

# Troopers Investigating Burglary At North Wilmington Self Storage Facility

*Wilmington (19802)* – Delaware State Police are investigating the burglary of multiple storage units at the Sentinel Self Storage facility, located at 333 E. Lea Blvd., Wilmington.

Troopers responded to the storage facility at approximately 9:27 a.m. on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 after a 911 call was made to report a break-in. The investigation, which is in its early stages, has determined that between the hours of approximately 11:30 p.m. on Monday, October 23 and 4:35 a.m. on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, two unknown suspects wearing dark clothing gained access to the interior of the storage facility property by cutting a hole in a perimeter fence. Once inside the fence-line they made forcible entry into multiple storage units.

Troopers are in the process of determining the exact number of units affected as well as contacting victims in order to compile an inventory of stolen property.

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

Information regarding this incident can be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

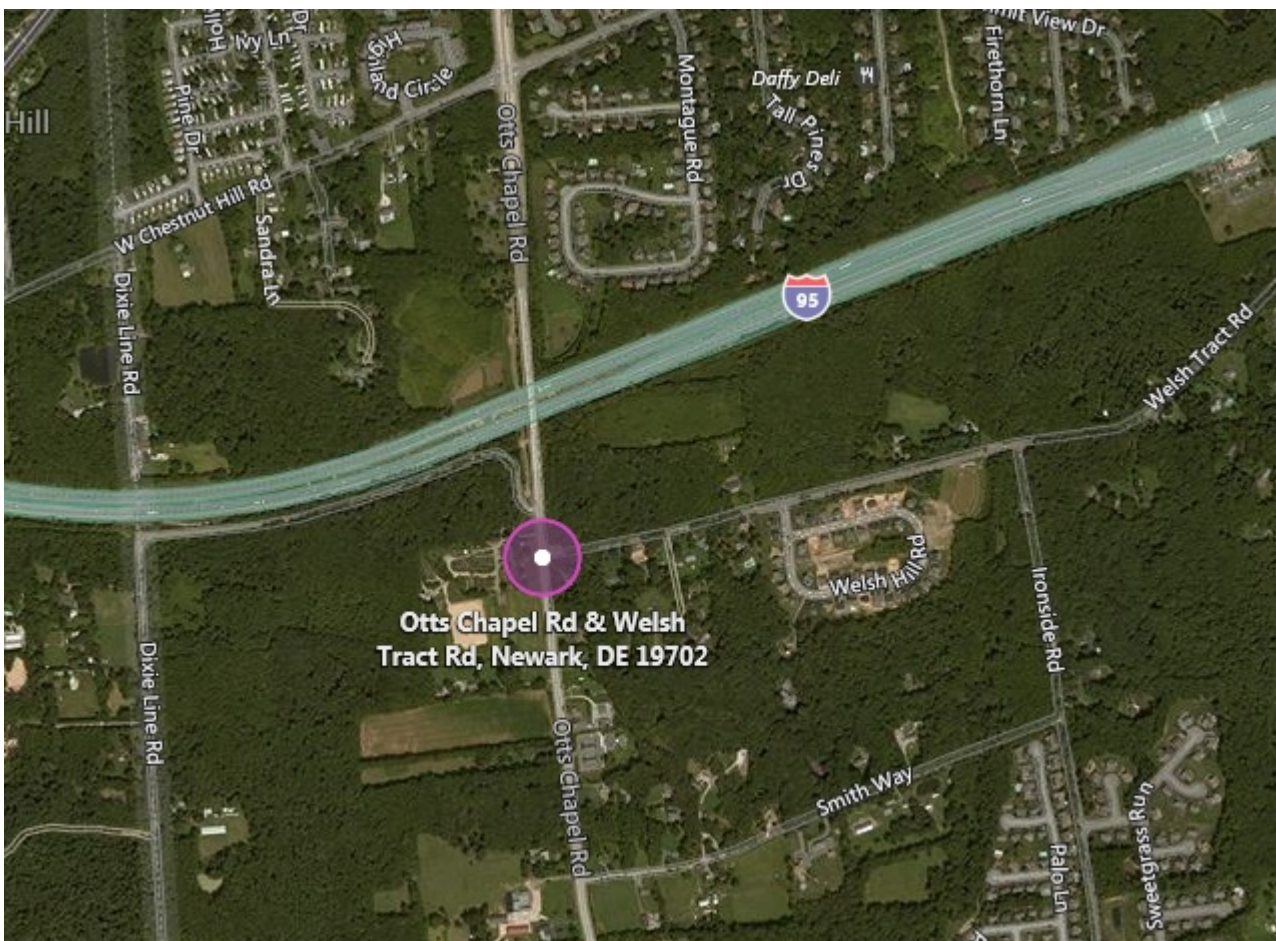
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# **\*UPDATE\*** Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash On Otts Chapel Rd. - Newark



**Newark** – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash that took place on Otts Chapel, over top of I-95 in Newark.

The investigation has determined that at approximately 7:39 a.m. on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 a 2008 Toyota Camry driven by a 93 year old Newark man, was traveling Otts Chapel Rd. northbound just prior to the I-95 overpass. The Toyota drifted off the right side of the roadway, with the right side of the vehicle striking a guardrail. After impacting the guardrail the Toyota veered left into the southbound lanes of Otts Chapel Rd. directly into the path of a 1999 Honda Civic driven by a 23 year old, Port Deposit Maryland man, at which time the vehicles collided head on.

As a result of the collision a 51 year old Port Deposit man, who was the front seat passenger in the Honda, was transported to Christiana Hospital where he died from his injuries. His name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The operator of the Honda was transported to Christiana Hospital and treated for non-life threatening injuries. A 28 year old Port Deposit man, who was a rear seat passenger in the Honda was transported to Christiana Hospital where he was being treated for serious injuries.

The operator of the Toyota was transported to Christiana Hospital where he was also being treated for serious injuries.

Otts Chapel Rd. between W. Chestnut Hill Rd. and Welsh Tract Rd. was closed for approximately three hours as a result of the crash.

Drug or alcohol use is not being considered a factor on behalf of either operator.

The investigation is ongoing and no charges have been filed at this time. Further details will be released as they become available.

If anyone has information regarding this incident they are

asked to contact Cpl. J. Forester of the Collision Reconstruction Unit at 302-365-8485.

Click on the following link to view the original release.  
**<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2017/10/24/traffic-advisory-troopers-investigating-serious-crash-in-newark-otts-chapel-rd-closed>**

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# **Keep Safety a Priority this Halloween Season**



The Delaware State Police would like to remind parents, children, and motorists to remain vigilant and keep safety a top priority during this Halloween Season.

### **Motorist Safety:**

- Motorists are being asked to not only drive with extreme caution, but also to drive extra slow in neighborhoods and residential areas.
- Children will be walking house to house and depending on the availability of sidewalks, may be near or actually on the roadway.
- With all the trick or treating excitement, children may inadvertently dart across the street into the path of moving vehicles.

### **Trick or Treating Safety:**

- Children should never go trick or treating alone, they should always have a parent or a group of friends with them at all times.
- Stay off the main roadways.
- Costumes should always fit properly.
- Consider face paint instead of masks as they can obstruct a child's vision.
- Trick or Treaters should always carry a flashlight.
- For added visibility consider using "glow sticks" and/or reflective tape attached to the costumes or bags.
- Before crossing the street, always look in both directions twice to make sure there is no vehicular traffic.

## **Parents are encouraged to review the Delaware Sex Offender Registry**

Parents can find accurate information regarding the presence of sex offenders in their neighborhoods by visiting the Delaware Sex Offender Registry online at:

<http://desexoffender.dsp.delaware.gov/SexOffenderPublic/#>

Parents are encouraged to review the list of registered sex offenders living near their neighborhood. The Neighborhood Search and Mapping feature found on the website pinpoints exactly where an offender lives, therefore, educating the public on which house to avoid while trick-or-treating.

The Delaware State Police Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration (SOAR) Unit will be working in conjunction with Probation and Parole ensuring that registered sex offenders are not participating in the Halloween activities and are in compliance with requirements.

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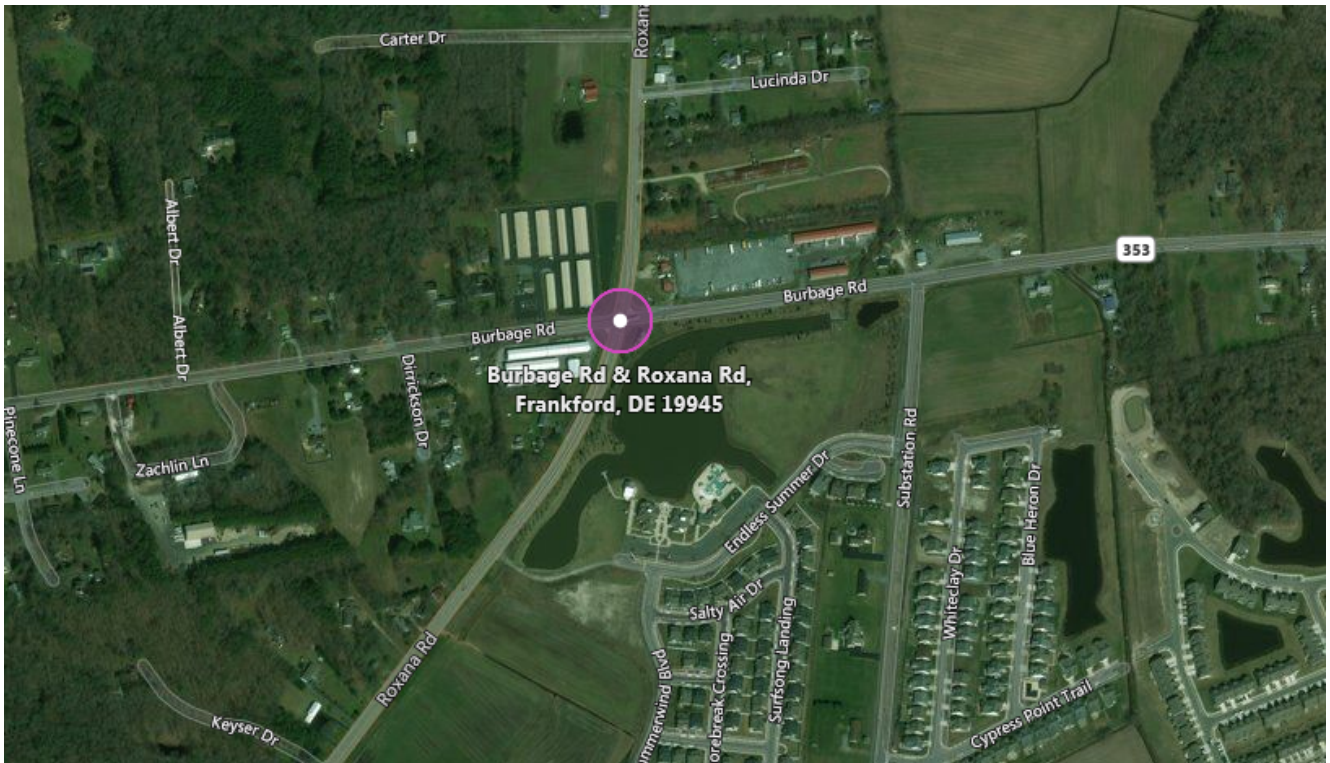
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# Troopers Investigate Robbery of Man in Frankford



**Frankford** – Delaware State Police are currently investigating a robbery of a 28-year old male while his vehicle was disabled along a Sussex County roadway.

The incident occurred on Monday, October 23, 2017 at approximately 10:59 p.m. as a 28-year old Willards, Maryland man was stopped along Roxana Road due his vehicle becoming disabled. Two male subjects stopped and made contact with the victim as if they were going to provide him with assistance. The two male suspects returned to their own vehicle and one of them retrieved a handgun. The victim was then ordered at gun point to get down on the ground. As the victim was down on the ground, he was struck in the head with the handgun by one of the suspects. The suspects removed a wallet and jewelry from the victim and an undisclosed amount of cash was taken from his vehicle. The suspects fled in an unknown make and model vehicle, southbound on Roxana Road.

The victim sustained a minor injury to his head and refused medical treatment at the scene.

The suspect with the handgun was described as a white male, 25-30 years of age, 6'00" to 6'02" tall, 190-200 pounds, wearing a light colored shirt and gray sweatpants. No description was provided on the second suspect or the vehicle in which they fled.

If anyone has information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact the 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 <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

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# Troopers Investigating Armed Robbery Of North Wilmington BP Gas Station



**Wilmington (19802)** – Delaware State Police are investigating an armed robbery which took place at the BP gas station located at 3507 Miller Rd., Wilmington.

The incident occurred at approximately 7:06 a.m. on Monday, October 23, 2017 when a black female entered the BP gas station and confronted a 41 year old male employee behind the sales counter. The female displayed a black unknown make and model handgun and ordered the employee to place all the money from the register into a plastic bag. The employee complied with the demand, turning over an undisclosed amount of money. The employee was then ordered to place an unknown quantity of lottery tickets and cigarettes into the bag as well. After

obtaining the money and merchandise, the suspect fled on foot in an unknown direction. The employee was uninjured as a result of the incident.

**The suspect is described as a black female with a dark complexion, 20-25 years of age, 6'00", 160 lbs., wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and black pants.**

If anyone has information regarding this incident they are 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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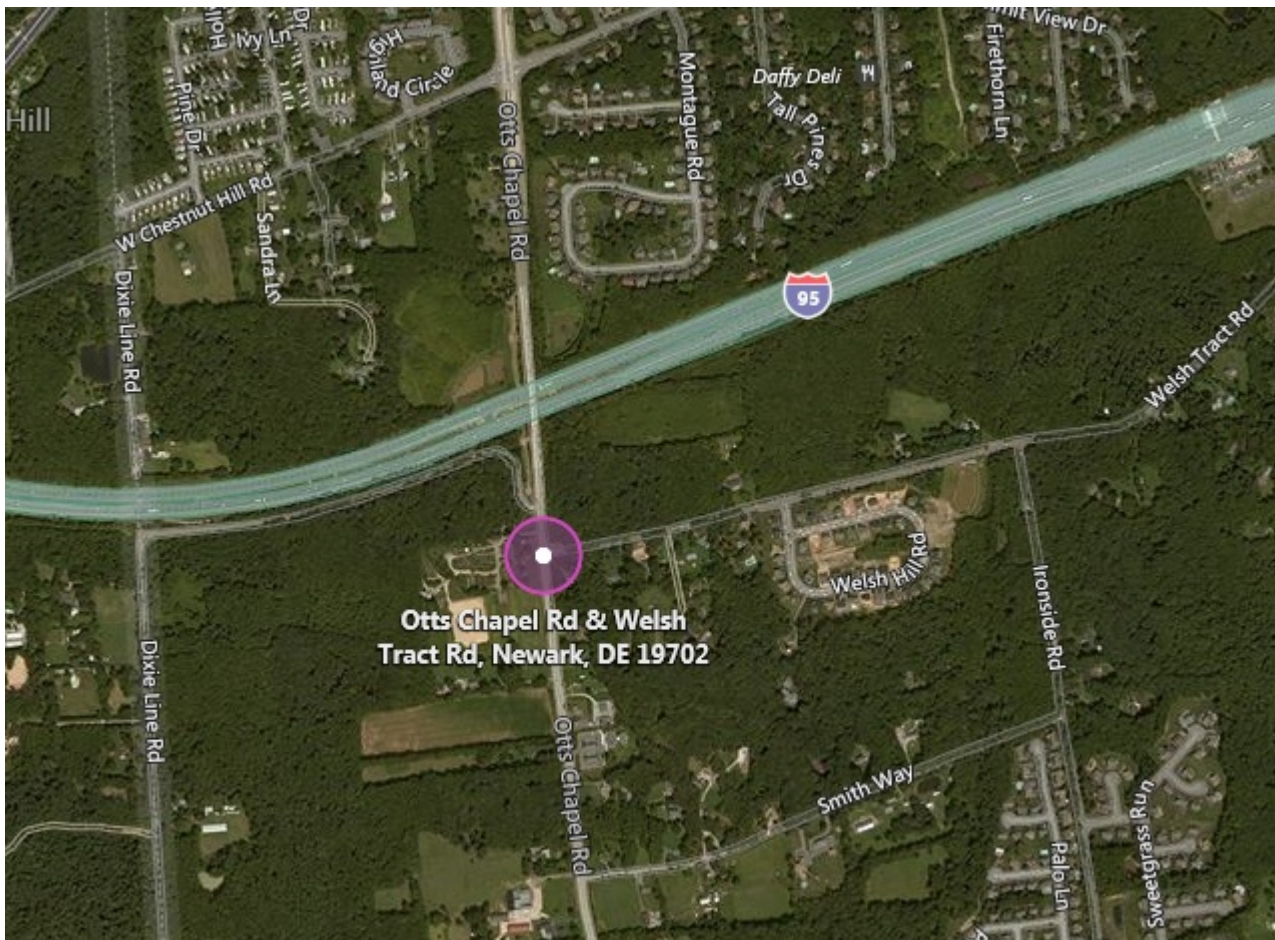
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**\*TRAFFIC ADVISORY\* Troopers Investigating Serious Crash**

# In Newark-Otts Chapel Rd. Closed



**Newark** – Delaware State Police are currently on scene of a serious motor vehicle crash on Otts Chapel Rd. in Newark. Otts Chapel Rd. is completely shut down between W. Chestnut Hill Rd. and Welsh Tract Rd.

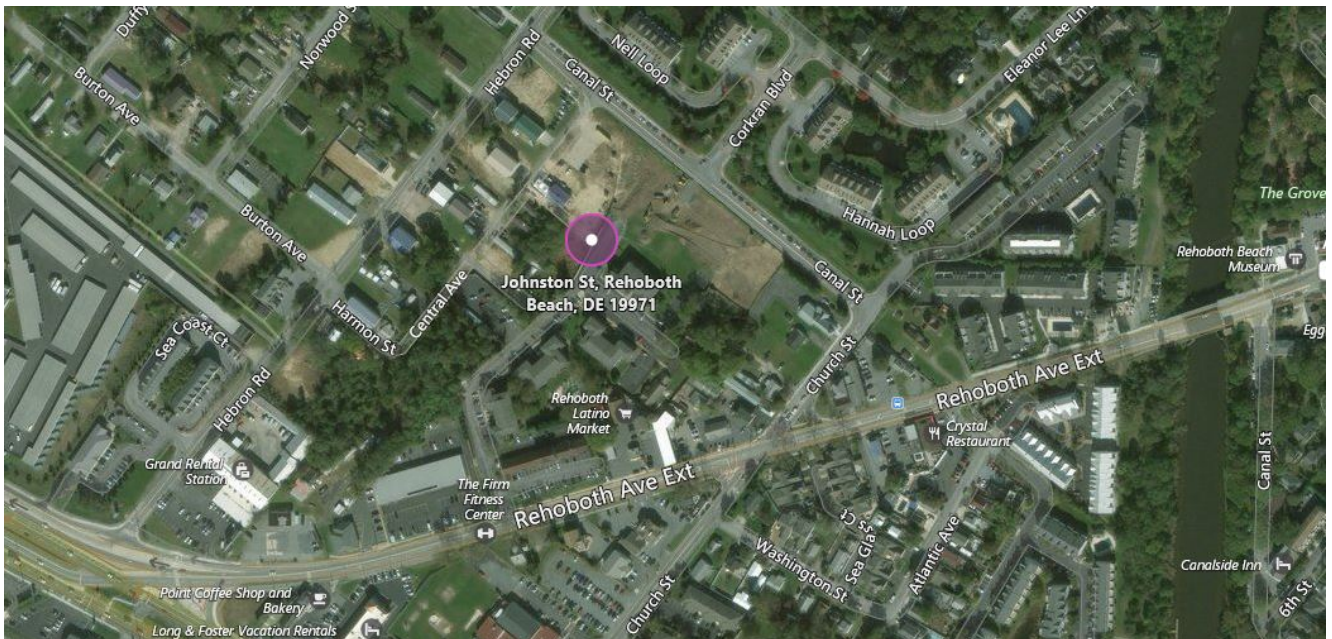
Expect delays in the area and seek alternate routes of travel. Further details will be released as they become available.

Please follow the Real Time Travel Advisories through DelDOT to get updates on the road opening by clicking: [http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel\\_advisory/index.shtml#advisories](http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel_advisory/index.shtml#advisories).

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# Troopers Investigating Shooting in West Rehoboth



**West Rehoboth** – The Delaware State Police are currently on the scene of a shooting that occurred earlier this evening in West Rehoboth.

The incident was reported around 7:45 p.m. Monday October 23, 2017, when calls of gunfire in the 37000 block of Johnston Street were received by the Sussex County Emergency Operations Center (9-1-1) . When troopers arrived, an adult male victim was located with a gunshot wound to a lower extremity. He was transported to an area hospital where he is being treated for an apparent non-life-threatening wound.

At this time, no suspects have been developed.

This investigation is still in the early stages and detectives are continuing to conduct interviews and collect evidence at the scene to determine the circumstances surrounding this incident. Additional information and investigative details will be disseminated as soon as it becomes available and the investigation progresses.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident, they are asked to contact the Detective T. Boyce at 302-752-3792. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at [www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com](http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com).

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# Troopers Arrest Houston Man For 5th Offense DUI

**Greenwood-** The Delaware State Police have arrested a Houston man after he was involved in a single vehicle crash and found to be under the influence of alcohol for the 5<sup>th</sup> time.

The incident occurred at approximately 4:53 p.m. Sunday, October 22, 2017 as troopers were dispatched to the 9000 block of Memory Road, Greenwood in reference to a single vehicle crash into a tree.

Upon the troopers arrival, contact was made with the operator, **Daniel E. Taylor**, 48 of Houston, and a DUI investigation ensued after an odor of alcohol was detected . A computer check revealed he had four previous DUI convictions (12/05/12, 10/05/00, 10/09/96, and 08/16/91); this arrest would make #5.

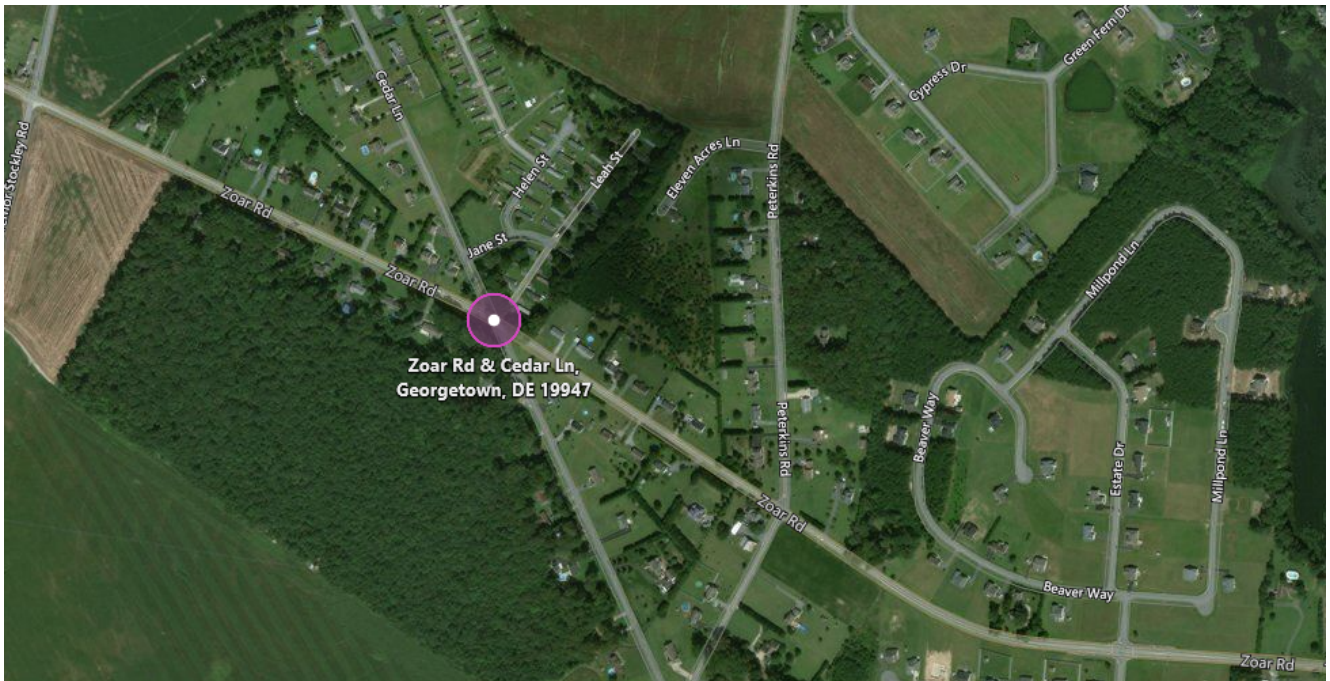
Daniel Taylor was transported back to Troop 5 in Bridgeville where he was charged with 5th Offense Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Inattentive Driving, Drive/Move or Knowingly Permit an Unsafe Motor Vehicle, Operating a Motor Vehicle in Violation of Restrictions, and Failure to Have Insurance Identification in Possession.

He was arraigned at JP3 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$6103.00 cash only bond.

*Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Melissa Jaffe*

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# Troopers Investigate Personal Injury Hit and Run Crash In Georgetown



Georgetown – Troopers are seeking the public’s assistance in attempting to identify a vehicle involved in a personal injury hit and run crash that occurred in the area of Zoar Road and Cedar Lane.

The incident occurred around 7:30 p.m. Sunday, October 22, 2017 when a 61-year-old Georgetown female stopped on Zoar Road in the area of Cedar Lane and exited her vehicle in an attempt to move a wheelbarrow out of the center of the road. As the women was standing in the roadway, she was struck by a vehicle

that was traveling westbound on Zoar Road. The vehicle, which was described by witnesses as a white Ford construction van, failed to stop and continued westbound on Zoar Road.

The female victim was transported to Nanticoke Hospital where she was treated and released with non-life threatening injuries.

If anyone has any information in reference to the suspect vehicle, they are asked to contact Corporal R. Albert at 302-752-3861. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at [www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com](http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com).

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## **\*\*Update\*\* Troopers Seek Public's Assistance In Identifying Theft Suspects**

**Georgetown** – State Police are requesting assistance in locating Samantrece M. Phillips, 27 of Frankford, and Patrice S. Bratton, 26 of Frankford, who are wanted for multiple counts of Felony Theft of a Senior, Criminal Trespass, and Conspiracy.

Phillips and Bratton are wanted in connection with thefts from motor vehicles along Leah Street in Fish Hook Mobile Home Park that occurred on Sunday, September 24, 2017.

If anyone has any information on the location of the above suspects, they are asked to contact Detective T. Powell at 302-752-3807. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at [www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com](http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com).

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