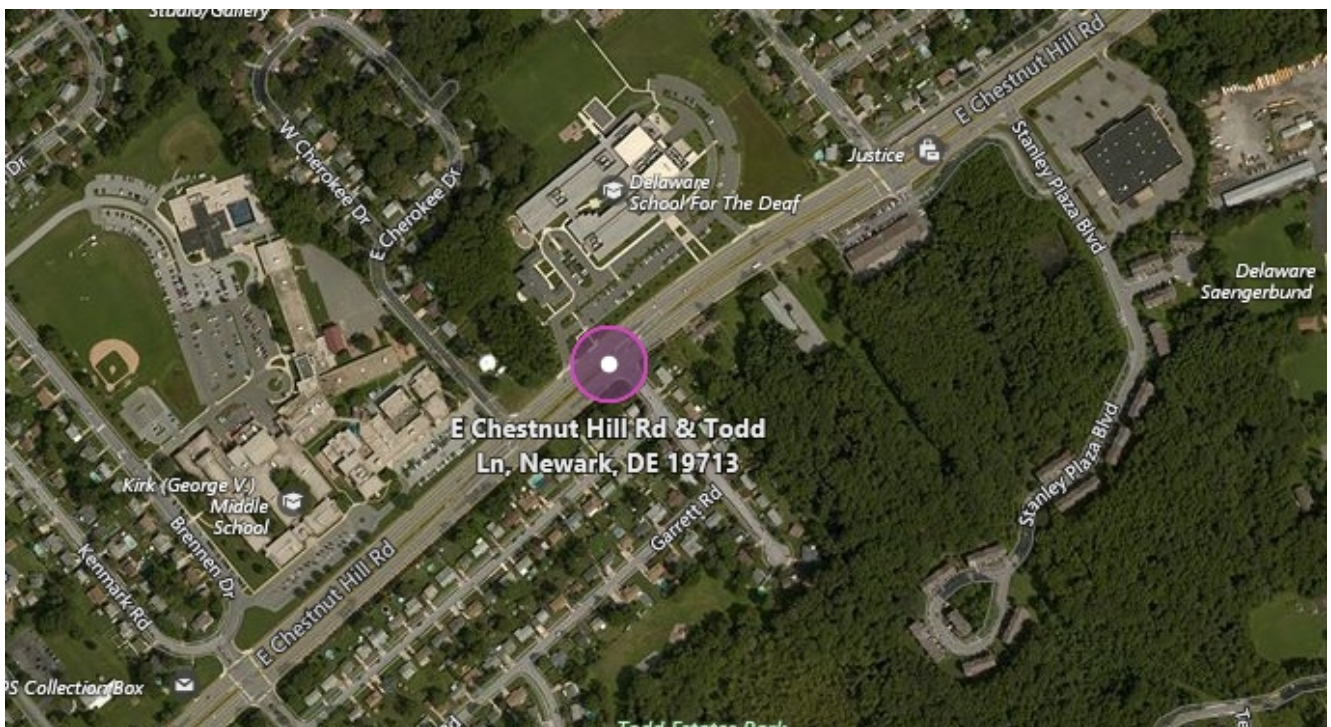
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UPDATE #3 Victim Identified

E. Chestnut Hill Rd. Closed Due To Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash-Newark



Newark (19713) – The Delaware State Police have identified Fred W. Wiley, 77, of Newark as the operator of a Chevrolet Corvette, who was killed in a motor vehicle crash that

occurred at approximately 2:23 p.m., Tuesday November 7, 2017 on E. Chestnut Hill Rd. (DE Rt. 4) in the area of Todd Lane, Newark.

The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing it's investigation into the crash with further details being released as they become available.

Click on the following link to view prior releases:

[*UPDATE #2 TRAFFIC ADVISORY * E. Chestnut Hill Rd. Closed Due To Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash-Newark](#)

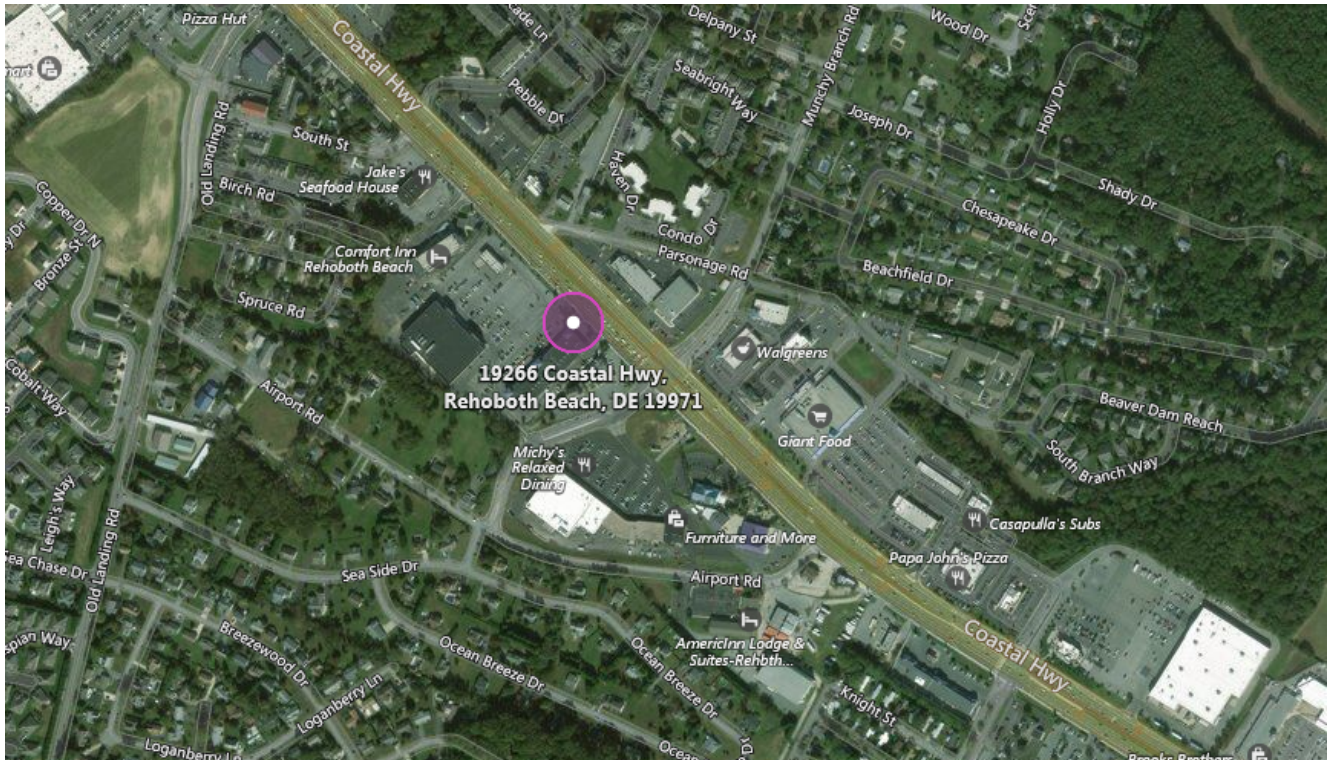
If anyone has information regarding this incident they are asked to contact the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit at 302-365-8483. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

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State Police Investigating Serious Crash Involving Pedestrian – Rehoboth Beach



Rehoboth Beach– The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a serious crash that occurred last evening in a shopping center parking lot.

The incident occurred around 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 7, 2017 as a 50-year-old female from Greenbelt Maryland was operating a 2006 Toyota Camry in the parking lot of Safeway, located at 19266 Coastal Highway. The operator of the Camry was attempting to make a left turn on one of the access roads in order to exit the parking lot. Subsequently, a 72-year-old male pedestrian from Rehoboth Beach was walking through the parking lot attempting to cross the same access road in a westerly direction, directly in the path of the Camry. For unknown reasons, the operator of the Camry failed to see the pedestrian crossing the access road causing the left front of the vehicle to impact the pedestrian. After impact, the pedestrian was projected forward coming to rest in the middle of the access road. The Camry briefly continued westbound before coming to a controlled stop just west of the impact and still in the parking lot of the Safeway. The pedestrian was wearing a red rain coat and the parking lot was dimly lit.

The operator of the Camry identified as 50-year-old **Melissa F.**

Nearing, was properly restrained, not injured and remained on scene. After evidence revealed she was under the influence, a DUI investigation was initiated and she was subsequently charged with Driving A Vehicle Under The Influence Of Alcohol.

The 72-year-old male pedestrian was initially removed from the scene by EMS and transported to Beebe Medical center, however he was later transferred to Christiana Hospital where he remains in critical condition.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. Anyone with information pertaining to this crash is asked to please contact Detective N. DeMalto at 302-703-3267.

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***UPDATE-Arrest Made*Troopers Investigating Attempted Cell Phone Robbery – Bear**

Bear – Delaware State Police detectives have arrested Jamai Payne, 20 of Bear, for his involvement in an attempted robbery which took place during the sale of an Apple I-Phone X, that occurred at approximately 8:45 p.m. on Sunday, November 5, 2017 inside the Hardees restaurant located at 1801 Pulaski Highway, Bear.

Payne was taken into custody at approximately 3:25 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at his Bear area home without incident. A subsequent search of Payne's residence produced further evidence linking him to the robbery.

Payne was transported to Delaware State Police Troop 2 where he was arrested and charged with one count of Attempted Robbery 1st Degree. Payne was then arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #2 before being committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in lieu of \$20,000.00 secured bail.

Click on the following link to view the original release:

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Troopers Investigating Robbery Convenience Store—Millsboro



Millsboro – The Delaware State Police are investigating a robbery of a convenience store that occurred last evening.

The preliminary investigation has determined the incident occurred around 9:07 p.m. Tuesday, November 7, 2017, as a male subject armed with a sharp instrument entered the Shell Food Mart, located at 24851 John J. Williams Highway, formerly known as the Dash In. The suspect approached the clerk at the counter and demanded cash from the register. The employee complied with the suspect's demands and the suspect was able to remove an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect fled the store in an unknown direction. The clerk was not injured.

The suspect is described a black male approximately 5'5" to 5'6" tall, wearing dark colored clothing, and armed with a

sharp instrument. (no further physical or clothing description available).

No surveillance photos are available.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact Troop 4 Major Crimes Unit at 302-856-5850 or Detective K. McCabe at 302-752-3798. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

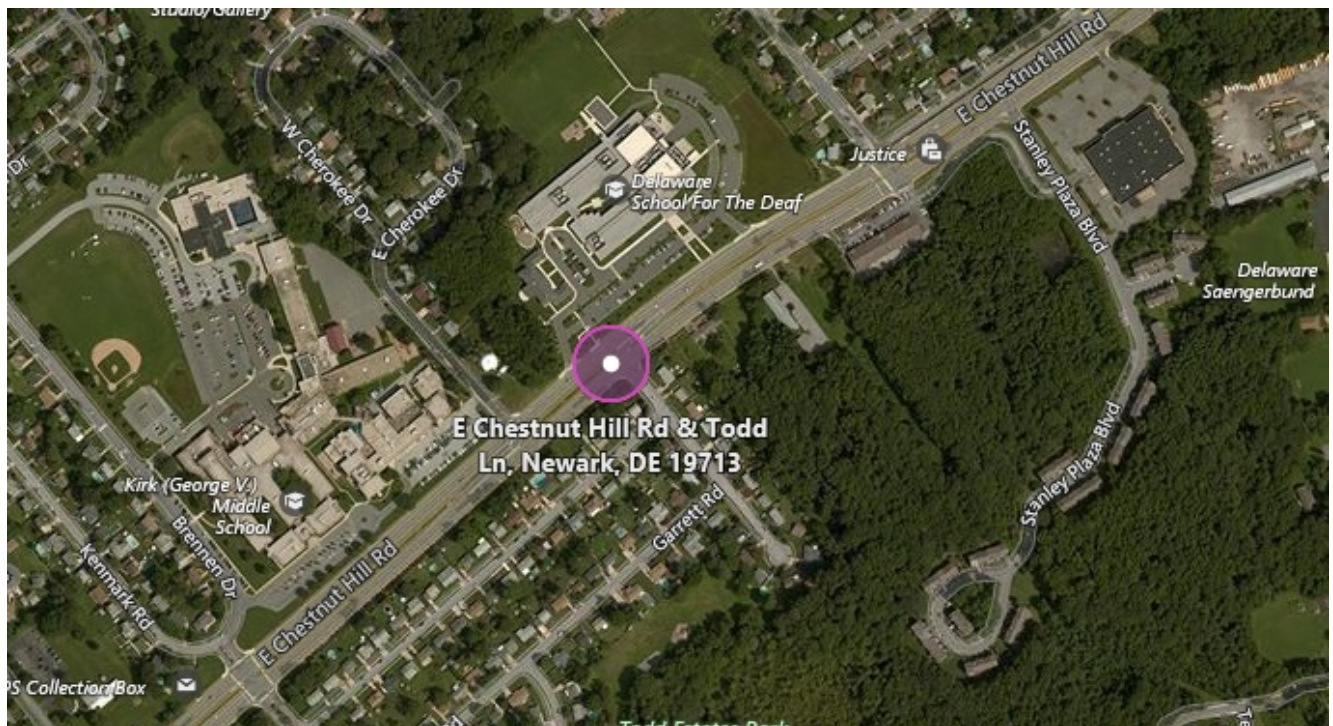
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***UPDATE #2 TRAFFIC ADVISORY *
E. Chestnut Hill Rd. Closed
Due To Fatal Motor Vehicle**

Crash-Newark



Newark (19713) – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 2:23 p.m., Tuesday November 7, 2017 on E. Chestnut Hill Rd. (DE Rt. 4) in the area of Todd Lane, Newark.

The investigation has determined that a 2014 Kia Sorento, operated by a 38 year old Newark man was traveling eastbound on E. Chestnut Hill Road in the right lane, approaching Todd Lane. A 1975 Chevrolet Corvette, operated by a 77 year old Newark man, exited Todd Lane, onto E. Chestnut Hill Road, directly into the path of the Kia, at which time the front end of the Kia struck the drivers side door of the Chevrolet. After the impact the Kia continued in an easterly direction, coming to a stop on the shoulder of E. Chestnut Hill Road. The Chevrolet spun in a counter clock-wise direction and came to a stop in the E. Chestnut Hill Road, westbound, left turn lane for Todd Lane.

The operator of the Kia who was wearing a seatbelt, was

treated at Christiana Hospital for non-life threatening injuries.

The operator of the Chevrolet who was not wearing a seatbelt was transported to Christiana Hospital where he was pronounced dead. His name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

E. Chestnut Hill Road was closed for approximately two hours.

If anyone has information regarding this incident they are asked to contact 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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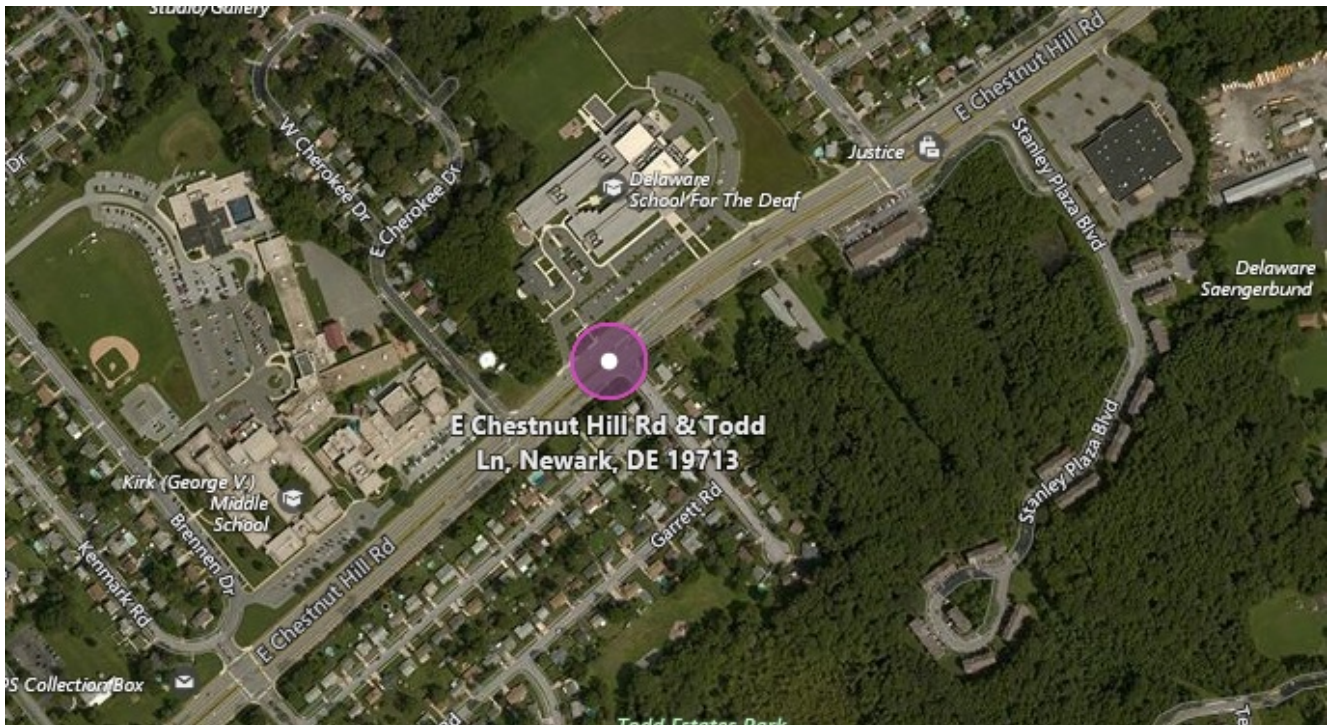
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***UPDATE TRAFFIC ADVISORY * E. Chestnut Hill Rd. Closed Due To Serious Motor Vehicle Crash-Newark**



Newark (19713) – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a serious motor vehicle crash which occurred at approximately 2:23 p.m., Tuesday November 7, 2017, which had E. Chestnut Hill Road (DE Rt. 4) in the area of Todds Lane, Newark, completely closed.

At this time all lanes of E. Chestnut Hill Road have been re-opened.

The investigation is ongoing and further details will be released as they become available.

If anyone has information regarding this incident they are asked to contact 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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Troopers Investigating Attempted Cell Phone Robbery – Bear



Bear – Delaware State Police are investigating an attempted robbery which took place during the sale of an Apple I-Phone X, which was pre-arranged via the internet.

The incident occurred at approximately 8:45 p.m. on Sunday, November 5, 2017 inside the Hardees restaurant located at 1801 Pulaski Highway, Bear. A 27 year old New Castle man made

arrangements via the on-line app "Offer Up" to sell an I-Phone X to an unknown individual. The two subjects met at the Hardees, which was the mutually agreed upon location, and initiated the transaction. As the victim was displaying the phone, the suspect snatched it and attempted to flee. The victim was able to grab the suspect at which time a brief struggle ensued with the victim being punched in the face. During the altercation the phone dropped to the ground, and the victim was able to retain possession of it. The suspect then fled the restaurant, and was last seen running southbound across Pulaski Highway (US 40).

The suspect is described as a black male, 20-25 years of age, 5'8"-5'9" tall, weighing 150-180 pounds, wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt and unknown color hat.

The victim was evaluated on-scene by EMS but refused medical treatment.

If anyone has information regarding this incident they are asked to contact Detective W. Harris at 302-365-8428.

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>

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.

The Delaware State Police would like to offer a few safety tips for citizens to keep in mind when conducting such transactions:

- ***Citizens who want to meet a buyer or seller should do so***

during daylight hours.

- *Do not go to a transaction alone.*
- *Make sure a friend or family member is aware of the transaction details.*
- *Insist on meeting in a public area where cameras are located. You can always conduct transactions in Troop or Police Department parking lots.*
- *Do not go into someone else's home, and do not allow them into yours.*
- *If someone is not willing to meet you in a public area, during daylight areas, it is probably not a legitimate transaction*
- *Trust your instincts.*

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***Update* Troopers Seek Public's Assistance in Identifying Robbery Suspect-Rehoboth Beach**

Rehoboth Beach- The Delaware State Police are seeking the public's assistance in attempting to identify the subject in

these surveillance photographs who was involved in the robbery of a gas station.

The incident occurred around 7:05 p.m. Monday, November 6, 2017, as a male subject armed with a sharp instrument entered the Valero Gas Station located at 20880 Coastal Highway Rehoboth Beach, DE . The suspect approached the clerk at the counter and demanded cash from the register. The employee complied with the suspect's demands and the suspect was able to remove an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect fled the store in an unknown direction. The clerk was not injured.

The suspect (pictured) is described a black male approximately 5'4" to 5'6" tall, wearing dark colored clothing, and armed with a sharp instrument.

If anyone has any information in reference to the identity of the suspect they are asked to contact Troop 4 Major Crimes Unit at 302-856-5850 or Detective D. Cathell at 302-752-3793. 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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