

# Troopers Seek Public's Assistance in Locating Wanted Subject



Brian A. McCabe

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

**Millsboro** – State Police are requesting assistance in locating

**Brian A. McCabe**, 26 of Millsboro, who is wanted for three counts of Burglary, two counts of Possession of Burglar Tools, three counts of Theft, and two counts of Criminal Mischief. He is also wanted by Millsboro Police Department, Georgetown Police Department, and Sussex County courts on warrants and capiases.

McCabe is wanted by troopers in connection with two separate incidents that occurred around the end of April and beginning of May for entering seasonal residences in the 26000 block of Autumn Road and removing various items including electronics.

If anyone has any information in reference to Brian McCabe's whereabouts, they are asked to contact Detective A. Bluto at 302-752-3864. 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 Seek Public's Assistance in Locating Wanted Subject**

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**Dover** – State Police are requesting assistance in locating **Maurice J. Wells**, 35 of Dover, who is wanted for two counts of Assault, Strangulation, Terroristic Threatening and six counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

Wells is wanted in connection with two separate incidents that occurred on Friday May 19, 2017 and Sunday May 21, 2017 when he struck a 30-year-old female victim with a closed fist and choked her, all while in the presence of the victim's three young children.

If anyone has any information in reference to Maurice Wells' whereabouts, they are asked to contact Troop 3 Major Crimes Unit at 302-698-8434. 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 Investigating Attempted Robbery and Assault in Rodney Village Shopping Center**

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**Dover** – The Delaware State Police are investigating an

attempted robbery and assault that occurred in the parking lot of the Rodney Village Shopping Center.

The incident occurred around 9:00 p.m. Monday May 22, 2017 as a 33-year-old male was walking northwest through the shopping plaza (1600 block of South Governors Avenue) when he was confronted by a male subject. The suspect demanded the victim's money and when the victim informed him that he did not have any, the suspect pulled a box cutter from his pocket and cut the victim on the forearm before fleeing in an unknown direction. The victim was later transported to Bayhealth Kent General Hospital where he was treated and released with non-life-threatening injuries.

The suspect was described as a black male, 5'07"-5'09" tall, 170-180 lbs., wearing a dark colored hooded sweatshirt, black pants, and a black head cover (no further physical or clothing description available). Armed with a box cutter.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact the Troop 3 Major Crimes Unit at 302-698-8434. 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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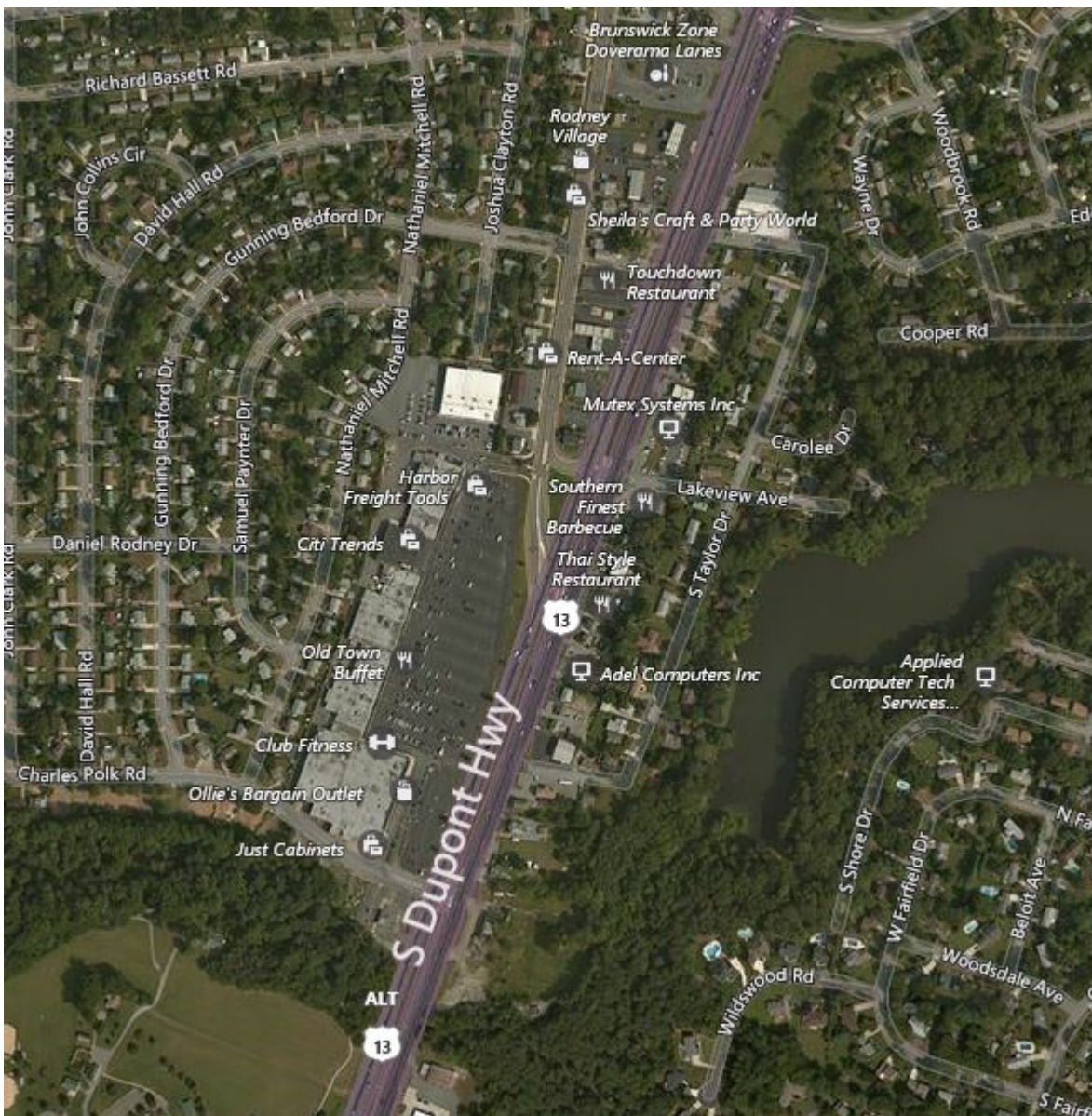
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# **\*\*Update\*\* Troopers Investigating Fatal Hit and Run Crash with Bicyclist-Dover**

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

**Dover**– The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is seeking the public's assistance in identifying the vehicle involved in the May 4th hit and run fatal crash with a bicyclist.

Investigators are searching for a 2002-2003 GMC Envoy, possibly maroon in color, with damage to the front grill or hood area, and lower bumper (no further description available).

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. If anyone has information regarding this vehicle they are asked to contact Sergeant J. Wheatley at 302-698-8518. 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 Parking Lot Robbery



Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal

## **Jeffrey R. Hale**

***Wilmington (19803)*** – Delaware State Police are currently investigating the armed robbery of a male subject that took place in an area parking lot early yesterday morning.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident happened on Monday, May 22, 2017 at approximately 3:30 a.m., as a male victim was traveling on a skateboard through the parking lot of the Brandywine Town Center, located at 5450 Brandywine Parkway. It was then that the victim was approached by three subjects in a green unknown make and model passenger vehicle. Two of the suspects then displayed unknown make and model handguns and demanded the victim's property. The victim complied with the suspect's demands and turned over a back pack containing an I-Phone, charger, and car keys. The three suspects then fled in the vehicle in a northbound direction on Brandywine Parkway. The victim was not injured.

One suspect was described as an Hispanic male 25 years of age. He had a large build and black hair, and was last seen wearing a green or white t-shirt. There is no further physical or clothing description available.

The second suspect was described as an Hispanic male 25-30 years of age. He had a thin build, black hair, and was last seen wearing a dark colored t-shirt. There is no further physical or clothing description available.

A description of the third suspect is not available.

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, 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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# Five Arrested in Human Trafficking Case

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

**Dover** – The Delaware State Police, with the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (Wilmington office), and the Delaware Department of Justice have arrested five people in connection with a human trafficking case.

This investigation began on May 8, 2017 when the Troop 3 Criminal Investigation Unit (CIU) was contacted by the foster parent of a juvenile who had been reported missing on March 27, 2017. The foster parent advised that the 16-year-old female may be prostituting via the website [www.backpage.com](http://www.backpage.com). Detectives located a listing on the webpage that displayed photographs appearing to be the missing teen and were able to

confirm her identity through the foster parent. Investigators conducted a search of law enforcement records for the phone number listed and were able to link it to **Jason Haith**, 18 of Dover and his girlfriend, **Jessica A. Hutkin**, 34 of Smyrna.

On Friday May 19, 2017, a joint operation coordinated by Troop 3 CIU, FBI Wilmington, and the Delaware Department of Justice was initiated. Investigators called the phone number listed and arranged a meeting for sexual favors in exchange for compensation at a south Dover motel. At approximately 1:40 p.m. that afternoon, a white 2017 Hyundai Sonata, bearing New York registration, pulled into the motel and the 16-year-old victim was seen exiting the vehicle. After the teen exited the vehicle, it departed and troopers conducting a traffic stop on the car. The driver, Jason Haith, and two passengers, Jessica Hutkin and **Austin White**, 19 of Smyrna, were taken into custody without incident. A computer inquiry revealed the Hyundai Sonata was reported stolen out of Philadelphia on April 6, 2017.

Further investigation revealed that Haith, Hutkin, and White, along with two other subjects, **Donnell Singletary**, 32 of Dover, and **Taliesha Haith**, 34 of Dover, that were taken into custody at Jason Haith's residence in the 1000 block of East Lebanon Road, allowed each other to utilize their cellular telephones to make cellular calls, send text messages, and/or connect to the internet to arrange prostitution activities for the 16-year-old victim and another 17-year-old victim who was also advertised on [www.backpage.com](http://www.backpage.com). Information also suggested that the prostitution activities were coordinated out of the Haith residence located at the East Lebanon Road address.

Jason Haith and Jessica Hutkin were both charged with Human Trafficking – Sexual Servitude, Promoting Prostitution 2nd, Receiving Stolen Property, and Conspiracy 2nd. They were arraigned at JP7 and remanded to the custody of the Delaware Department of Correction on \$34,000.00 secured bond.

Taliesha Haith, Donnell Singletary, and Austin White were all charged with Human Trafficking – Sexual Servitude, Promoting Prostitution 2nd, and Conspiracy 2nd. They were all arraigned at JP7 and remanded to the custody of the Delaware Department of Correction on \$32,000.00 secured bond.

Because of the sensitivity of this case, and in consideration of the victims, only limited information will be released. Both victims have been placed in the safety of the Division of Family Services.

Victims or persons with information regarding the activities of any of the five subjects arrested are asked to please contact Detective M. Weinstein at 302-698-8443 or Troop 3 Major Crimes Unit at 302-698-8434. 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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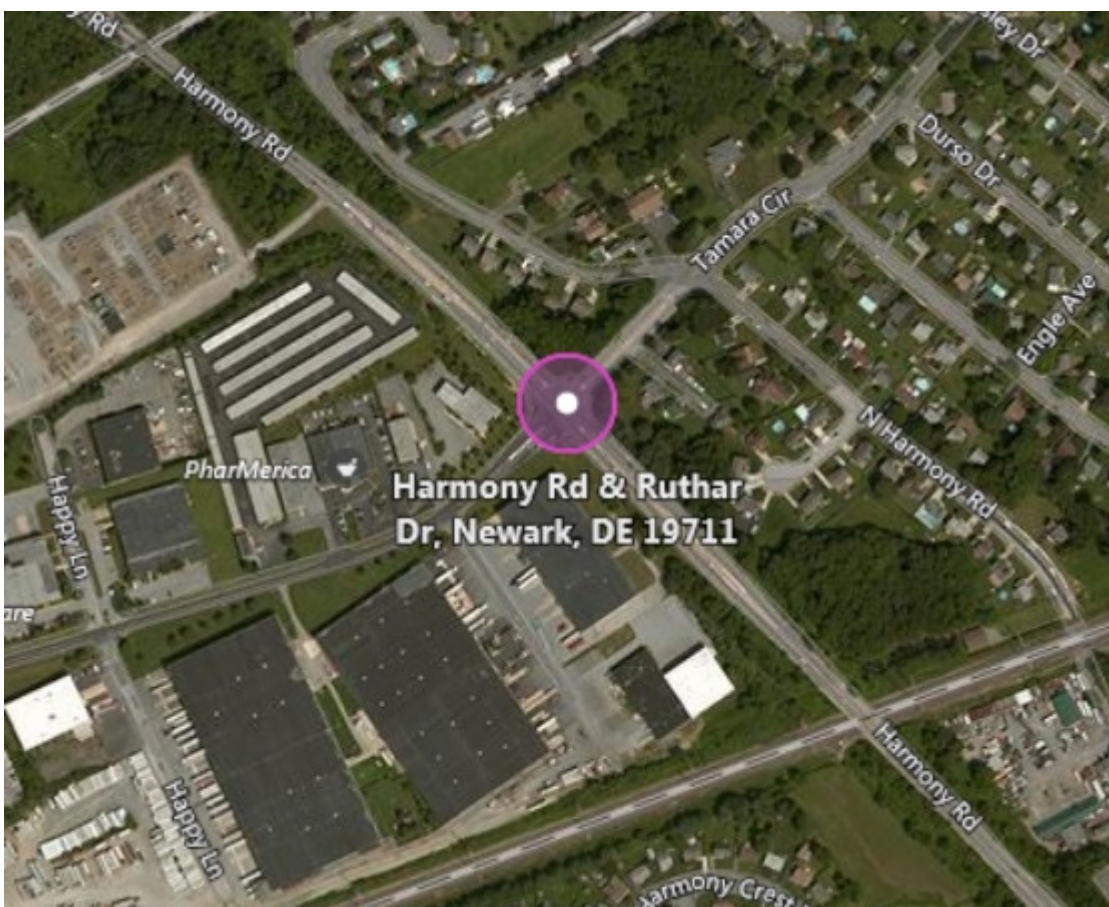
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# Troopers Investigate Crash Involving a School Bus - Update



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

**Newark (19711)**- Delaware State Police continue to investigate a two vehicle crash involving a loaded school bus which occurred this morning east of Newark.

The investigation thus far has determined that the crash

occurred at approximately 8:13 a.m., as Janae S. Higgins, 22, of Newark, was operating a 2013 Toyota Prius and was attempting to make a left hand turn from eastbound Ruthar Drive onto northbound Harmony Road. As Higgins began the turn, she drove directly into the path of a 2007 Blue Bird school bus, which was being operated by a 24 year old Bear, DE man, and which was traveling in a westbound direction on Ruthar Drive. The left hand front side of the bus, which was carrying approximately 30 students from the Las Americas Aspira Academy in Newark, then struck the front center of the Prius in the intersection where both vehicles then came to rest.

The male operator of the bus, who was properly restrained at the time of the crash, was transported to the Christiana Medical Center, where he was treated for his non-life threatening injuries. A six year old female and a nine year old female, who were passengers on the bus, were removed from the scene by ambulance and transported to the A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children, where they were treated for their non-life threatening injuries.

Janae Higgins, who was also properly restrained at the time of the crash, was treated at the scene before being transported by ambulance to the Christiana Medical Center where she was treated for non-life threatening injuries. She was cited by Troopers with Failure to Yield the Right of Way to Oncoming Traffic.

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# **– Update - Off-Duty Trooper Involved in Domestic Related Shooting**

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**Pike Creek-** The Delaware State Police Criminal Investigations Unit continues to investigate a domestic related shooting involving an off-duty trooper.

Preliminary investigation reveals the incident occurred around 11:12 p.m. Sunday, May 21, 2017, when a 9-1-1 call was received from a residence in the 3200 block of Champions Drive stating shots had been fired in the residence. New Castle County Police and Delaware State Police responded to the address and found an off-duty female trooper severely battered and a male subject (boyfriend) with a gun shot wound to the upper torso. Troopers learned that the female trooper, an eight year veteran of the Delaware State Police, and the male subject, identified as Maurice Ifill, 43, of Owings Mills, MD, had been involved in a violent physical altercation inside of the home. At some point during the altercation, the trooper was able to retrieve her service handgun. She then fired the weapon, striking Ifill in the upper torso.

The trooper and Ifill were both treated at the scene by New Castle County Paramedics. They were then transported by ambulance to the Christiana Medical Center where Maurice Ifill was declared dead. His body was then turned over to the Delaware Division of Forensic Sciences where an autopsy will be performed.

The trooper was admitted to the hospital with serious injuries and is currently in stable condition.

The investigation into this incident is ongoing. Additional information and investigative details will be released as soon as it becomes available and the investigation progresses.

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# Wilmington Man Arrested after Drug Investigation

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

***Wilmington-*** Delaware State Police have arrested a Wilmington man on gun and drug charges following a month long investigation into illegal drug sales which had been occurring at an area apartment complex.

On Friday, May 19, 2017, members of the New Castle County Governor's Task Force executed a search warrant at the residence of Shane Brown, 37, located in the unit block of Jill Court, Wilmington, after the culmination of a month-long investigation of "open air" drug dealing which had been occurring in the Holly Oak Apartments. During the investigation, Brown was identified by G.T.F. members as a supplier of illegal drugs which had been sold from the

apartment complex. Upon execution of the search warrant, Brown was taken into custody without incident and investigators seized 1,113 bags of heroin, 25.8 grams of crack cocaine, 9 grams of powder cocaine, 8 Ecstasy tablets, 33 grams of marijuana, 1 semi-automatic handgun, and \$4,042.00 in suspect drug sale proceeds.

Shane Brown was transported to Troop 2 where he was charged with Possession with the Intent to Deliver Heroin in a Tier 4 Quantity, Possession of Heroin in a Tier 5 Quantity, Possession with the Intent to Deliver Cocaine in a Tier 4 Quantity, Possession of Cocaine in a Tier 5 Quantity, Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited, Possession of Cocaine in a Tier 1 Quantity, Possession of Marijuana, and Possession of a Controlled Substance. He was arraigned at JP Court 2 and committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in default of \$738,900.00 cash bail.

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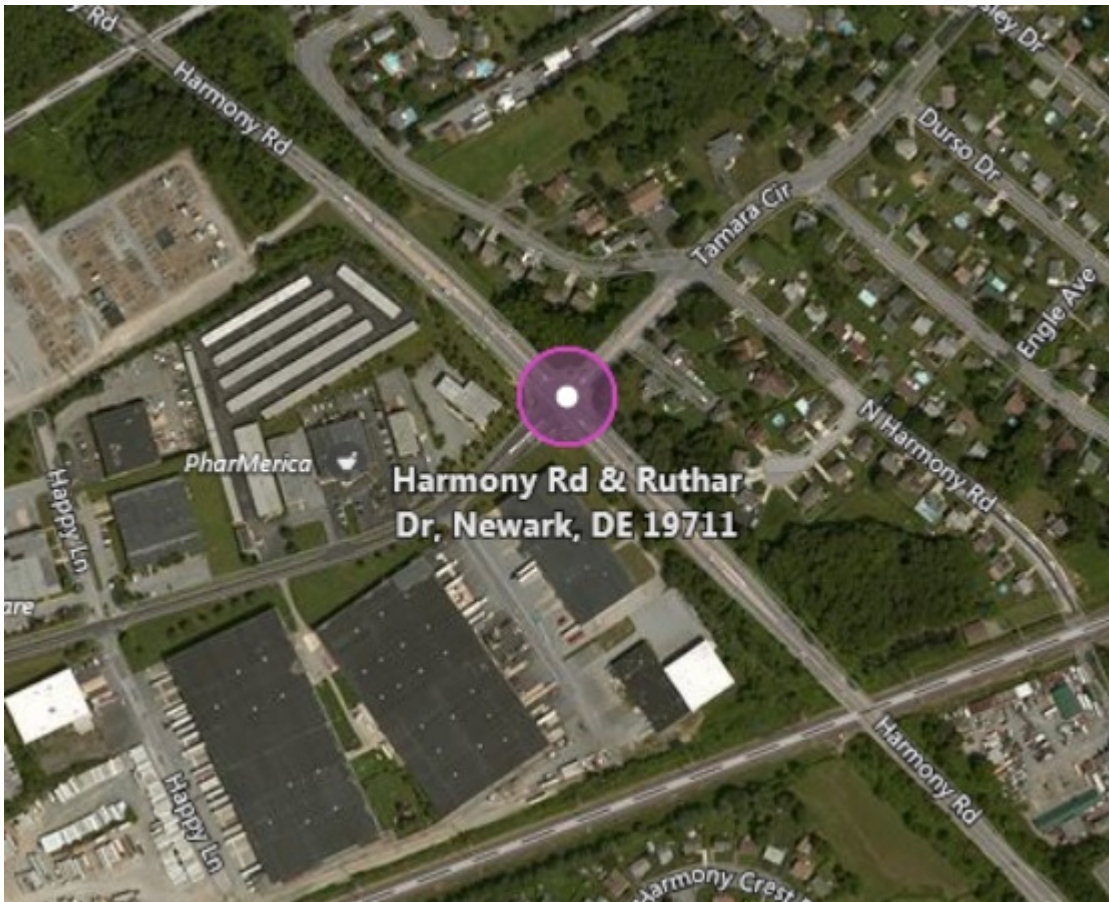
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# Troopers Investigate Crash Involving a School Bus



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**Newark-** Delaware State Police are currently investigating a personal injury crash involving a school bus which occurred this morning in Newark.

The initial investigation has determined that the crash occurred at approximately 8:13 a.m. at the intersection of Harmony Road and Ruthar Drive and involves a passenger car and a school bus carrying approximately 30 students from the Las Americas Aspira Academy in Newark. Preliminary information is that the operator of the motor vehicle as well as two children on the bus were injured and transported to local hospitals. Their injuries are considered to be non-life threatening.

The investigation into this crash is in its early stages. Further information will be released at the conclusion of the investigation.

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