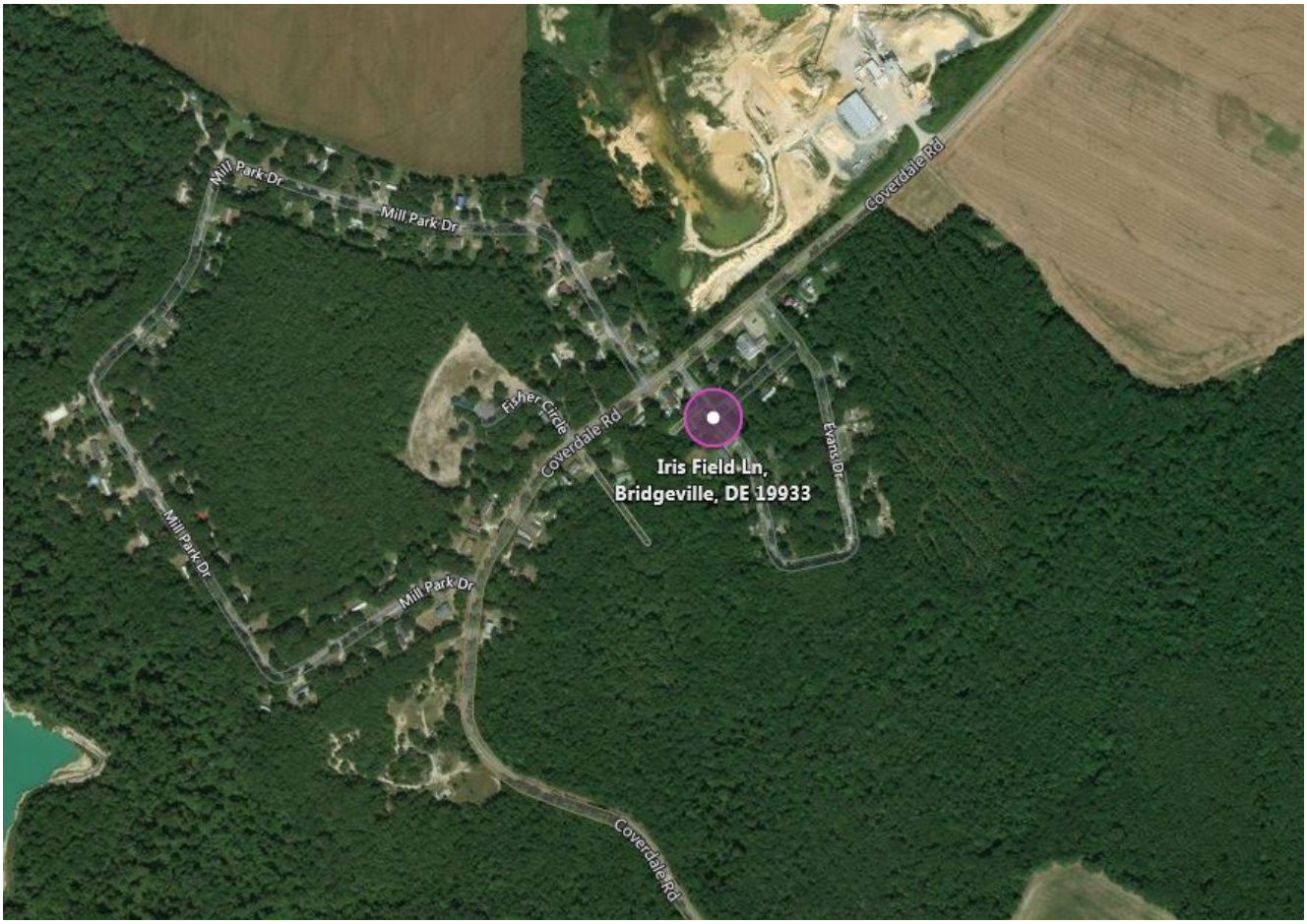
Suspect Shot in Apparent Home Invasion



Bridgeville – The Delaware State Police Homicide Unit is conducting an investigation into the death of a suspect that broke into a Coverdale area home.

The incident occurred around 11:54 p.m. Sunday September 24, 2017 when a 9-1-1 call was placed from the 11000 block of Iris Field Lane advising that a subject had been shot inside the residence. Troopers arrived at the home and located an unresponsive adult male near the kitchen area with a gunshot wound to the upper torso. The suspect, whose name is being withheld pending positive identification and notification of next of kin was pronounced dead at the scene by Sussex County Paramedics.

Preliminary investigation revealed an adult male resident was

alone inside the house when two suspects broke in. A struggle ensued with one of the suspects that was armed with a handgun when a single round was fired, striking the suspect in the upper torso. The second suspect fled the scene in an unknown direction. The male resident was uninjured in the incident.

The second suspect that fled the scene was described as a male wearing all dark clothing and a mask over his face.

Homicide Detectives are continuing their investigation by conducting interviews and collecting 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 M. Csapo at 302-698-8427. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com, or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword “DSP.”

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Troopers Investigate Robbery of Newark Area Gas Station – Update – Arrests Made

Newark- Delaware State Police have arrested two people and have charged them in connection with a pair of armed robberies which occurred earlier this week in Newark.

The initial investigation began on Monday, September 18, 2017 at approximately 6:00 a.m., after troopers responded to the Motel 6, located at 100 McIntosh Plaza, in reference to a home invasion style robbery which had occurred. Upon their arrival, troopers were contacted by a 64-year-old male victim who advised that a male suspect had forced his way into his room and confronted him while displaying a handgun. The suspect then demanded that the victim contact his bank in order to determine how much money he had in his accounts. The suspect then forced the victim to exit the room with him so that they could respond to the victim's bank and withdrawal funds from the accounts. As the victim exited the room, he fled on foot from the suspect across the motel parking lot. The suspect chased the victim and subsequently caught up to him. He then assaulted the victim before returning to the motel, where

he and a female who had been in the victim’s room prior to the suspect’s arrival, both fled in the victim’s red 2014 Land Rover.

At approximately 7:47 a.m. on Monday, September 18th, troopers were called to respond to an armed robbery which had just occurred at the Exxon located at 263 E. Chestnut Hill Road. Upon their arrival troopers learned that a male suspect had entered the Exxon and displayed an unknown make and model hand gun and confronted a male clerk. The suspect then demanded money from the cash register. The clerk complied with the suspect’s demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of money to him. The suspect then removed a pair of boxes containing a variety of cigarette cartons and exited the store. He was last observed entering into a red Land Rover, which matched the description of the car which had been stolen from the victim of the robbery at the Motel 6. The male suspect also matched the description of the suspect from the Motel 6.

After further investigation, which included witness interviews and the collection of physical evidence, troopers were able to identify the female who had fled in the car as Candis N. Sanchez-Steever, 22, of Newark. They were also able to determine that Sanchez-Steever had befriended the victim of the Motel 6 robbery and then set him up to be robbed by the male suspect, later identified as William H. Piatt, 32, also of Newark.

On Tuesday, September 19, 2017, troopers were able to locate the stolen Land Rover in the parking lot of Gallaher Elementary School, located on N. Brownleaf Road, Newark and located further evidence linking Piatt to the robberies.

On Thursday, September, 22nd, the Delaware State Police Special Operations Response Team (S.O.R.T.), Troop 2 detectives, the Newark Police Department, and the New Castle County Police Department, executed search warrants

at a residence located in the 200 block of Bluefield Road as well as a home located in the unit block of Dallas Road, Newark, which were linked to the suspects. Upon entering the Bluefield Road home, officers were able to take William Piatt into custody without incident. Officers were also able to take Candis Sanchez-Steever into custody without incident after entering the residence on Dallas Road. Evidence linking the suspects to the two robberies being investigated by the Delaware State Police, as well as robberies being investigated by the New Castle County Police and the Newark Police Department, was located inside of both homes.

William Piatt was transported to Troop 2 where he was arrested and charged with Home Invasion, Kidnapping 1st Degree, two counts of Robbery 1st Degree, two counts of Conspiracy 2nd Degree, and Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony. He was arraigned at JP Court 2 and committed to the Howard Young Correctional Institution in default of $205,000.00 cash bail.

Candis Sanchez-Steever was also transported to Troop 2 where she was charged with Kidnapping 1st Degree, Robbery 1st Degree, Home Invasion, and Conspiracy 2nd Degree. She was arraigned at JP Court 2 and committed to the Delores Baylor Correctional Institution in default of $151,000.00 secured bail.

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Two Arrested After Search Warrant Reveals Drugs and a Gun – South Dover

South Dover – Two Dover residents were arrested Thursday following a search warrant at a local motel.

The investigation began around 11:15 a.m. Thursday September 21, 2017 after members of the United States Marshalls Task Fore, Dover Police Department, and Delaware State Police took **Cameron Norwood**, 27, and **Natasha Morris**, 25, into custody at the Best Western, located at 1700 East Lebanon Road, due to Norwood being wanted for violation of probation. A computer check also revealed Morris to be wanted on a capias out of Sussex County Court of Common Pleas.

A search warrant was obtained on the hotel room as well as a 2000 Saturn Aura that Norwood is known to operate. During the course of the search of the Saturn, detectives located 13,000 bags (91 grams) of heroin along with a fully loaded 9mm handgun.

Cameron Norwood and Natasha Morris were transported to Troop 3 in Camden where they were both charged with Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Possession of a Controlled Substance (Heroin), Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Heroin), two counts of Possession of a Firearm or Ammunition by a Person Prohibited, Conspiracy 2nd, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The were both arraigned at JP2 and remanded to the custody of the Department of Correction on $170,000.00 cash bond.



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Pedestrian Robbed While Walking in Slaughter Neck Area



Lincoln – Delaware State Police are currently investigating the robbery of a pedestrian while he was walking along a roadway southeast of Lincoln.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident occurred on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at approximately 9:47 p.m., as a male victim was walking on Herring Branch Road near Oriole Lane. It was around this time that the victim was approached from behind and struck in the back of the head with an unknown object, causing him to fall to the ground. Once on the ground, the suspect took the victim's wallet out of his pocket before fleeing the area in an unknown direction. The victim was slightly injured in the incident and responded on his own to an area hospital where he was treated and released.

The suspect was described as a male with no further physical or clothing description. Unknown if he was armed.

If anyone has any 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, via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com or by sending an anonymous

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Domestic Altercation Leads to Felony Arrests

Rehoboth Beach – The Delaware State Police have arrested a Middletown woman after she assaulted her boyfriend and pointed a gun at him.

The incident occurred around 2:57 a.m. this morning, Wednesday September 20, 2017 when troopers were called to the 21000 block of Catalina Circle in the Sawgrass Development for a reported domestic situation with a gun. Upon their arrival, the male victim immediately handed the trooper a fully loaded handgun and explained that he had to disarm his girlfriend after a physical altercation.

The investigation revealed **Kimberley C. Cook**, 54 of Middletown, and her boyfriend had just gone to sleep in the

residence when the male victim was awoken to Cook laying on top of him, striking him repeatedly, and holding her arm across his neck, cutting off his airway. The victim then bit Cook's forearm while it was across his neck and pushed her off before gathering his belongings to leave. Cook opened a nightstand drawer and removed a handgun from a holster, pointing the gun at him and telling him he wasn't allowed to leave. The male victim was able to calm the situation by talking to Cook and then disarming her before calling 9-1-1.

Kimberley Cook was transported to Troop 7 where she was charged with Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Strangulation, Aggravated Menacing, and Unlawful Imprisonment 1st. She was arraigned at JP 2 and released on $31,000.00 unsecured bond.

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Delaware State Police Troop 5 and the Seaford Police Department Invites All to the Community Night Out-Against

Drugs and Crime

Troopers are joining the Seaford Police Department and the Western Sussex Boys and Girls Club for the 26th Annual Seaford Community Night Out-Against Crime and Drugs on **Thursday, September 21, 2017, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** There will be free hot dogs, hamburgers and sodas for the first 500 people. This will be held on the 300 block of Virginia Avenue between the Seaford Police Department and the Western Sussex Boys and Girls Club. Delaware Night Out gives everyone the opportunity to interact with first responders.

We have a host of invited specialty units and agencies. The Delaware State Police will showcase the Mounted Patrol Unit, the Evidence Detection Unit, the K-9 Unit with a demonstration, the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit, Scuba, SORT, the Command Post, the Aviation Unit, the Collision Reconstruction Unit, Victim Services Specialists, and one of our "gators." The Chief, the Troop Commander and members of both agencies will be mixing and mingling amidst the event. Numerous public safety partners will also be highlighted, including, but not limited to State Fire Marshal's Office, Office of Highway Safety, the Seaford Volunteer Fire Department, Sussex County Paramedics, the Division of Consumer Protection, the Citizen Volunteer Corps, Young Marines, and many others.

We have extended invitations to a number of previously unrepresented groups. These include Sussex EOC with Smart 9-1-1 and Pulse Point, Teen Challenge and Stein Highway Church of God's addiction programs, DATE and DNREC's activity trailer.

All are welcomed to come out and enjoy the evening.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

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Traffic Advisory – Troopers Investigating Serious Motor Vehicle Crash – Smyrna – Update #2

Smyrna – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit has identified the 45-year-old Smyrna woman who was killed in the two vehicle crash which occurred on US13 at Black Diamond Road yesterday morning as Kelly A Brandenburg.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police.

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Traffic Advisory – Troopers Investigating Serious Motor Vehicle Crash – Smyrna – Update

Smyrna- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate a two vehicle crash which claimed the life of a Smyrna woman this morning.

The initial investigation has determined that the crash occurred at approximately 6:06 a.m. this morning, Tuesday, September 19, 2017, as Michael S. Henry, 60, of Smyrna, was operating a 2013 Blue Bird School Bus, and was attempting to make a right hand turn from eastbound Black Diamond Road onto southbound US13 (DuPont Parkway), just north of Smyrna. As Henry proceeded to make the turn, he drove directly into the path of a 2008 Kia Spectra, which was traveling in the left hand lane of southbound US13, and which was being operated by a 45-year-old Smyrna woman. The right side of the Kia then struck the left side of the bus. After the impact, both vehicles traveled in a southeasterly direction for a short distance and came to rest next to each other in the grass median.

The female operator of the Kia, who was not properly

restrained at the time of the crash, was treated at the scene by New Castle County Paramedics. She was then flown by Delaware State Police Aviation (Trooper 4) to the Christiana Hospital, where she was subsequently pronounced dead. The victim's name is being withheld pending the notification of her next of kin.

Michael Henry was properly restrained at the time of the crash and was not injured. He was the sole occupant of the school bus which belongs to the McCain Bus Service.

Impairment on the part of either operator is not believed to be a factor in this crash.

Traffic on southbound US13 was restricted to the right hand shoulder for approximately 3 hours as the crash was investigated and cleared.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police. No charges have been filed at this time.

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Update-Surveillance Photos Released Detectives Investigating Robbery of South Dover Dollar General

South Dover – The Delaware State Police are releasing surveillance photos of the suspect and vehicle involved in the robbery of a south Dover store that occurred in early September.

The incident occurred at approximately 5:49 p.m., Monday September 4, 2017, as a male subject entered the Dollar General, located at 250 Gateway South Boulevard. The male approached the counter where he asked for a pack of cigarettes and paid for the purchase. As the cash register was open, the suspect reached over the counter and began pulling money from the till. The employee tried to stop the suspect, but he grabbed her arm and then removed an undisclosed amount of cash with his other hand before fleeing out of the store in an unknown direction. The clerk was not injured.

The suspect was described as white male, 5'05"-5'08" tall, short black hair with a goatee. He was last seen wearing black shorts, white T-shirt, black baseball hat, and black sunglasses. Possibly operating a small dark colored SUV (See surveillance photos). No weapon was displayed.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact Detective T. Ford at 302-698-8569. 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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Traffic Advisory – Troopers Investigating Serious Motor Vehicle Crash – Smyrna



Smyrna – Delaware State Police are currently investigating a serious two vehicle crash which occurred this morning north of Smyrna.

The initial investigation has determined that the crash occurred at approximately 6:06 a.m. this morning, Tuesday, September 19, 2017, on southbound DuPont Parkway (US13) at Black Diamond Road, and involves a passenger car and a school bus. One subject has sustained serious injuries as a result of the crash and has been transported to the Christiana Hospital.

The southbound lanes of US13 have been closed at Black Diamond Road and commuters are asked to find alternate routes of travel.

The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is enroute to the scene and will assume the investigation. **Further details will be released at the conclusion of the investigation.**

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