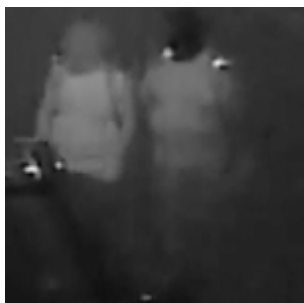


# State Police Continue to Probe Thefts from Vehicles – Bridgeville



*Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier*

**Bridgeville** – Over the last couple of days, the Delaware State Police has seen an increase in thefts from vehicles at a dozen locations on Hearn's Pond Road, south of Bridgeville.

State Police learned that an undetermined number of suspects entered approximately a dozen different vehicles stealing items and also rummaging through unsecured vehicles. The suspects stole items ranging from purses to electronic devices, and U.S. currency. In most of these cases the

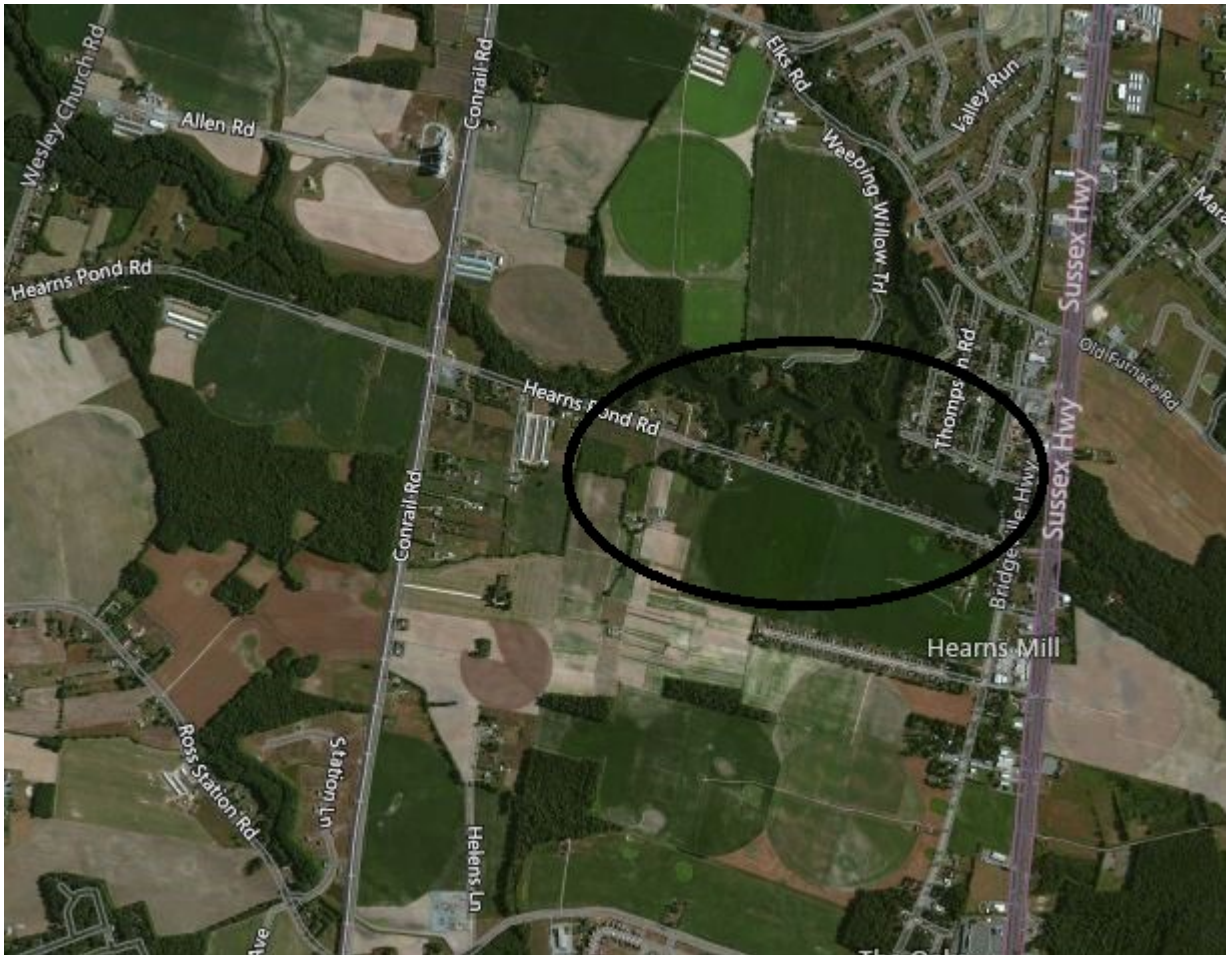
vehicles were parked in the victim's driveways and were unsecured. These incidents are just south of an area that was reported seeing car break-ins just a week prior ([State Police Probe Thefts From Vehicles-Bridgeville](#))

The Delaware State Police urge people to utilize the following tips:

- Lock your car doors and roll up you windows
- Do not leave valuables inside your vehicle
- Leave outdoor lights on in the driveway or have security lighting installed
- Report any suspicious activity to 9-1-1 immediately

If anyone has any information on these incidents or the suspect, they are asked to contact Troop 5 at 302-337-1090. 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), or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword "DSP

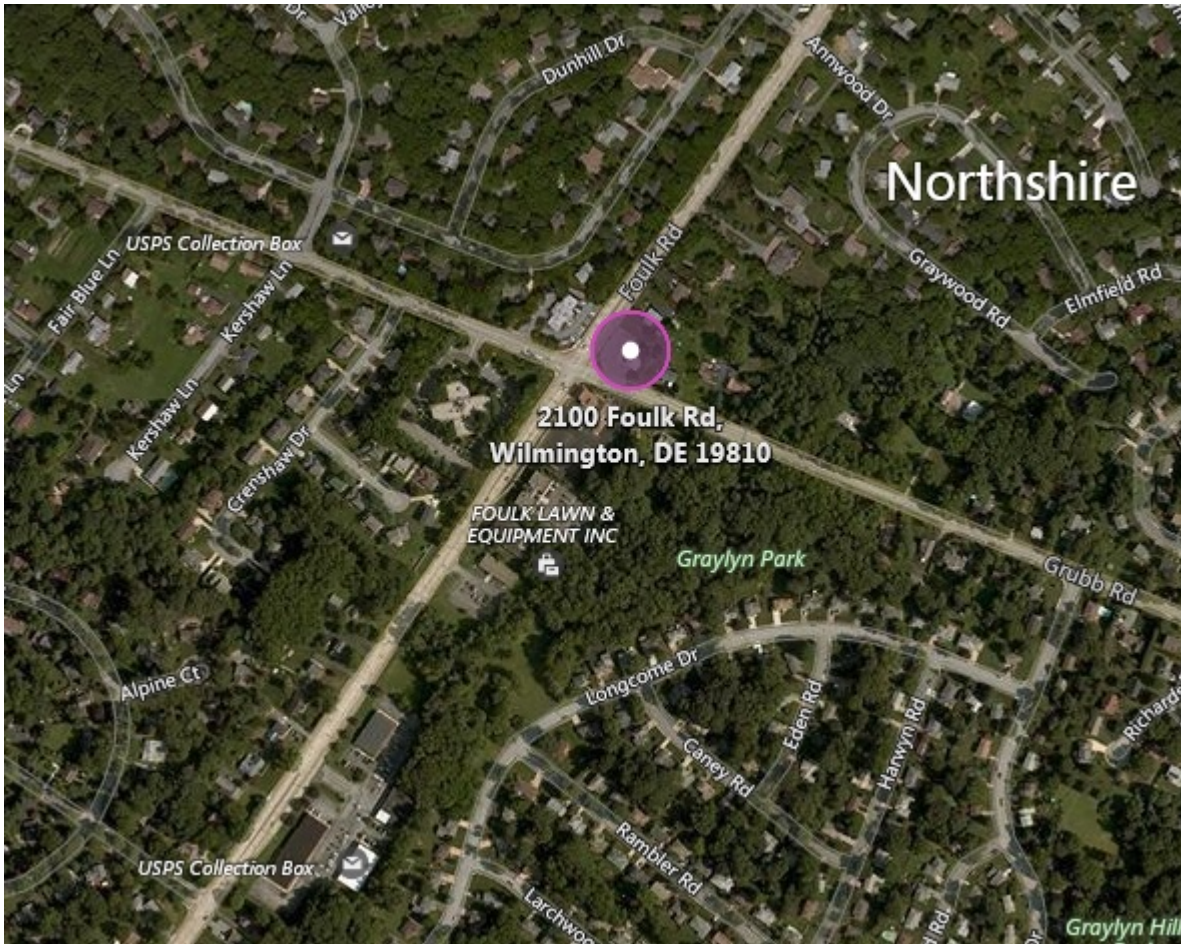
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# Troopers Investigate 7-11 Robbery



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

***Brandywine Hundred-*** Delaware State Police is currently investigating the armed robbery of a Wilmington area 7-11 that occurred yesterday morning.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident occurred at approximately 5:13 a.m. yesterday, Monday, June 26, 2017, as a male suspect entered the 7-11 located at 2100 Foulk Road. The suspect approached the sales counter where he brandished an unknown make and model handgun and confronted a male employee. The suspect then demanded money from the cash register. The employee complied with the suspect's demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of money to him. The suspect then exited the store and fled on foot in an unknown direction. There were no injuries.

The suspect was described as a black male. He was 19-20 years

of age, 5'07"-5'08" tall, weighed 150-160 lbs., and was last seen wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, dark pants, dark shoes, and had a bandana partially covering his face. There is no further physical or clothing description available.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact the Robbery Unit at Troop 2 at 302-365-8566. 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), or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword "DSP."

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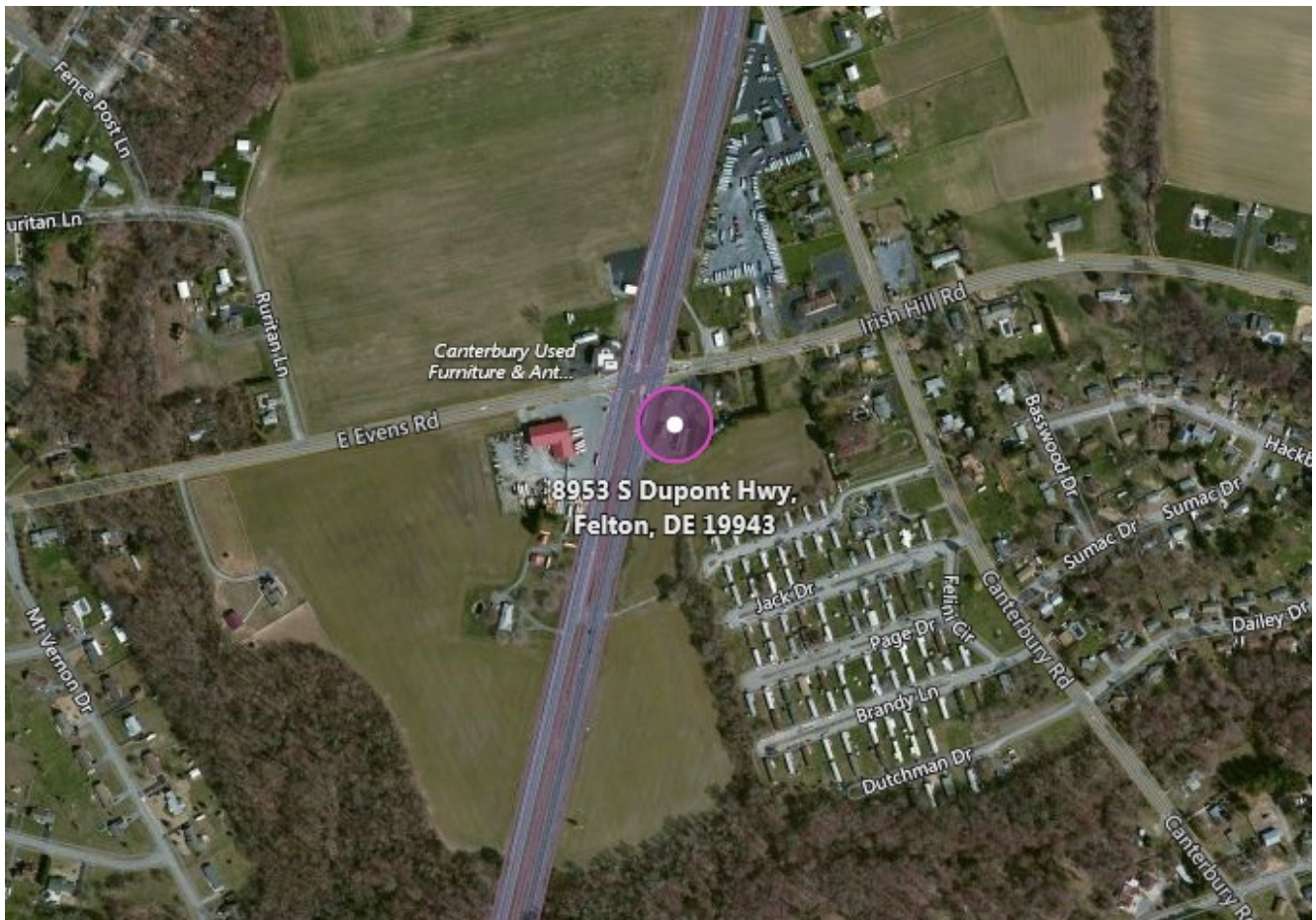
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**Troopers Investigate Gas  
Station Robbery- Felton**



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

**Felton-** Delaware State Police is currently investigating the armed robbery of a Felton area gas station that occurred early this morning.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident occurred at approximately 12:37 a.m. today, Sunday, June 25, 2017, as two male suspects entered the Canterbury Shore Stop, located at 8953 S. DuPont Highway. One of the suspects brandished an unknown make and model gun and confronted a female employee as the second suspect acted as a lookout. The armed suspect then demanded money from the cash register. The employee complied with the suspect's demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of money to him. Both suspects then exited the store and were last seen fleeing in a southbound direction. There were no injuries.

The armed suspect was described as a male wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt, khaki cargo pants, dark shoes, and had a mask covering his face.

The second suspect was described as a male wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, gray sweatpants, black shoes, and had a mask covering his face. There is no further physical or clothing description available for either suspect. No video surveillance photos are available at this time.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact Detective Ryan Wright at 302-697-4454. 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), or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword "DSP."

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**\*\*Traffic Advisory\*\* Troopers Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash- Update #2**



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

**Newark-** The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit has identified the 24 year old Newark man who was killed in the fatal motor vehicle crash which occurred on Old Baltimore Pike on Saturday, June 24, 2017, as Rick Williams.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police.

[Please click on link to view original release.](#)

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# Troopers Seek Public's Assistance Identifying Armed Suspect

Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

**Bear, De.-** The Delaware State Police are investigating an incident in which a suspect armed with a gun fled from troopers at a local area gas station earlier this week and are asking for the public's assistance in identifying him.

The preliminary investigation has determined the incident occurred on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at approximately 7:56 p.m. as troopers were called and responded to the BP Gas Station, located at 1923 Pulaski Highway, in reference to a suspicious male carrying an unknown make and model handgun.

As troopers entered the parking lot a male subject, who matched the description of the suspicious person, was riding a bicycle on the sidewalk just south of Pulaski Highway. It was at this time that the suspect began pedaling very quickly away from the troopers. A Delaware State Police K-9 unit, who had arrived at the gas station, exited his fully marked K-9 patrol vehicle and ordered the suspect to stop. After the suspect refused to follow the multiple commands of the trooper, he dispatched his K-9.

The suspect continued to flee from the troopers and the K-9 on the bike up a dirt path and on to Thornhill Drive. As the K-9 attempted to apprehend the suspect, the suspect kicked him in the head and continued fleeing on the bike.

As the K-9 caught up to the suspect a second time, the suspect reached into his pocket and pulled out the handgun and turned toward the trooper and his K-9. As the K-9 attempted to reengage the suspect, he kicked the K-9 in the chest. The suspect continued traveling

on Thornhill Drive before turning onto Strathaven Court and fleeing the area.

As the trooper ran towards the suspect's last known location he turned the corner onto Strathaven Court and observed the K-9 had the shirt of a 15 year old male juvenile in his mouth. The trooper immediately yelled commands for the K-9 to release from the juvenile and gained control of the K-9.

The trooper immediately requested EMS to respond to the scene for the juvenile who was subsequently transported to a local area hospital where he was treated and released.

The suspect is described as a black male. He was 5'08"-5'09" tall, had a thin build, and was last seen wearing a black t-shirt, blue jean shorts, and was armed with an unknown make and model handgun.

Delaware State Police continue to investigate this incident. If anyone knows the identity of the pictured subject or has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact Troop 2 at 302-365-8370. Information may also be provided by calling [Delaware Crime Stoppers](https://www.delawarecrimestoppers.com) at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at [www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com](http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com), or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword "DSP."



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# **\*\*Traffic Advisory\*\* Troopers Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash- Update**



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

**Newark-** The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate a fatal motor vehicle crash that occurred this afternoon.

The investigation thus far has determined that the crash

occurred at approximately 3:50 p.m. today, Saturday, June 24, 2017, as a 38 year old Middletown man was operating a 1994 Honda Accord and was traveling in an eastbound direction on Old Baltimore Pike, preparing to make a left hand turn onto Albe Drive. As the Honda attempted to make the turn on a solid green traffic signal, it entered into the path of a 2008 Kawasaki ZOE motorcycle, which was being operated by a 24 year old Newark man, and which was traveling in a westbound direction on Old Baltimore Pike, also on a solid green traffic signal. The front of the motorcycle then struck the rear right side of the Honda. After the impact, the Honda spun and came to rest on Albe Drive. The male operator of the motorcycle, who was not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash, was ejected from the vehicle and landed in the intersection. The motorcycle continued traveling in a westerly direction before coming to rest on Old Baltimore Pike. It then became engulfed in flames.

The operator of the motorcycle was declared dead at the scene. It is unknown if alcohol or drug use on the part of the victim was a factor in the crash. Excessive speed on the part of the victim is being considered as a factor.

The operator of the Honda was treated at the scene by New Castle County Paramedics. He was then transported by ambulance to the Christiana Hospital where he was treated for his non-life threatening injuries. Alcohol use on the part of the operator is being considered as a factor.

Old Baltimore Pike was closed in both directions and Albe Drive was partially closed for approximately 3.5 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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*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*

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## **Delaware State Trooper Receives Award**

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

On Wednesday, June 14, 2017, Captain Jennifer Griffin was one of four recipients of the Whitney Young Service Award presented by the Del-Mar-Va Council for the Boy Scouts of America. Each recipient was chosen for their outstanding service as evidenced by the interest and leadership he or she has given to many worthwhile organizations as well as the respect and esteem in which he or she is held by their colleagues.

Captain Griffin was selected based on a bicycle program she initiated with a Wilmington based Boy Scout Troop. Captain Griffin identified bicycles, which had been recovered but had no identifiable owner. After the requisite amount of time had passed, Captain Griffin donated these bikes to Scouts who could refurbish them and perhaps now have their first bike. Captain Griffin, when presented with the award, spoke to the shared values of the Delaware State Police and Scouting and

how rewarding it was to see these young Scouts be given “a bike” and with a little hard work, make it “their bike”.

“These innovative ideas are a great representation of the good work being done around the state” -Major Melissa Zebley, Delaware State Police New Castle County Operations Officer.

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# **\*\*Traffic Advisory\*\* Troopers Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash**



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

***Newark-*** Delaware State Police are currently investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash involving a motorcycle that occurred this afternoon.

The initial investigation has determined that the crash occurred at approximately 3:50 p.m. today, Saturday, June 24, 2017, at the intersection of Old Baltimore Pike and Albe Drive, and involves a passenger car and a motorcycle.

As a result of the crash, one subject has been declared dead at the scene. It is unknown if there were any other injuries at this time.

Both directions of Old Baltimore Pike as well as Albe Drive have been closed 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. More details will be released at the conclusion of the investigation.

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# **Homeless Sex Offender Public Notification**

***Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal  
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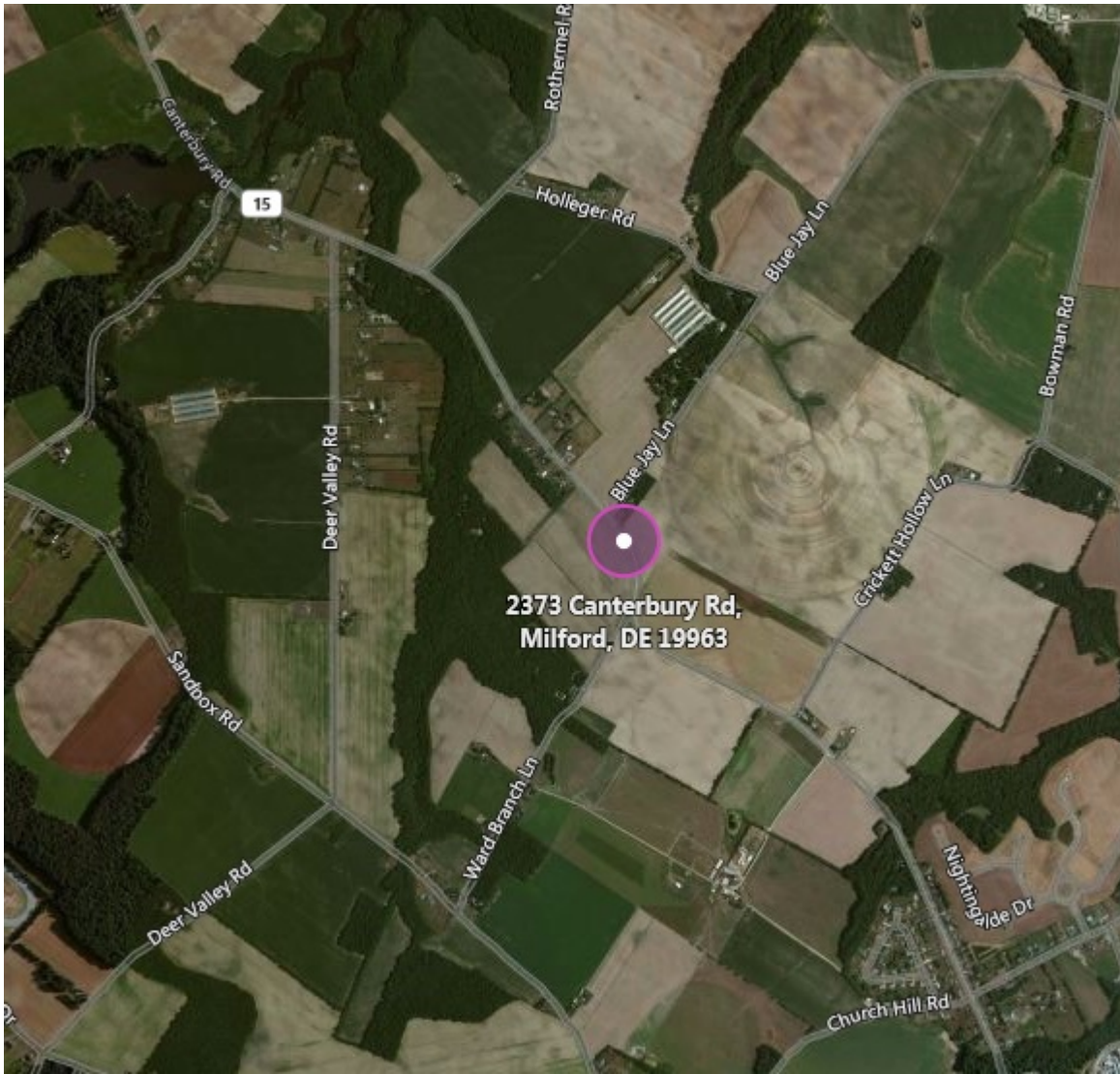
**Dover**– The following are not wanted. This is a Homeless Sex Offender Public Notification. If you have information that the listed subjects are occupying a residence, please call 302-672-5306. Information may also be provided by calling [Delaware Crime Stoppers](http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com) at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com> or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword "DSP."

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## **Harrington Man Dies from Injury Sustained in Crash**



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

**Milford-** The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is currently investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash that has claimed the life of a Milford man which occurred early this week.

The investigation thus far has determined that the crash occurred on Sunday, June 18, 2017 at 11:24 p.m., as Cody S. Hopkins, 24, was operating a 2006 Dodge Ram and was traveling in a northbound direction on Canterbury Road just south of Blue Jay Lane. As Hopkins attempted to negotiate a curve in the roadway, his vehicle's right side tires traveled off of the east edge of the roadway. The Ram then re-entered the roadway and began to rotate in a clockwise direction before

skidding off of the roadway. It then traveled in a northeasterly direction before striking a group of trees and overturning, ejecting Hopkins onto Blue Jay Lane. The Dodge continued traveling in a northeasterly direction until it came to rest on its right hand side on Blue Jay Lane.

Cody Hopkins, who was not properly restrained at the time of the crash, was removed from the scene and transported to the Milford Memorial Hospital. He was later transported to he Christiana Hospital where he was admitted in critical condition before being declared dead on Tuesday, June 20, 2017. Speed and alcohol use appear to be factors in this crash which remains under investigation at this time.

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