Troopers Conducting Death Investigation



Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Townsend- Delaware State Police Homicide Unit detectives are currently conducting a death investigation after an adult male subject was found deceased west of Townsend late yesterday afternoon.

The investigation began at approximately 5:45 p.m. on Sunday, August 27, 2017, after troopers were called to respond to Wiggins Mill Road, north of Feret Road, for the report of an unresponsive subject. Upon their arrival, troopers located a male subject laying partially in a wooded area off of Wiggins Mill Road. The subject, later identified as a 33-year-old Florida man, was pronounced dead at the scene by responding paramedics. His body was then turned over to the Division of Forensic Sciences where an autopsy will be performed to

determine the manner and cause of death. The victim's identity is being withheld pending the notification of his next of kin.

The investigation into this incident by the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit is continuing. More information will be released at a later time.

Anyone with any information in reference to this investigation is asked to contact Detective M. Csapo at 302-698-8427. 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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A Memorial Sign Ceremony to Honor Fallen Officer Francis Ryan – Correction

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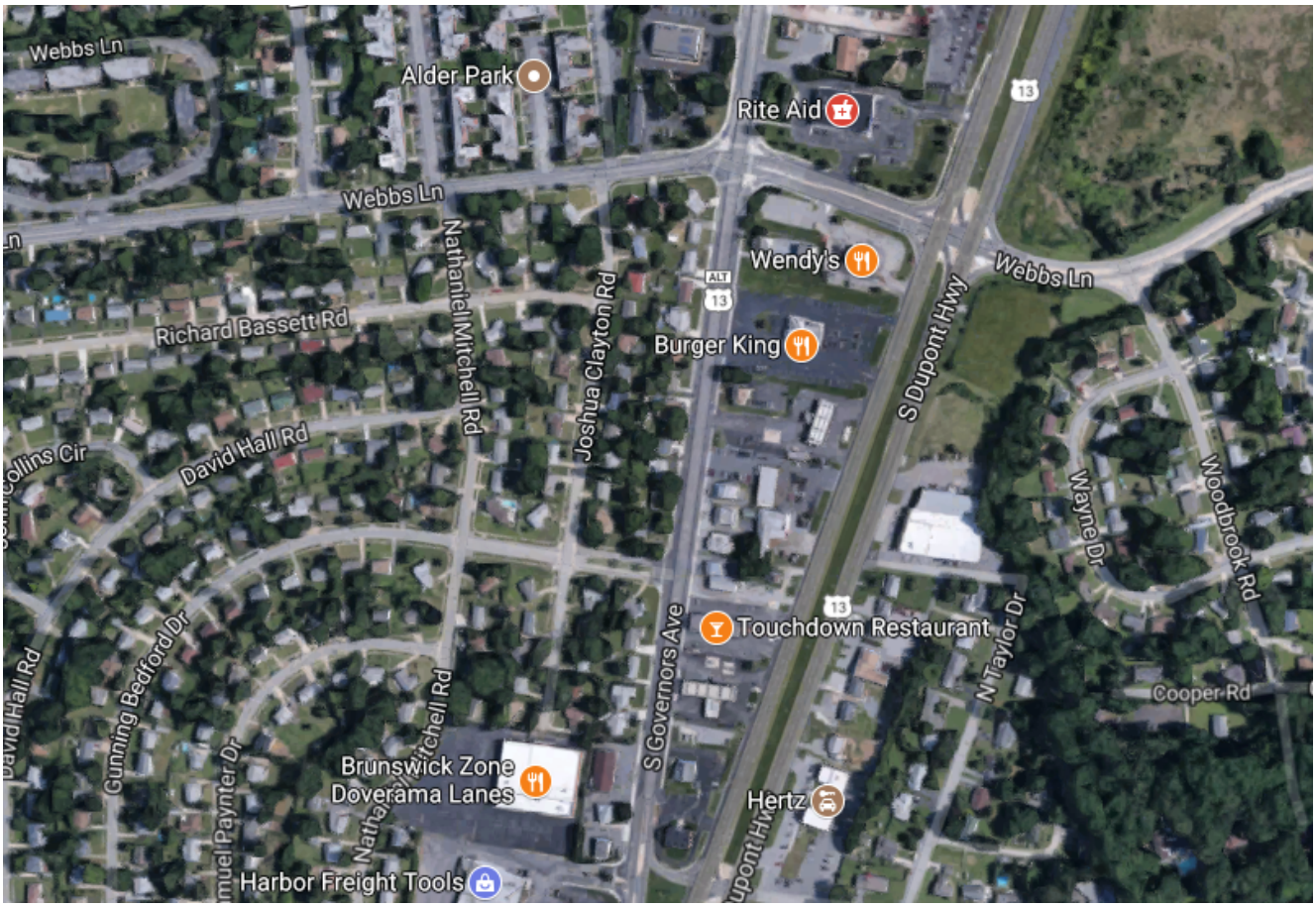
Wilmington – The Public Servants Memorial Sign Ceremony honoring Officer Francis Ryan scheduled for Tuesday, August 29, 2017, will begin at 9:00 a.m., not 9:30 as previously posted.

Please click on link to view original announcement.

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State Police Investigate Robbery of Juvenile – Rodney Village



Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Dover – The Delaware State Police are investigating the robbery of a juvenile that was walking in the Rodney Village Shopping Plaza Saturday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 9:57 p.m., Saturday August 26, 2017, as a juvenile male was approached by a male subject (suspect) in the area of the 1600 block of South Governors Avenue. While walking with the subject, three other

males approached and began assaulting the victim. Once on the ground, the suspects removed the victim's cell phone, belt, and a necklace before fleeing toward Rodney Village development. The victim sustained minor injuries, but refused on-scene medical attention.

Three of the suspects were described as black males, 14-18 years of age, 5'08"-5'10" tall, (No further physical or clothing description). The forth suspect was described as a black male 11-13 years of age, 5'00"-5'03" tall, (No further physical or clothing description). Unknown if they were armed with any weapons.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact the Detective M. Weinstein at 302-698-8443. 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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Bridgeville Man Arrested Following Vehicle Pursuit

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Greenwood – Delaware State Police have arrested a Bridgeville man after he led troopers on a vehicle pursuit late last night.

The incident began at approximately 10:46 p.m., on Saturday,

August 27, as a Delaware State Trooper was on routine patrol in the area of US 13 (Sussex Highway) and Adams Road. It was at this time that the trooper observed a GMC Envoy traveling on southbound Sussex Highway in a northbound direction. As the Envoy came to within approximately 30′ of the trooper's marked patrol vehicle, the operator swerved to the right in order to avoid a collision. The trooper then activated the emergency lights on his patrol vehicle and upon doing so, the operator of the Envoy made a U-turn and fled from him. The operator of the Envoy, later identified as Jordan M. Wright, 27, then led troopers on a 20 minute pursuit which was terminated after Wright entered Maryland on Turner Road. There were no injuries during the pursuit.

A short time later, troopers were contacted and advised that the Maryland State Police had located Jordan Wright's GMC abandoned on Handy Road in the area of White Road, Federalsburg. Delaware State Police responded to the vehicle and as they were in the area, they observed a male subject walking in an eastbound direction on Federalsburg Road. They then made contact with him and learned that he had been the operator of the Envoy, Jordan Wright.

Wright was taken into custody and transported to Troop 5 where he was subsequently arrested and charged with Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony, Resisting Arrest with Violence, Disregarding a Police Officer's Signal, and numerous traffic offenses. He was arraigned at JP Court 3 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution in default of $26,625.00 secured bail.

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Troopers Arrest Dover Man Following Pair of Burglaries

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Dover- Delaware State Police have arrested a Dover man and charged him in connection with a pair of burglaries that he committed at the same residence late last week.

The investigation began on Friday, August 18, 2017, after troopers responded to a residence located in the 200 block of Rustic Lane, Dover, for the report of a burglary. Upon their arrival troopers learned that an unknown suspect broke a window and gained entry into a garage located on the property. Once inside, the suspect removed assorted power tools and lawn equipment and fled in an unknown direction.

Troopers were again called to the same residence on Sunday, August 20, 2017, after it was discovered that an unknown suspect had again gained entry into the garage and removed more power tools, lawn equipment, and fishing gear before fleeing.

After further investigation, which included interviews and other investigative means, troopers were able to identify Carmelo Diaz, 54, as a suspect in the two burglaries. On Monday, August 21st, Property Unit detectives executed a search warrant at Diaz' residence located in the unit block of Kentwood Drive, Dover, where they located property linking him to the burglaries.

Carmelo Diaz was arrested without incident and charged with 2

counts of Burglary 3rd Degree, 2 counts of Theft, and Criminal Mischief. He was arraigned at JP Court 2 and committed to the James T. Vaughn Correctional Institution in default of $6500.00 secured bail.

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Troopers Seek Public's Assistance in Identifying Attempted Burglary Suspect



Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Greenwood- Delaware State Police Troop 4 Property Crimes Unit detectives are currently investigating the attempted burglary of a Greenwood area store and are seeking the public's assistance in identifying the suspect.

The investigation began on April 3, 2017, after troopers were called to respond to Al's Country Store, located at 4937 Hickman Road, for the report of an attempted burglary. Upon their arrival, it was learned that an unknown suspect had damaged a door to the business in an attempt to gain entry inside. The suspect (pictured) was unsuccessful, however, and fled the area without gaining entry.

The suspect is described as a white male 20-30 years of age. He was 5'08"-5'10" tall and weighs 180-200 lbs.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident or knows the identity of the pictured suspect, they are asked to contact Detective A. Jones 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 and select submit a tip.



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A Memorial Sign Ceremony to Honor Fallen Officer Francis Ryan

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Wilmington – On Tuesday, August 29, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., the Delaware State Police are honoring Officer Francis Ryan at a Public Servants Memorial Sign Ceremony. The ceremony will be

held on Philadelphia Pike at East Holly Oak Road, Wilmington. This event is open to the public. Media is welcome to attend as well.

Officer Francis Ryan, a member of the Delaware State Highway Police, died at the age of 31 while attempting to apprehend a speeding motorist on Philadelphia Pike on October 17, 1922. Officer Ryan's motorcycle was struck by a vehicle traveling in the opposite direction in the area of East Holly Oak Road. He was taken to a local doctor for immediate treatment before being transported to the Delaware Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries on November 2, 1922.

Dignitaries, Troopers, family, and friends will gather to remember Officer Francis Ryan who made the "Ultimate Sacrifice" in service to the State of Delaware.

The following will offer remarks at the ceremony:

- Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long
- Attorney General Matt Denn
- Secretary Robert Coupe
- Colonel Nathaniel McQueen, Jr.
- Lieutenant Thomas Brackin, Delaware State Troopers Association
- Officer Ryan's Family Members

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Troopers Make Arrest in Attempted Robbery – West Rehoboth

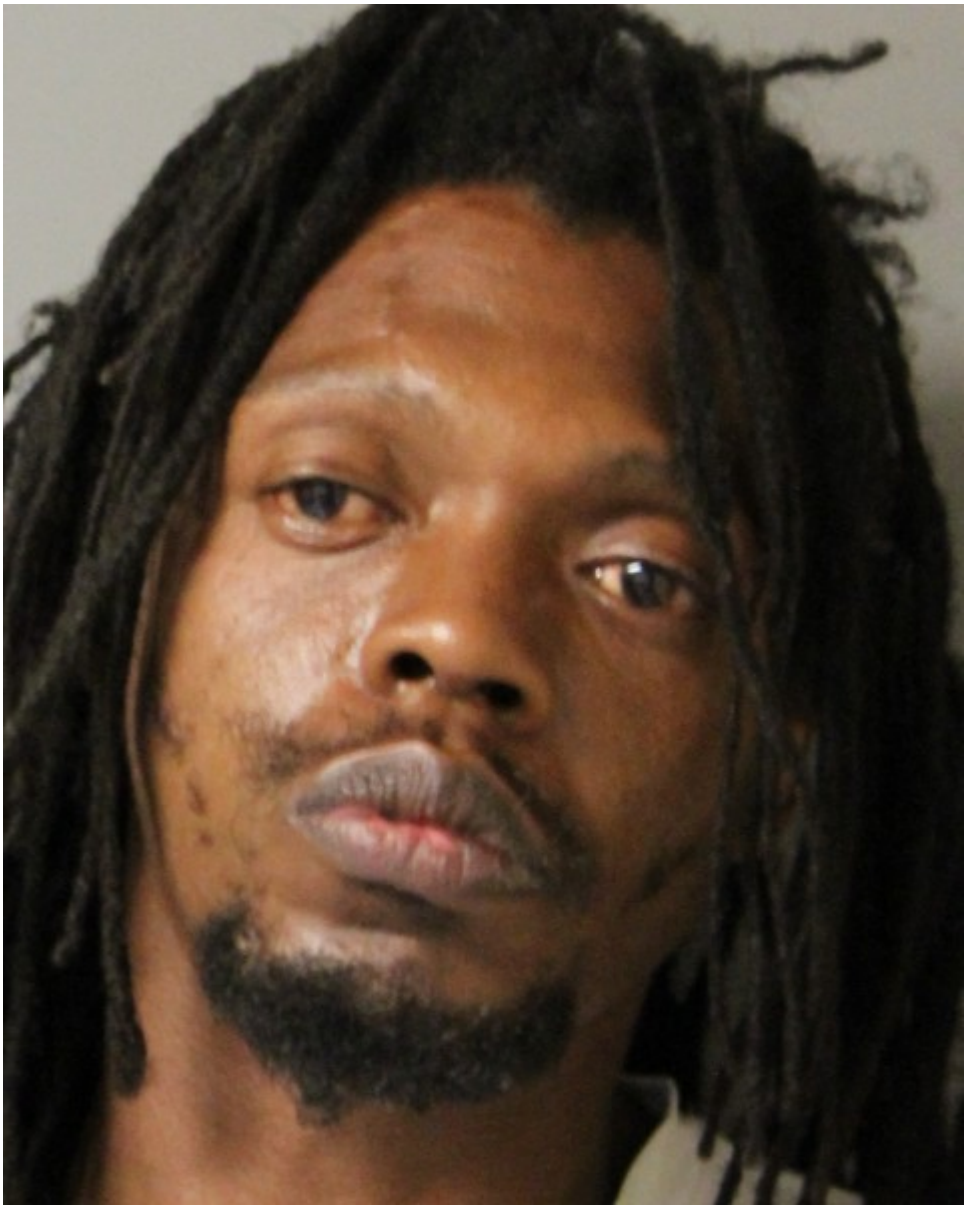


Presented by the Public Information Officer, Senior Corporal Robert W Colmery

West Rehoboth – The Delaware State Police have arrested a man in connection with an attempted armed robbery in West Rehoboth.

The preliminary investigation began when Troopers were called to Norwood Street, West Rehoboth, on Friday, August 25, 2017 at 12:23 a.m., for the report of an attempted robbery with a knife. The male victim, 24, of New Castle, advised arriving Troopers that he was approached by a male suspect as he was sitting in his vehicle which was parked on Norwood Street. The suspect displayed a box cutter type knife and demanded money from the victim. The victim fled the area in his vehicle without giving any money to the suspect. Responding Troopers were provided with a description of the suspect and were able to take him into custody, on Norwood Street, without incident.

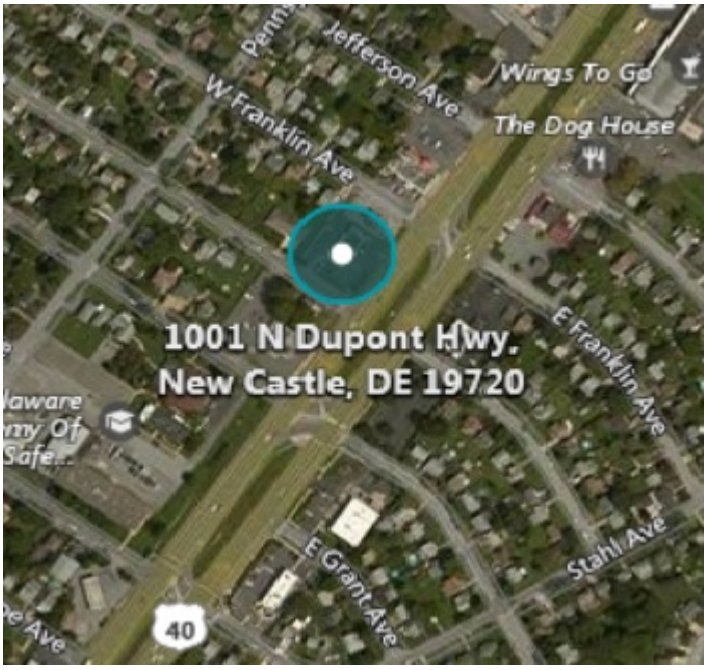
The defendant, Timothy Cannon, 37, of Rehoboth, was positively identified by the victim and transported to Troop 7 where he was subsequently charged with Attempted Robbery 1st Degree, Possession of a Deadly Weapon during the Commission of a Felony, Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Marijuana. He was arraigned at Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution in default of $31,250 secured bond.



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Troopers Investigate Dunkin Donuts Robbery



Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Joseph A. Thuet.

New Castle (19720) The Delaware State Police are currently investigating the armed robbery of a New Castle area Dunkin Donuts which occurred Wednesday evening.

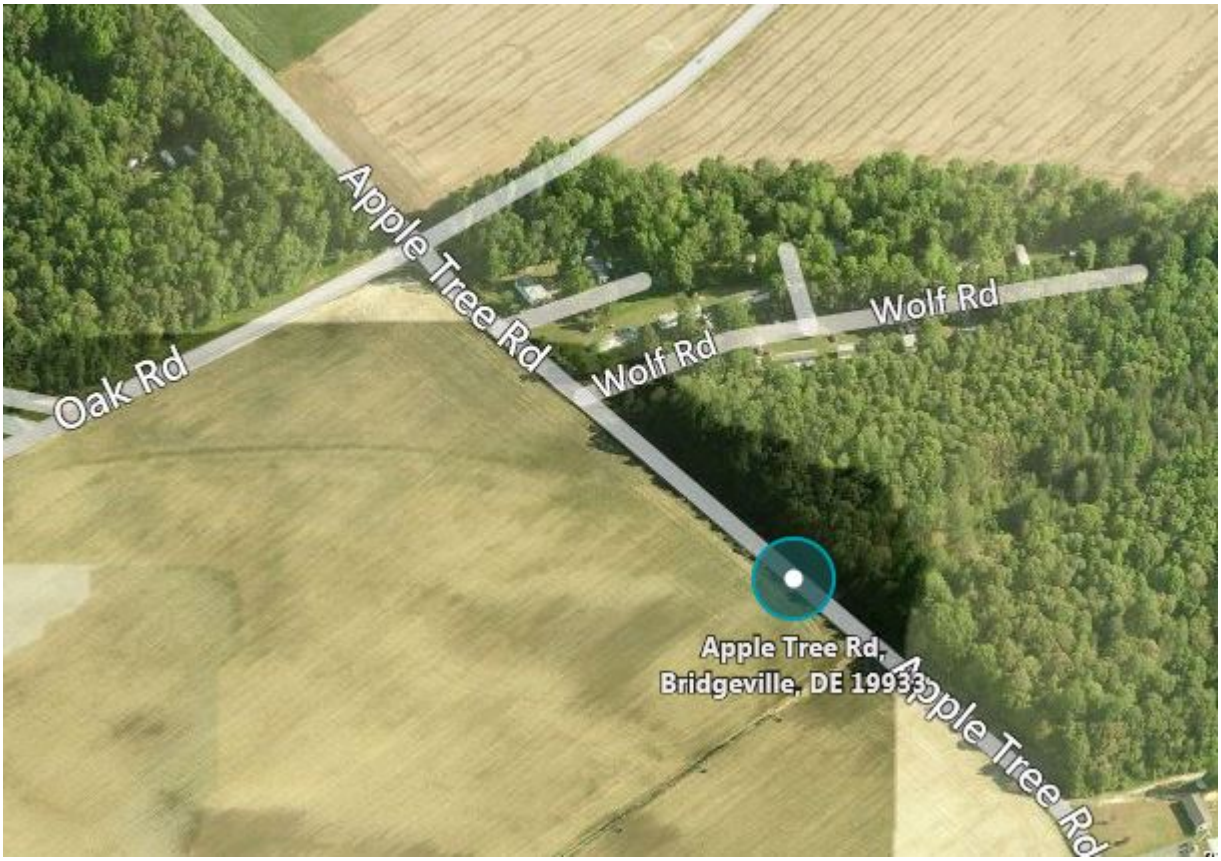
The initial investigation has determined that the incident occurred at approximately 5:35 p.m. on Wednesday August 23, 2017, as a male suspect entered the Dunkin Donuts located at 1001 North DuPont Highway. The suspect approached the sales counter and implied that he was armed with a weapon. He then demanded money from the store’s cash registers. The clerk complied with the suspect’s demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of money to him. The suspect then exited the business and fled in an unknown direction. There were no injuries.

The suspect is described as a white male. He is approximately 20 years of age, 5’10”- 5-11” tall, weighs 160-170 pounds, and was last seen wearing gray pants, white sneakers and no shirt.

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Troopers Investigate Shooting – Bridgeville – Update



Presented by the Public Information Officer, Senior Corporal

Robert W Colmery

Bridgeville, De – Delaware State Police Homicide Unit continues to investigate a shooting incident which resulted in the death of a 19 year old Bridgeville man that occurred yesterday morning.

The investigation began at approximately 2:33 a.m., on Thursday August 24, 2017, after Troopers were called to respond to Apple Tree Road south of Oak Road, Bridgeville, for the report of a male with a gunshot wound. Upon their arrival Troopers made contact with a 35 year old Georgetown man who was suffering from gunshot wounds to his upper body, lying outside of a white vehicle which was parked on Apple Tree Road. Troopers also discovered a deceased male subject, later identified as Tyron Lake, 19, of Bridgeville, seated in a second car which was also parked on Apple Tree Road, north of the white vehicle.

The 35 year old subject was treated at the scene by Sussex County Paramedics. He was then transported by EMS to Nanticoke Memorial Hospital and later flown to the Christiana Hospital where he was admitted for his serious injuries.

Tyron Lake's body was removed from the scene by the Division of Forensic Sciences where an autopsy has determined the death to be a Homicide by a gunshot wound to the lower torso.

The Delaware State Police Homicide Unit in continuing their investigation. Anyone who may have any information in reference to this incident is asked to contact Detective D. Grassi at 302-365-8441. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-333, via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com and select submit a tip.

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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