Traffic Advisory – Troopers Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash-Pike Creek



Pike Creek- The Delaware Sate State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit are currently investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash that occurred this morning in Pike Creek.

The initial investigation has determined that the crash occurred at approximately 11:37 a.m., Thursday, September 07, 2017, on New Linden Hill Road south of Pike Creek Boulevard and involves two vehicles. As a result of the crash the passenger of one of the vehicles was transported to Christiana Hospital and has been declared dead.

New Linden Hill Road is closed in both directions between Skyline Drive and Pike Creek Boulevard and traffic is being diverted from the crash scene. Commuters are asked to find alternate routes of travel and should expect lengthy delays in

the area.

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Arrests Made in Crabapple Lane Drug Investigation

Lincoln – The Delaware State Police Sussex County Drug Unit has arrested multiple people following an investigation into the sale of illegal narcotics in the Lincoln area.

Detectives assigned to the Drug Unit, along with the assistance of the Sussex County Governor's Task Force, Troop 7 Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement (P.A.C.E.) team, State Police Special Operations Response Team (S.O.R.T.), Delaware Department of Correction, and Milford Police Department, conducted search warrants located in the 19000 block of Crabapple Lane and the 8000 block of Greentop Road around 11:00 a.m., Tuesday September 5, 2017. Upon the detectives arrival, numerous individuals were contacted and taken into custody. Upon conducting the searches, detectives located a total of 3043 bags of heroin (21.301 grams), 28.24 grams of cocaine, 11 Suboxone strips, over $9,500.00 in suspected drug proceeds, as well as a .22 caliber rifle.

The following suspects were charged as a result of the investigation:

- **Darus E. Young,** 42 of Millsboro; Possession Heroin, Possession with Intent to Deliver Heroin, Possession Cocaine, Possession with Intent to Deliver Cocaine, Conspiracy 2nd, Resisting Arrest, and Possession Drug Paraphernalia. Arraigned at JP2 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on $130,000.00 cash bond.
- **Antonio J. Belfield,** 33 of Lincoln; Possession Heroin, Possession with Intent to Deliver Heroin, Possession Cocaine, Possession with Intent to Deliver Cocaine, Conspiracy 2nd, Tampering with Evidence, and Possession Drug Paraphernalia. Arraigned at JP2 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on $130,000.00 cash bond.
- **William Snyder,** 39 of Lincoln; two counts of Possession Firearm by Person Prohibited; Maintaining a Drug Property; Possession of Heroin; Possession Drug Paraphernalia. Arraigned at JP2 and committed to SCI on $24,000.00 secured bond.
- **McKayla Snyder-Shirey,** 19 of Lincoln; Maintaining a Drug Property and Possession Marijuana. Arraigned at JP2 an released on $2,500.00 unsecured bond.

Others arrested and released on unsecured bonds or criminal summons:

- **Robert L. Fanning,** 47 of Milford; Resisting Arrest.
- **Andre A. Mifflin,** 44 of Lincoln; Possession Heroin and Resisting Arrest.
- **William G. Rafter,** 48 of Lincoln; Possession Heroin and Possession Drug Paraphernalia.
- **Nathaniel L. Colon,** 23 of Lincoln; Carrying a Concealed Dangerous Instrument and Possession Drug

Paraphernalia.

- **John S. Meredith,** 48 of Milford; Possession Drug Paraphernalia. (No photo)
- **Tony Kiser,** 46 of Milford; Possession Drug Paraphernalia. (No photo)
- **Caitlynn H. Scott,** 20 of Milton; Criminal Impersonation. (No photo)

Six additional subjects were contacted by troopers that were found to be wanted on outstanding capiases.

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State Police Investigating Serious Crash Involving Bicyclist



Milford – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is currently investigating a serious crash involving a bicyclist.

Preliminary investigation reveals the incident occurred around 7:35 a.m. Thursday September 7, 2017 when Thomas H. Draper, 76 of Milford, was bicycling eastbound on Slaughter Beach Road in the area of Wells Road when he was struck by a 2013 Ford F150 pickup truck operated by Shawn E. Armstrong, 37 of Lewes, who was also traveling eastbound on Slaughter Beach Road. The pickup truck stopped immediately after the collision and called 9-1-1.

Thomas Draper was initially transported to Bayhealth Milford Memorial Hospital before being airlifted to Baltimore Shock Trauma in critical condition.

Shawn Armstrong was uninjured in the collision.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. Drug and alcohol use do not appear to be a factor in this case. No charges have been

filed at this time. Slaughter Beach Road was closed for approximately three hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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Update #2 – Suspect Arrested State Police Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash – Sandtown

Sandtown – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit has arrested a Felton man with the fatal hit and run of a pedestrian that occurred Tuesday night.

Nathan W. Jester Jr., 35 of Felton, was arrested at his residence Wednesday September 6, 2017 by detectives and transported back to Troop 3 where he was charged with Leaving the Scene of a Collision Resulting in Death and Failure to Report a Collision Resulting in Death. He was arraigned at JP7 and committed to James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on $4001.00 cash bond.

The incident occurred around 9:07 p.m. Tuesday September 5, 2017 as Roger L. Coberly Jr., 35 of Felton, was walking his

dog westbound on the shoulder of Willow Grove Road (SR10) east of Sandtown Road. Nathan Jester was operating a 2007 Chevrolet Cobalt westbound on SR10 when he struck Coberly and threw him into a ditch on the north side of the roadway near his residence. Jester then continued westbound without stopping.

Roger Coberly was pronounced dead at the scene by Kent County Paramedics. His dog was able to run back to the residence and was uninjured.

We would like to thank the public for their assistance provided by calling tips into Delaware Crime Stoppers.

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Update #2 – Suspect Arrested State Police Investigating Fatal Crash South of Hartly

Hartly – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit has arrested a Hartly man involved in the fatal hit and run crash with the Amish buggy on August 31, 2017.

Robert H. Eckeard, 29 of Hartly was taken into custody Wednesday September 6, 2017 at his residence by detectives and transported to Troop 3 where he was charged with Leaving the Scene of a Collision Resulting in Death, Failure to Report a Collision Resulting in Death, Failure to Show Proof of Insurance, and Expired Tags. He was arraigned at JP2 and committed to James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on $7,002.00 cash bond.

The incident occurred around 8:05 p.m. Thursday August 31, 2017 as Ervin D. Miller, 55 of Hartly, was operating a horse drawn carriage westbound on Halltown Road (SR8) attempting to make a left turn into Royal Farms at the intersection with Hartly Road (SR44). Robert Eckeard was operating a 1997 Chevrolet Lumina eastbound on SR8 and collided with the

carriage, ejecting both Miller and his 55-year-old wife into the roadway. Eckeard then continued eastbound on SR8 without stopping.

Ervin Miller was transported by EMS to Bayhealth Kent General Hospital (KGH) where he was later pronounced dead. His wife was also transported to KGH where she was treated and has recently been released.

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Traffic Advisory-Talleyville



Presented by the Director of Public Information Sergeant Richard D. Bratz

Talleyville – The Delaware State Police are currently investigating a vehicle crash on Concord Pike northbound at Foulk Road which occurred at around 7:00 a.m. this morning. At this time it is unknown how many people are injured and the extent of their injuries.

Concord Pike in the area of the crash is currently closed. Commuters are advised to use caution in the area of the crash as troopers are continuing to investigate the collision.

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Update-Name Correction State Police Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash – Sandtown

Sandtown – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into the fatal hit and run crash involving a pedestrian.

The incident occurred around 9:07 p.m. Tuesday September 5, 2017 as **Roger L. Coberly Jr**., 35 of Felton, was walking his dog westbound on the shoulder of Willow Grove Road (SR10) east of Sandtown Road. An unknown make and model vehicle was traveling westbound on SR10 when it struck Coberly and threw him into a tax ditch on the north side of the roadway near his residence. The vehicle then continued westbound without stopping.

Roger Coberly was pronounced dead at the scene by Kent County Paramedics. His dog was able to run back to the residence and was uninjured.

SR10 between Sandtown Road and Mahon Corner Road was closed for approximately four hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. If anyone has any information in reference to this crash or the hit and run vehicle, they are asked to contact Sergeant J. Wheatley at 302-698-8528. 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.

Traffic Advisory State Police Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash – Sandtown

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Troopers Arrest Six Following

a Dollar Tree Burglary – Wilmington



Presented by the Director of Public Information Sergeant Richard D. Bratz

Wilmington- Delaware State Police have arrested six people and charged them in connection with a burglary of a local area discount variety store which occurred early Tuesday at the Miller Road Shopping Center.

The preliminary investigation revealed the incident occurred on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at approximately 3:00 a.m. when a trooper on stationary patrol in the area of a Dollar Tree Store, located at 3602 Miller Road, Wilmington, observed a dark colored vehicle approach the store. After the suspect vehicle stopped at the front of the store, several subjects exited the vehicle. The vehicle was then observed driving away from the front of the Dollar Tree and park in the fire lane. The suspects then threw a rock and kicked at the large pane window of the store. The suspects then entered the store after

shattering the glass door. Troopers coordinated an apprehension plan and responded to the business where they captured all of the suspects safely as they exited the store. The suspects were carrying various stolen food items from inside the business.

During the course of this investigation the vehicle, a 2004 Volvo, which all the suspects arrived in was reported stolen to Wilmington Police Department earlier that day. The vehicle was stolen from Lancaster Avenue, Wilmington, Delaware. The vehicle was subsequently recovered and transported to Troop 2 for processing.

All defendants (three 14 year old and three 12 years old) were transported from the Dollar Tree to Delaware State Police Troop 2. All of the juvenile suspects were charged with Burglary 3rd Degree, Possession of Burglar Tools, Conspiracy 2nd Degree, Receiving Stolen Property, Criminal Mischief and Theft. All of the juveniles were arraigned at the Justice of the Peace Court 11 and were released on $2,200.00 unsecured bond except for two who were subsequently committed to the New Castle County Detention Center on $2,200.00 secured bond.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact Detective B. Harris at Troop 2 at 365-8410 or Detective B. Timmons 365-8434. 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 State Police Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash – Sandtown



Sandtown – The Delaware State Police are currently on the scene of a fatal hit and run pedestrian crash.

The incident occurred around 9:07 p.m. Tuesday September 5, 2017 in the area of the 1000 block of Willow Grove Road (SR10) east of Sandtown Road and involves a pedestrian struck by a car. The pedestrian has been pronounced dead at the scene and the unknown type of car has fled westbound on SR10, possibly into Maryland.

SR10 between Sandtown Road and Mahon Corner Road is currently closed in the area. 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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Troopers Seek Public's Assistance in Identifying a Theft Suspect



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Delaware – State Police are seeking the public's assistance in identifying a theft suspect that used credit card information

to make purchases.

This incidents occurred between August 25, 2017 and August 28, 2017 when the suspect, depicted in the surveillance photo, used credit cards from unsuspecting victims at two different stores in Bridgeville and Laurel to purchase gift cards and other items totaling more than $500.00.

The suspect is described as a white male, 30-40 years of age, 5’08”-5’11” tall, 240-280 lbs. (Surveillance photo attached)

If anyone has any information in reference to the identity of this individual, they are asked to contact Trooper First Class R. Mitchell at 302-337-1090. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333.

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