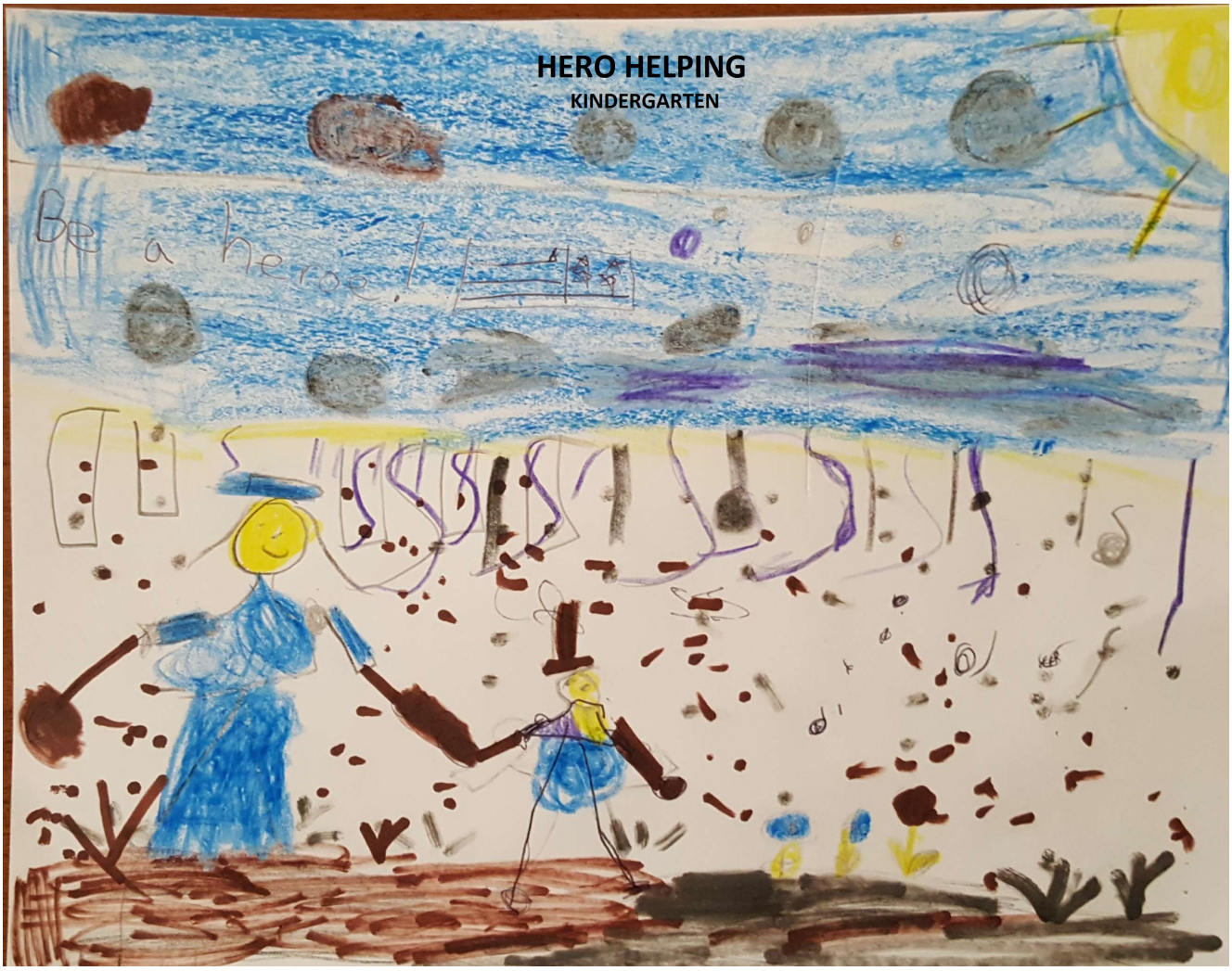
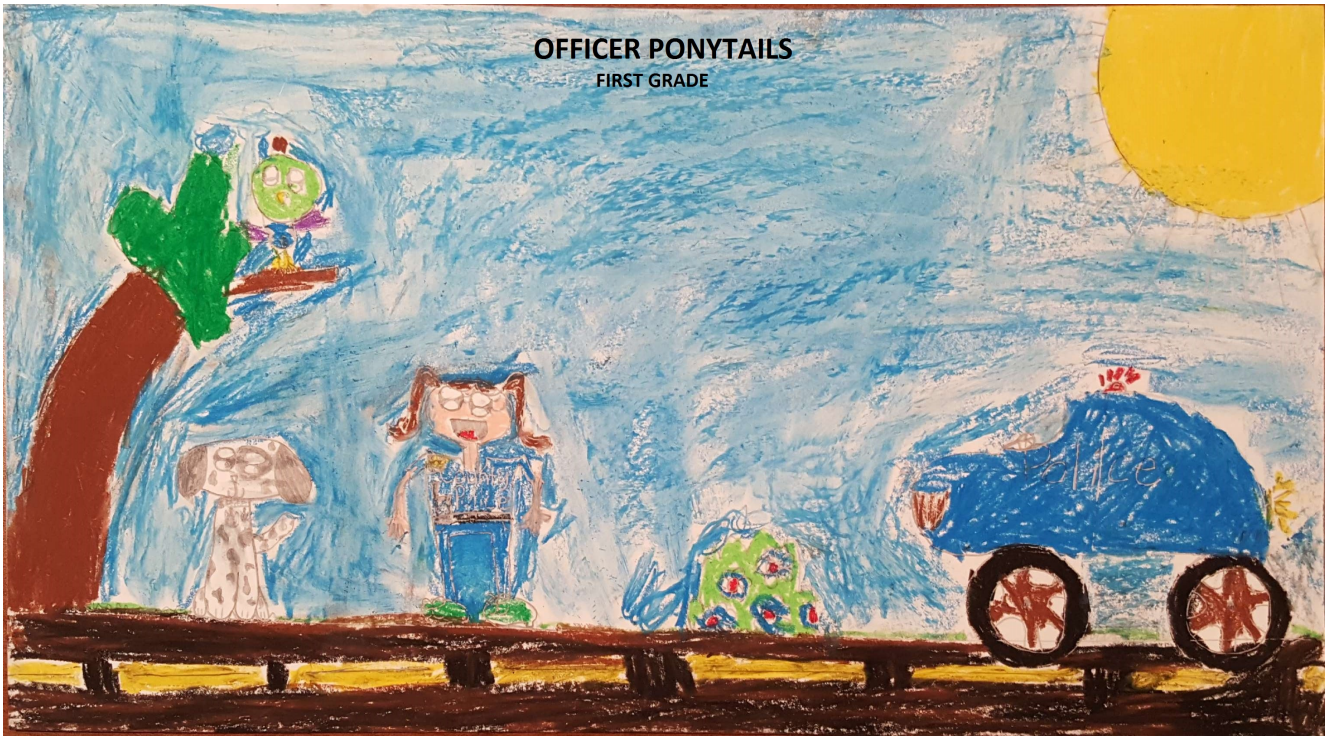
Delaware State Police Announces Winners of Art Contest





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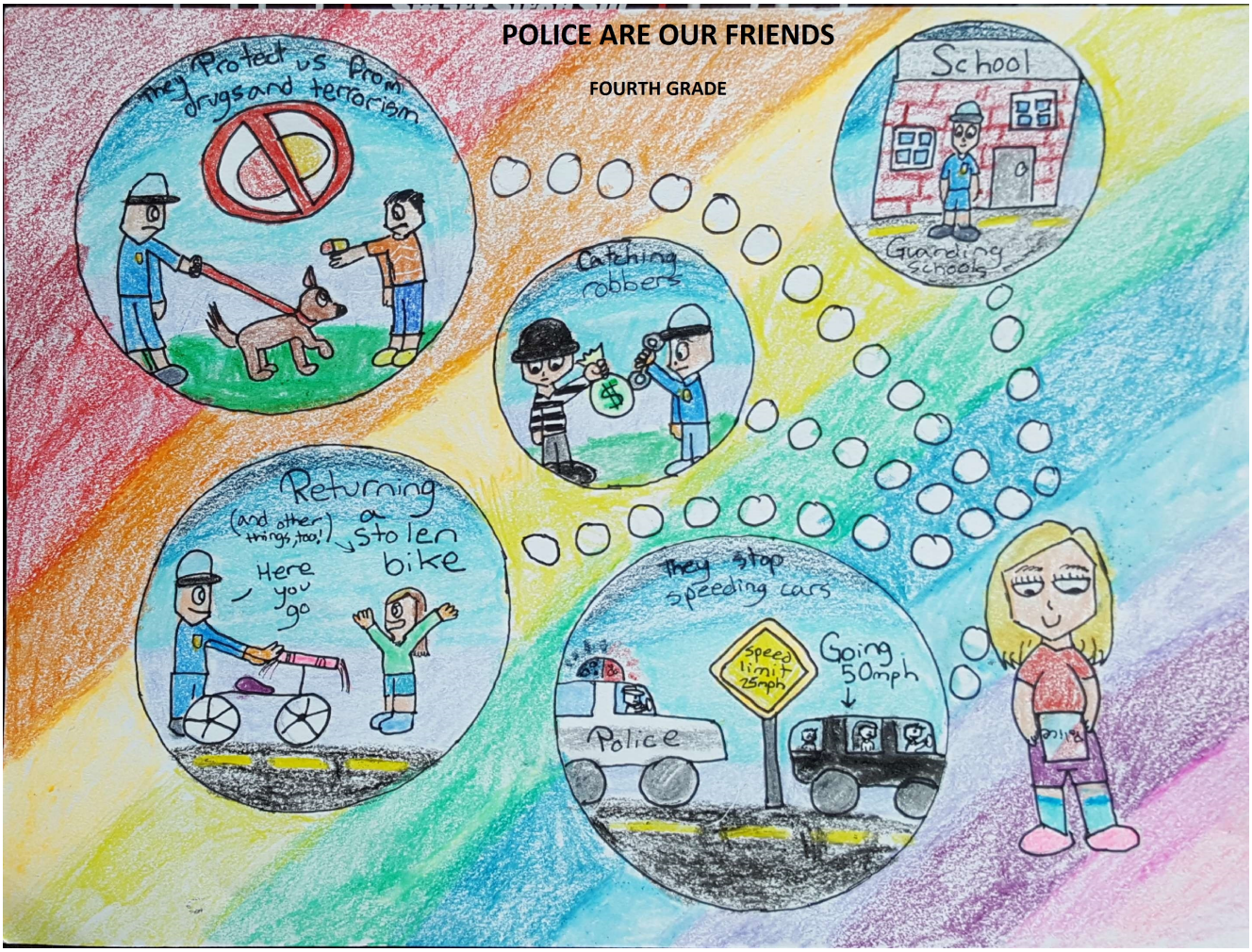


POLICE ARE A PART OF OUR COMMUNITY

THIRD GRADE

POLICE ARE OUR FRIENDS

FOURTH GRADE





PROTECTED BY THE BLUE

FIFTH GRADE



NATION PROTECTORS

SIXTH GRADE

Presented by the Director of Public Information Sergeant

Richard D. Bratz

The Delaware State Police Community Outreach Unit is pleased to announce the winners of our “Police Protecting Our Community” Art Contest. Over 550 entries were submitted and with the support of our Delaware State Police Facebook community, the following art projects were selected as the First Place Winners for each grade level. Each winner will be featured in the Delaware State Trooper’s Association Magazine and proudly placed on display at the Delaware State Police Museum. Additionally, the winners and finalists will be honored at a special award ceremony which will be announced at a later date. We thank each family for allowing your children to participate in this art contest and would like to congratulate every winner from each grade level from Kindergarten to the Sixth Grade. Great job to all of the contestants and thank you to everyone who showed your support by voting on our Delaware State Police Facebook page!

Please click on the links to view and follow:

Delaware State Police Facebook Page

Delaware State Police Sponsors Children’s Art Contest

Kindergarten: “Hero Helping”

1st: “Officer Ponytails”

2nd: “Safety in the Community”

3rd: “Police are a Part of Our Community”

4th: “Police Are Our Friends”

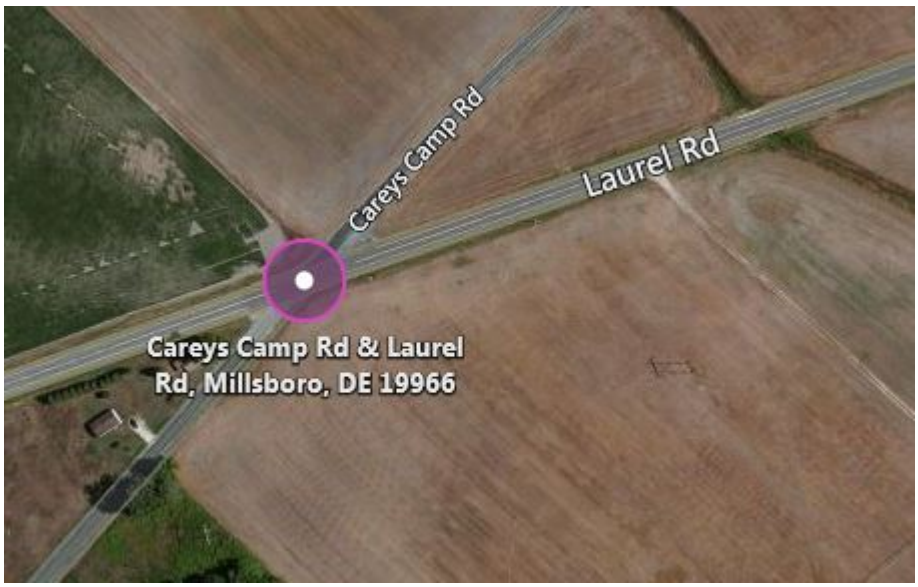
5th: “Protected by the Blue”

6th: “Nation Protectors”

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State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit Investigating Serious Crash-Millsboro



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

Millsoboro– The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a serious crash involving a bicyclist this afternoon west of Millsboro.

The incident occurred around 2:58 p.m. Thursday, June 15, 2017 as a 1999 Freightliner tractor pulling a 2009 Wade trailer, operated by Chester Littleton, 65 of Frankford, was traveling westbound on Laurel Road (SR 24), approaching the intersection at Carey's Camp Road (CR 421). Kenneth Tull, 72 of Delmar,

Maryland was riding a road bicycle southbound on Carey's Camp Road approaching the intersection at Laurel Road. Laurel Road is a throughway and traffic on Carey's Camp Road is controlled by a posted stop sign. The bicyclist failed to stop and yield and attempted to cross Laurel Road. The operator of the tractor trailer activated the brakes and swerved left, however the front right struck the left side of the bicycle in the middle of the intersection and then skidded to a stop. Tull was thrown in a westbound direction and came to rest in the roadway west of the intersection.

Kenneth Tull, who was wearing a bicycle helmet, was airlifted from the scene by the Delaware State Police Aviation Unit and transported to the Christiana Medical Center where he is currently admitted in critical condition.

Chester Littleton, who was wearing his seat-belt was not injured in the collision.

Impairment is not a factor in this collision.

Both, Laurel Road and Carey's Camp Road, were closed in the area of the crash for approximately 2 ½ hours as the crash was investigated and cleared.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. If anyone may have witnessed this crash, they are asked to contact Corporal N. Demalto of the Collision Reconstruction Unit at 302-703-3267. 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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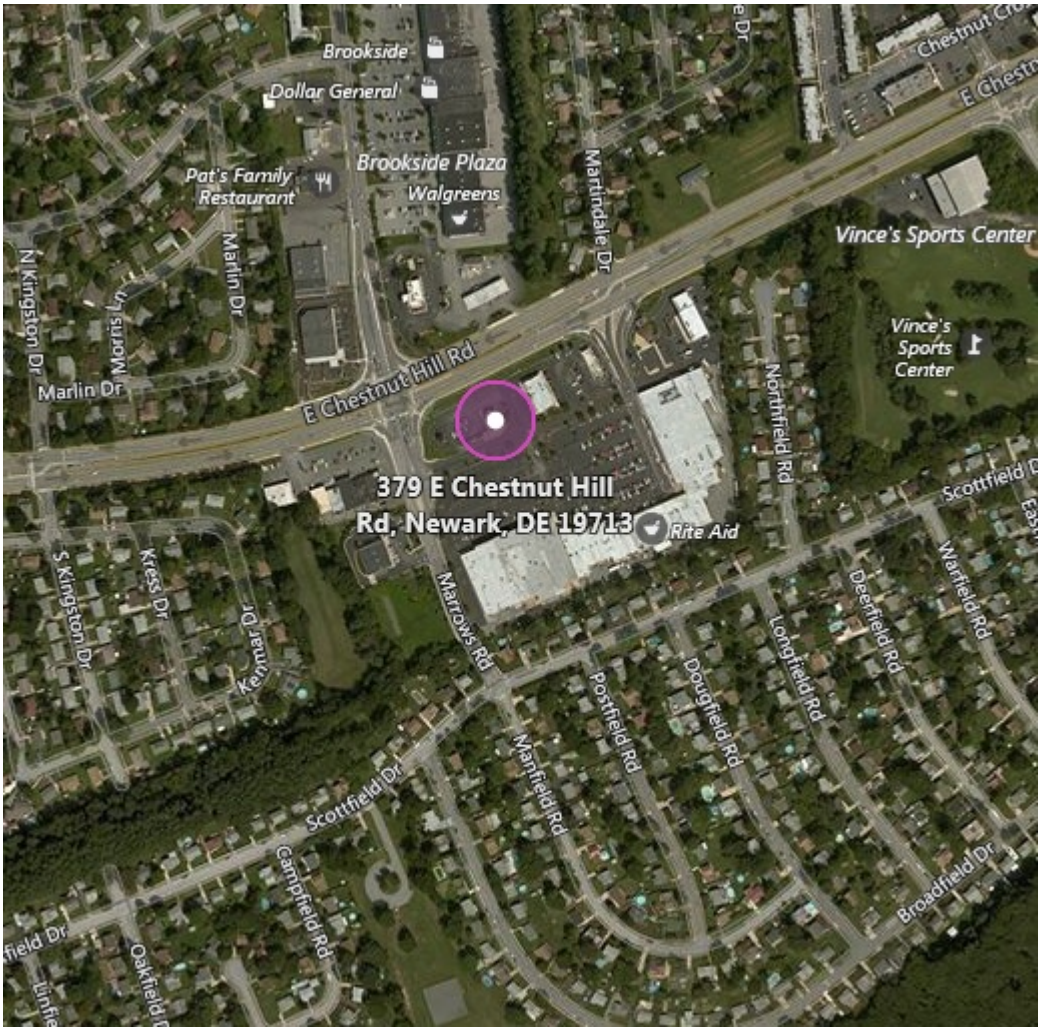
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Troopers Investigate Cell Phone Store Robbery



Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal

Jeffrey R. Hale

Newark (19713)- Delaware State Police are currently investigating the armed robbery of a Newark area cellular phone store that occurred yesterday evening.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident happened at approximately 6:44 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, as a male suspect entered the Verizon Wireless store located at 379 E. Chestnut Hill Road. The suspect then approached the sales counter where he displayed an unknown make and model handgun and confronted two male employees of the store. He then ordered the employees to turn over cellular phones to him. The employees complied with the suspect's demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of cell phones. The suspect then exited the store and fled in an unknown direction. The employees were not injured.

The suspect was described as an Hispanic male. He was 5'10" tall, weighed 250-300 lbs., and was last seen wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, black pants, and had a black bandana partially covering his face.

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 or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword "DSP."

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Update Troopers Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash with Bicyclist-Laurel



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

Laurel – The Delaware State Police are releasing the name of the 59-year-old that died in the fatal bicycle crash east of Laurel as Steven S. Oney of Laurel, Delaware.

This crash remains under investigation by the Collision Reconstruction Unit.

Update Troopers Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash with Bicyclist-Laurel

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Troopers Arrest Three Men Following Drug Investigation

Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Townsend- The Kent County Governor's Task Force concluded a two week long investigation into illegal drug sales occurring at a Townsend area motel with the arrest of three men.

The investigation began after officers from the Kent County Governor's Task Force began searching for Sean Gaitens, 20, of Middletown, who was wanted for a probation violation. As the search for Gaitens progressed, it was learned that he may be staying at the Pleasant Hill Motel, located in the 3000 block of DuPont Parkway, Townsend, and that he was involved in the sale of illegal drugs from the motel.

On Tuesday, June 13, 2017, Task Force members responded to the motel at which time they observed Gaitens exit a room and enter the front passenger seat of a white Dodge Nitro which had parked on the shoulder of Rt. 13 southbound in front of the motel. As the Dodge entered back onto the roadway, it was observed that Gaitens had failed to properly fasten his

seatbelt. A stop of the vehicle was then conducted and Gaitens, who provided the Task Force members with a fictitious name, was taken into custody without incident. A computer check of the operator, later identified as Robert Walcome, 38, of Newark, revealed that he was operating a vehicle while his license was suspended and also was wanted on an active capias. He was also taken into custody without incident. A subsequent search of the vehicle was then conducted and as a result, six bags of heroin and two strips of Suboxone were located. Sean Gaitens and Robert Walcome were then transported to Troop 9.

As Task Force Members were conducting the traffic stop of the Dodge Nitro, a red Hyundai was observed pulling into the lot of the motel. The male operator of the vehicle, later identified as Andrew Hubler, 24, of Millsboro, then exited the car and proceeded to knock on the door of the room that had previously been occupied by Sean Gaitens. Task Force Members then made contact with Hubler, and after further investigation, it was learned that he was in possession of illegal drugs. A search of Hubler’s Hyundai, with the assistance of a K-9 unit from the New Castle City Police Department, yielded 15,134 bags of heroin. He was then arrested by Task Force members and transported to Troop 9.

An administrative search of Sean Gaiten’s room was then conducted by officers of the Division of Probation and Parole at which time an additional 214 bags of heroin and $536.00 in suspect drug sale proceeds was located.

Sean Gaitens was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance in a Tier 5 Quantity, two counts of Possession with the Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance, Maintaining a Drug Property, Possession of a Controlled Substance in a Tier 1 Quantity, Conspiracy 2nd Degree, Criminal Impersonation, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was arraigned at JP Court 2 and committed to the James Vaughn Correctional Institution in default of $86,000.00 cash bail.

Robert Walcome was charged with two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance, Criminal Solicitation 3rd Degree, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Driving While Suspended, and Failure to Properly Secure a Passenger with a Seatbelt. He was arraigned at JP Court 2 and released on $2000.00 unsecured bail.

Andrew Hubler was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance in a Tier 5 Quantity, Possession with the Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance, Possession of a Controlled Substance in a Tier 1 Quantity, Conspiracy 2nd Degree, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was arraigned at JP Court 2 and committed to the James Vaughn Correctional Institution in default of $75,000.00 cash bail.



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Update Troopers Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash with Bicyclist-Laurel



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

Laurel, DE- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is currently investigating a fatal crash of a bicyclist that occurred this morning east of Laurel.

The preliminary investigation has determined that the crash occurred at approximately 7:28 a.m. this morning, Wednesday, June 14, 2017, as a 2001 Freightliner 6-wheel dump truck operated by Paul J. Fisher, 57 of Delmar, was traveling northbound on Whaley's Road (CR 62) just south of Wooten Road (CR 72). The bicyclist, 59 year old male of Laurel, was operating a mountain style bicycle northbound on Whaley's Road

just ahead of the dump truck. The operator of the truck failed to perceive the cyclist and struck the rear of the bicycle with the right front bumper. The dump truck came to a controlled stop just north of the collision.

The bicyclist, who was not wearing a bicycle helmet, was pronounced deceased at the scene. His name is being withheld pending the notification of next of kin.

Paul J. Fisher Jr., who was properly seat belted, was uninjured in this collision.

The investigation by the Collision Reconstruction Unit regarding the causation of the crash is ongoing. Charges have not been filed at this time. Speed and intoxication are not considered factors.

Both Wooten Road and Whaley's Road were closed in the area of the crash for approximately three hours as the crash was investigated and cleared.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. If anyone may have witnessed this crash or has any knowledge of the crash they are asked to contact Sergeant T. Mendez of the Collision Reconstruction Unit at 302-703-3269. 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 Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash with Bicyclist-Laurel

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

Laurel, DE- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is currently investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash that occurred this morning.

The initial investigation has determined that the crash occurred at approximately 7:30 a.m. this morning, Wednesday, June 14, 2017, on Whaley's Road south of Wooten Road east of Laurel, and involves a six wheel dump truck and a bicyclist. As a result of the crash one person has been pronounced dead.

Both Wooten Road and Whaley's Road is currently closed in the area of the crash. Commuters are asked to use caution and find alternate routes of travel.

The investigation into this crash by the Delaware State Police is in its early stages. More information will be released at the conclusion of the investigation.

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Troopers Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash with Bicyclist-Laurel



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Laurel, DE- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is currently investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash that occurred this morning.

The initial investigation has determined that the crash occurred at approximately 7:30 a.m. this morning, Wednesday,

June 14, 2017, on Whaleys Road south of Wooten Road east of Laurel, and involves a six wheel dump truck and a bicyclist. As a result of the crash one person has been pronounced dead.

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Update Troopers Investigate Fatal Motorcycle Crash, Bridgeville



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

Bridgeville – The Delaware State Police are releasing the name of the 33-year-old that died in the motorcycle crash north of Bridgeville as Joshua C. Hoffer of Millsboro, Delaware.

This crash remains under investigation by the Collision Reconstruction Unit.

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Troopers Investigate Fatal Motorcycle Crash, Bridgeville



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

Bridgeville – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal motorcycle crash that occurred today north of Bridgeville.

The incident occurred around 4:46 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, 2017 as a 33-year-old male from Millsboro was operating a 1986 Honda Shadow motorcycle traveling northbound on Sussex Highway, (U.S. 13) in the right lane approaching the intersection of East Newton Road, Bridgeville. A 2009 Chrysler Sebring, operated by Michael D. Sauerwein, 42 of Rosedale, Maryland was westbound on East Newton Road. For unknown reasons, the motorcycle operator failed to stop for the red light and continued through the intersection directly into the path of the Sebring. The front of the motorcycle struck the front left of the Sebring within the middle of the intersection. After impact the operator was ejected from his motorcycle onto the roadway. The Sebring also stopped in the middle of the intersection.

The male operator, who was not wearing a helmet, was transported to Nanticoke Memorial Hospital by ambulance where he was pronounced deceased. His name is being withheld pending the notification of next of kin.

Michael D. Sauerwein, who was properly restrained in a seat belt, was not injured.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit. Impairment is not a factor in this collision on behalf of the vehicle operator; however results are unknown on the part of the motorcycle operator. Speed is also not believed to be a factor in this collision on behalf of either vehicle.

The intersection of Sussex Highway (U.S. 13) and East Newton Road was closed for approximately 2.5 hours as the crash was

investigated and cleared.

If anyone has any information or witnessed this crash they are asked to contact Corporal/3 K. Argo at (302)-703-3264. 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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Traffic Advisory-Motorcycle Crash-Bridgeville

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

Bridgeville- The Delaware State Police are currently investigating a motor vehicle crash involving a vehicle and motorcycle that occurred around 4:47 p.m. this afternoon. At this time the injuries are unknown.

US 13 northbound Sussex Highway and East Newton Road is currently closed in the area of the crash. Commuters are advised to use caution in the area of the crash as troopers are continuing to investigate the collision.

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