

A Donation Drive for Puerto Rico Accepted at Delaware State Police Troops

WILMINGTON, Del. – Governor John Carney, the Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA), Delaware State Police, and Delaware Citizen Corps, in conjunction with the International Longshoremen's Association and the Port of Wilmington, announced on Thursday a campaign to gather donated supplies to aid relief efforts in Puerto Rico.

The Delaware State Police is extending our community outreach by helping the people of Puerto Rico affected by Hurricane Maria. DSP Troops throughout the state are accepting donations which can be brought to any Delaware State Police Troop by October 18, 2017. (See Attached Flyer)

Click on: [DEMA-DSP PR Flyer_40ct2017_V3 \(003\)](#)

As part of our community service initiative we will be collecting donated items from the public. A box will be placed in the lobby of each Troop. All donations collected will be taken to the Port of Wilmington at the conclusion of the event to be sent to Puerto Rico.

Donation drop-off locations:

- Troop 1: 603 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington, DE 19809
- Troop 2: 100 Lagrange Ave, Newark, DE 19702
- Troop 3: 3759 South State Street, Camden, DE 19934
- Troop 4: 23652 Shortly Rd, Georgetown, DE 19947
- Troop 5: 9265 Public Safety Way, Bridgeville, DE 19933
- Troop 6: 3301 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, DE 19808

□ Troop 7: 18006 Coastal Highway, Lewes, DE 19958

□ Troop 9: 414 Main Street, Odessa, DE 19730

If you have any questions or need to contact any of the Troopers in the Community Outreach Unit, their information by region is listed below:

(New Castle County)

Sergeant Wes Barnett

302-672-5465 or John.Barnett@delaware.gov

Corporal/1 Heather Imhof

(Kent and Southern New Castle County)

302-698-8520

Master Corporal Ricky Hargis

(Eastern Sussex County)

302-752-3804

Corporal/2 Juanita Huey-Smith

(Western Sussex County)

302-232-3459

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****Update #2 – Name Released** State Police Investigating Serious Crash, Lewes**

Lewes – The Delaware State Police are releasing the name of the driver of the Toyota pickup truck involved in yesterday's fatal crash south of Lewes as Thomas C. Frederick, 40 of Lewes.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident.

[Click to view: **Update #1** State Police Investigating Serious Crash, Lewes](#)

[Click to view original release: **Traffic Advisory** State Police Investigating Serious Crash, Lewes](#)

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

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****Traffic Advisory** Overturned Dump Truck North of Millsboro**

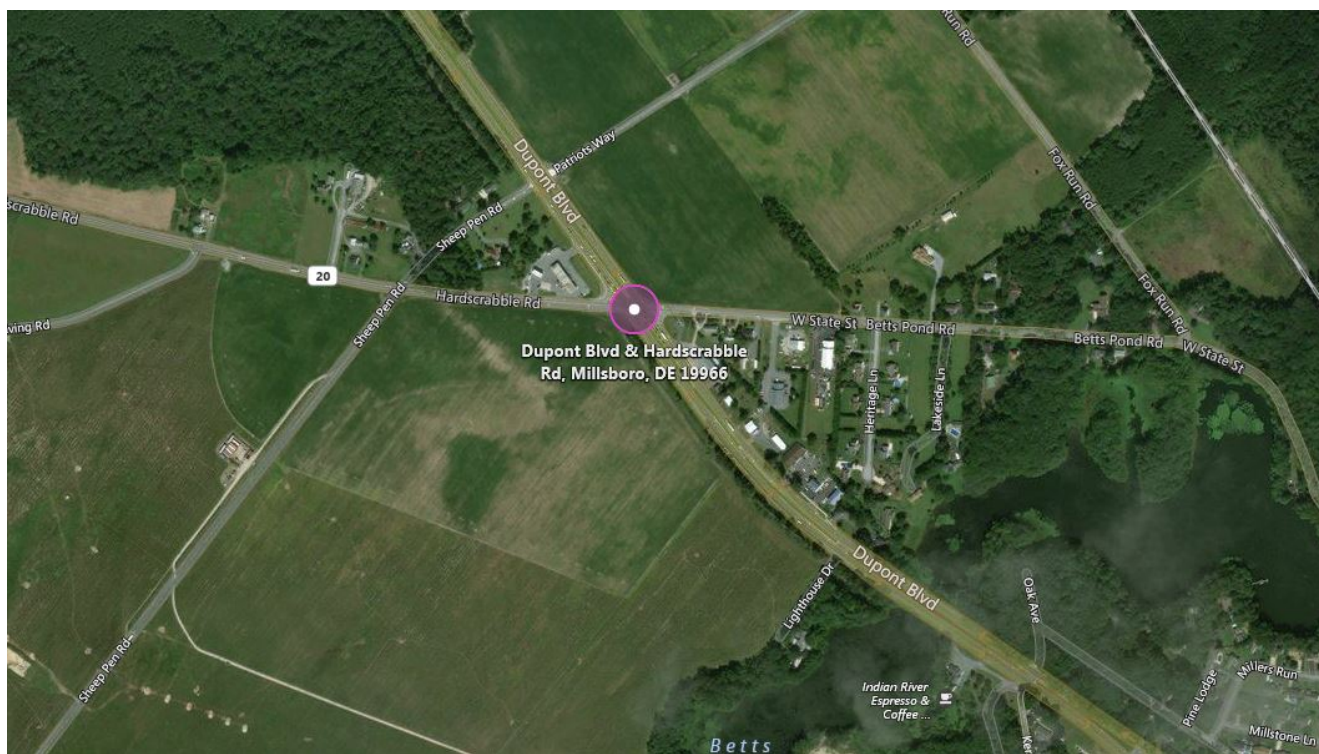


Millsboro – Troopers are currently on the scene of a crash north of Millsboro that involves an overturned dump truck.

The incident occurred around 7:26 a.m. Tuesday October 10, 2017 just south of the intersection of DuPont Boulevard (US113) southbound and Hardscrabble Road (SR20) and involves a dump truck that was carrying sand and an SUV. Injuries have been reported in the crash, however, the exact number and extent of the injuries is unknown at this time.

The left lane of US113 southbound is currently closed. Commuters should expect delays in the area and find alternate routes of travel.

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.



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****Update #1** State Police Investigating Serious Crash, Lewes**

Lewes – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash that occurred earlier this afternoon south of Lewes

The incident occurred around 1:19 p.m. Monday October 9, 2017 as a 40-year-old Lewes man was operating a 2000 Toyota Tundra northbound on Coastal Highway (SR1) in the left lane just south of Dartmouth Drive. A 25-year-old Lewes female was operating a 2015 Chrysler 200 sedan southbound on Coastal Highway in the left lane in the same general vicinity. For undetermined reasons, the Tundra crossed the grass median into the southbound lanes and struck the Chrysler head-on in the left lane.

The 40-year-old operator of the Tundra was not properly restrained and was transported by EMS to Beebe Healthcare where he was pronounced dead. His name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The 25-year-old female operator of the Chrysler was properly restrained and transported by EMS to Beebe Healthcare where she was treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. Impairment may be a factor on behalf of the operator of the Tundra. The two left lanes of SR1 southbound and the far left lane of SR1 northbound, south of Dartmouth Drive were closed for two and a half hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

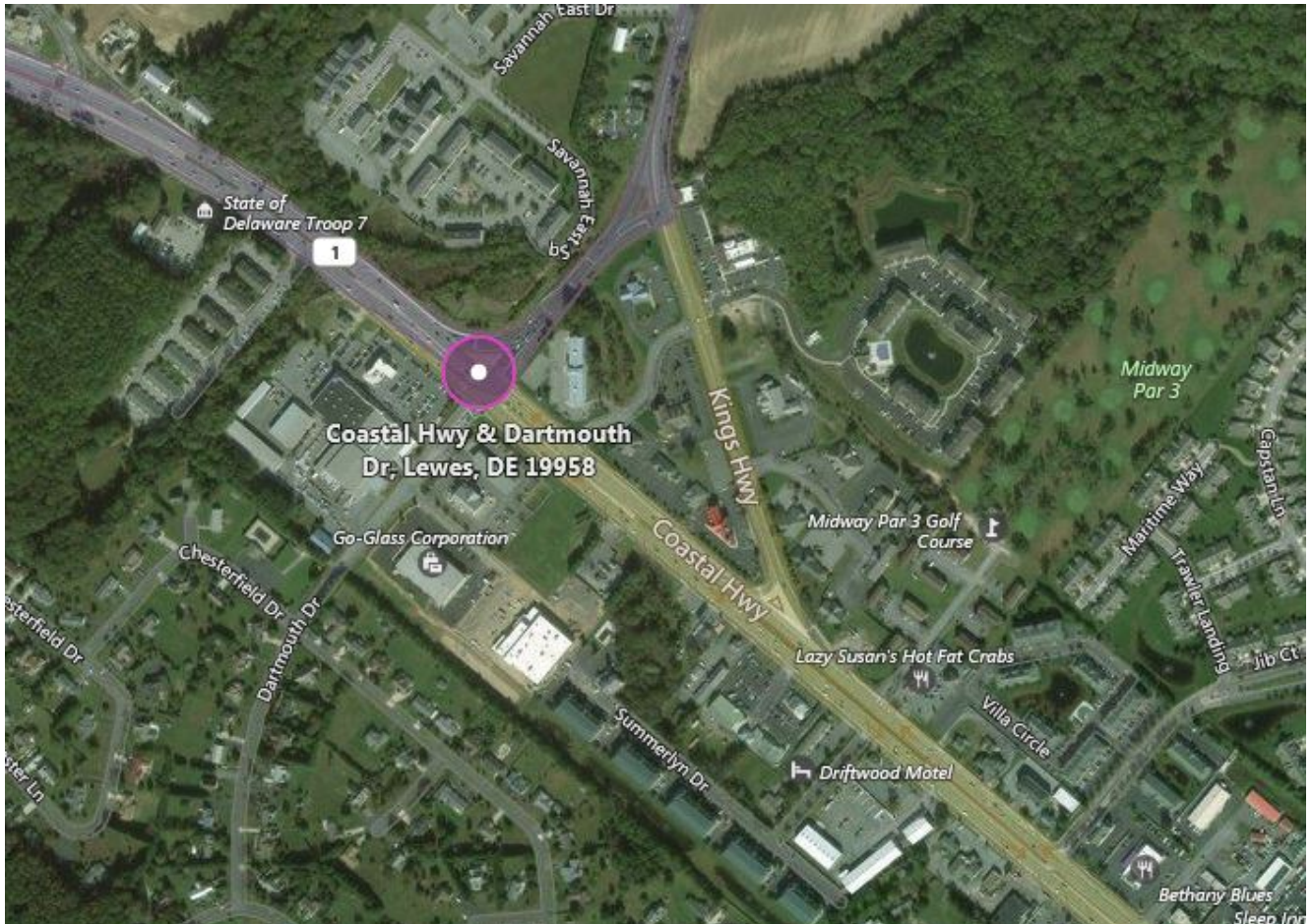
[Click to view original release: ****Traffic Advisory**** State Police Investigating Serious Crash, Lewes](#)

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

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****Traffic Advisory** State Police Investigating Serious Crash, Lewes**



Lewes – The Delaware State Police are currently on the scene of a serious crash south of Lewes.

The incident occurred around 1:19 p.m. Monday October 9, 2017 on Coastal Highway (SR1) southbound, south of Dartmouth Drive and involves two vehicles. Injuries have been reported in the crash, however, the exact number and extent of the injuries is unknown at this time.

The two left lanes of SR1 southbound and the far left lane of SR1 northbound, south of Dartmouth Drive are closed. Commuters should expect delays in the area and find alternate routes of travel.

Further details will be released upon the conclusion of the investigation.

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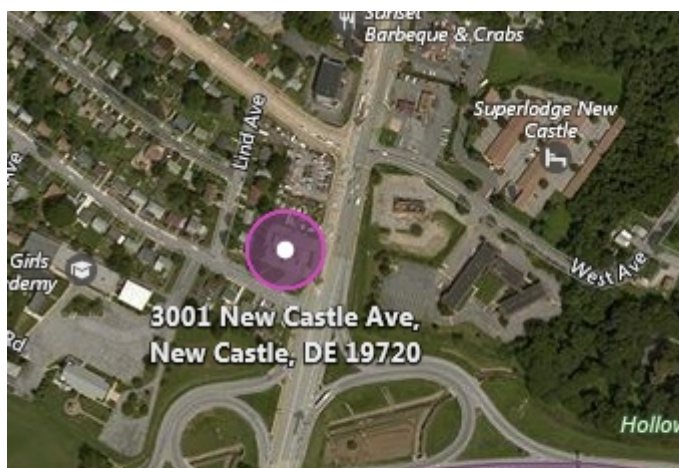
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**Troopers Investigating
Robbery Of New Castle Area**

Gas Station



New Castle (19720) – The Delaware State Police are investigating the robbery of a New Castle area gas station which occurred late Sunday night.

The incident occurred on Sunday October 8, 2017 at approximately 10:20 p.m. at the Shell Gas Station located at 3001 New Castle Avenue, New Castle DE 19720.

Two male employees of the Shell Station, ages 46 and 24 were exiting the business via a side door after closing for the night, when they were confronted by an unknown suspect who forced them back inside the business. Once back inside, the suspect, who implied that he had a weapon, ordered the victims to give him all the money from the business. After obtaining an unknown amount of money the suspect removed an unknown quantity of cigarettes from the display and also took one victims cellphone.

After obtaining the property the suspect ordered both employees out of the business and in to the parking lot where he had them lay on the ground. The victim's complied at which time the suspect fled on foot towards the neighborhood of Garfield Park.

Neither victim was injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a black male, 18-20 years of age, approximately 6 foot tall weighing 150-170 pounds. The suspect was wearing all dark clothing and had a cloth covering his face.

If anyone has any information in reference to 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 www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Michael Austin

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Troopers Make Arrest In Road Rage Incident Involving A Handgun-New Castle



New Castle- (19720) – Delaware State Police have arrested a 21 year old Wilmington man on weapons charges stemming from a road rage incident.

The incident began on Saturday October 7, 2017 at approximately 4:15 p.m. as a 20 year old New Castle woman was driving southbound on I-495, in the area of Hessler Blvd., with her 17 year old sister as a passenger. As the female operator proceeded southbound at the posted speed limit she observed a red Ford Explorer operated by a white male tailgating her. The operator of the Explorer, later identified as Tyler Nepa, 21 of Wilmington, could be seen waving his arms in an aggressive manner as he continued to follow the female victim's vehicle at an unsafe distance.

The Explorer then pulled alongside of the victim's vehicle at which time Nepa pointed a black unknown make and model handgun directly at the two women, before driving off at a high rate of speed. As Nepa drove away the female victim was able to obtain the tag number on the Explorer. No shots were fired and the two women were uninjured.

A subsequent investigation based on information provided by the victim led Troopers to Nepa's residence where they located the red Explorer along with Nepa, who was taken in to custody without incident. A subsequent search of the Explorer produced a fully loaded Smith & Wesson 9mm handgun which matched the description of the handgun originally given by the victim.

Nepa was transported to Delaware State Police Troop 1 where he was arrested and charged with two counts of Aggravated Menacing, one count of Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony and one count of Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

Nepa was arraigned at Justice of the Peace Court 11 and released after posting \$24,500 bond, pending an appearance in the Court of Common Pleas at a future date.

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Michael Austin

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****Update – Name Released****

Detectives Conducting Homicide Investigation North of Milton

Milton – The Delaware State Police are releasing the name of the male subject that died during a domestic incident north of Milton on October 5th as John Pinto 3rd.

The incident occurred around 10:23 p.m. Thursday October 5, 2017, after neighbors called 9-1-1 to report that male and female in the 13000 block of Sunland Drive were having a domestic. Troopers responded to the scene and learned that a John Pinto 3rd, 61, was armed with an unknown type firearm and was threatening to harm his wife who was alone in the house with him. Troopers established a perimeter around the house and began communicating with John over the phone who then began to make threatening statements toward the first responders. As troopers were talking with John, gunshots were heard inside the residence and communication was lost. Shortly after the gunshots, a 9-1-1 call was placed from within the house by a 60-year-old female stating both her and John had been shot.

Entry was made into the house and troopers located the male and female in a bedroom, where the John Pinto was pronounced dead by Sussex County Paramedics. An autopsy was performed at a later date by the Delaware Division of Forensic Science and determined his death to a homicide by gunshot wounds to the upper torso.

The female was removed from the scene by EMS and transported to Beebe Healthcare before being airlifted to Christiana Medical Center where she continues to be listed in critical condition due to gunshot wounds she sustained to her lower torso during the altercation with John.

Homicide Detectives continue to investigate 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 J. King at 302-698-8561. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

[Click to view original release: Detectives Conducting Homicide Investigation North of Milton](#)

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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Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

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****Update-Name Released****
State Police Investigating
Fatal Pedestrian Crash North
of Fenwick Island

Fenwick Island – The Delaware State Police are releasing the name of the 24-year-old Suffolk, Virginia man that was killed in the Thursday night crash north of Fenwick Island as Austin J. Powell.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident.

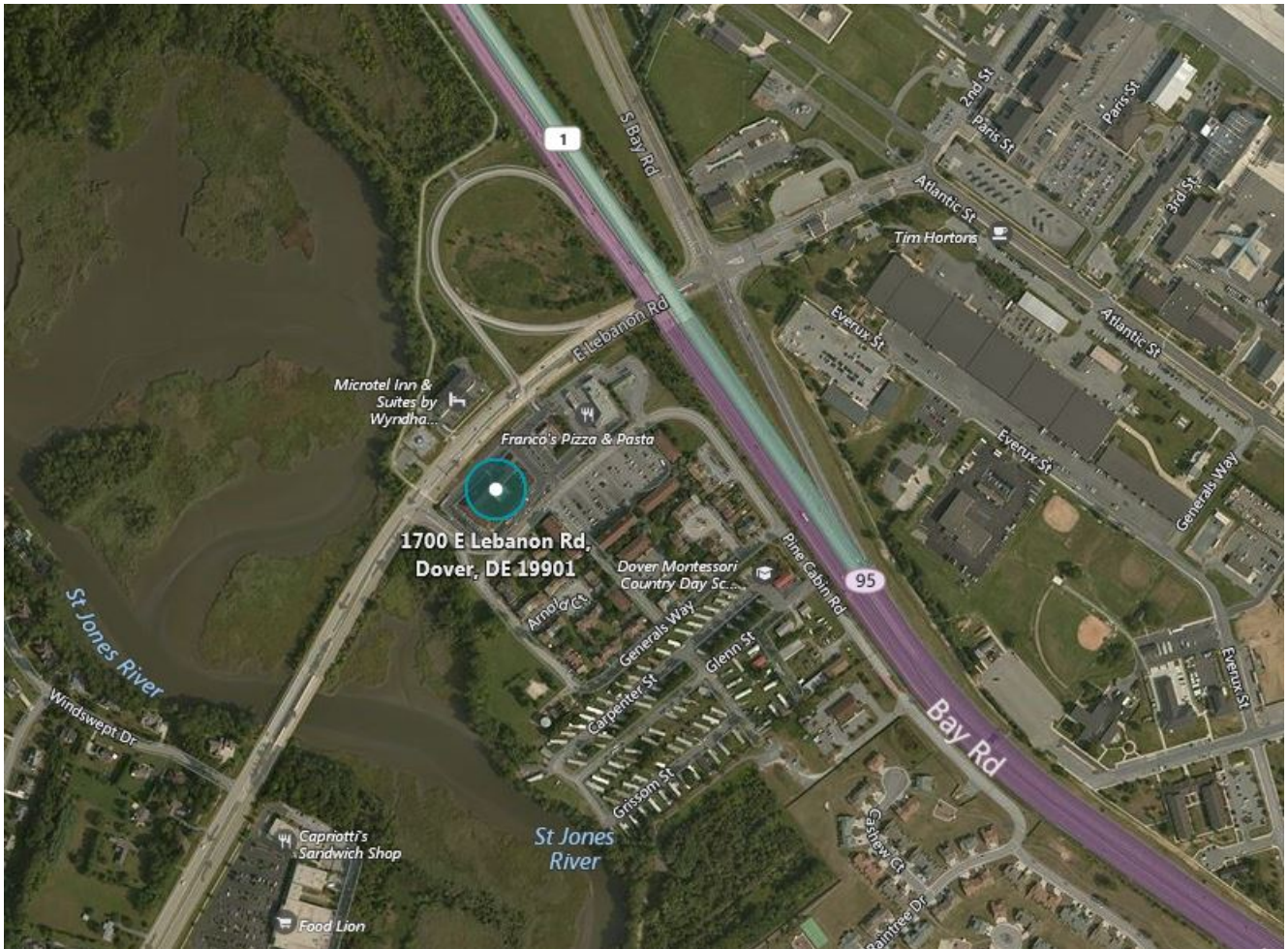
[Click to view original release: State Police Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash North of Fenwick Island](#)

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Troopers Investigating
Robbery of South Dover Hotel



South Dover – The Delaware State Police are investigating the robbery of a south Dover hotel that occurred early Saturday morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 3:00 a.m., Saturday October 7, 2017, as a male subject entered the Best Western Galaxy Inn located at 1700 East Lebanon Road. The male approached an employee at the counter armed with an unknown type object, possibly an ice pick, and demanded money from the register. The male clerk complied with the demand and turned over an undisclosed amount of cash before fleeing out of the hotel in an unknown direction. The employee was uninjured.

The suspect was described as black male, 5'09"-6'00" tall, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, black pants, and a mask covering his face. He was possibly armed with an ice pick.

No surveillance photos available.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact Troop 3 Major Crimes Unit at 302-697-4454. Information may also be provided by calling [Delaware Crime Stoppers](http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com) at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

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