Update Tractor Trailer Crashes into House-Seaford



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

Seaford- Delaware State Police are currently investigating a multiple vehicle crash involving two tractor-trailers where one crashed into a house west of Seaford.

The preliminary investigation has determined the crash occurred at approximately 6:12 a.m. today, Tuesday, June 13, 2017, as a 2017 Ford Mustang operated by Joshua Hurley, 19 of Cambridge, Maryland was traveling westbound on Stein Highway (SR20), just west of Shufelt Road (CR552). A 2007 Peterbilt tractor pulling a 2014 Wilson trailer operated by Anthony Hughes, 54 of Cambridge, Maryland was traveling eastbound on Stein Highway approaching the Mustang. A 2000 Peterbilt tractor pulling a 2015 Timpte trailer operated by William Robinson, 70 Federalsburg, Maryland was also traveling eastbound directly behind the first Tractor-Trailer. A 2004 GMC Sierra operated by Oscar Garcia, 37 of Seaford was traveling directly behind the Mustang. For unknown reasons the

Mustang left its lane of travel and entered into the eastbound lane of Stein Highway. The first tractor trailer attempted to avoid the collision; however the left front of the mustang struck the left side of the first tractor-trailer. After the initial collision, the first tractor-trailer continued east bound a short distance before pulling over to the shoulder of the roadway. The Ford Mustang spun counter-clockwise in the eastbound lane, directly in the path of the second Tractor-Trailer, resulting in a second collision. The Ford Mustang was pushed off of the north side of the roadway making contact with a utility pole, came to a stop and became engulfed in flames. The second Tractor-Trailer exited the north edge of the road and struck the front of a residence on Stein Highway. The GMC Sierra was not involved in the initial crash and swerved off the road and sustained minor damage. Both of the trailers were empty and were enroute to the Laurel Grain.

Joshua Hurley, who was properly seat-belted, was transported to the Nanticoke Memorial Hospital with minor injuries. Hurley was cited for Failure to Remain within a Single Lane.

Anthony Hughes, who was properly seat-belted, was uninjured in the crash.

William Robinson, who was properly seat-belted, was transported and admitted to the Nanticoke Memorial Hospital with serious but non-life threatening injuries.

Oscar Garcia, who was properly seat-belted, was transported to the Nanticoke Memorial Hospital with minor injuries.

The Delaware State Police continues to investigate the crash with the assistance of the following allied agencies who responded to the scene; Seaford Volunteer Fire Department, Blades Volunteer Fire Company, Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Company, Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Company, Ridgely Volunteer Fire Company, Leipsic Volunteer Fire Company, Hartly Volunteer Fire Company, Indian River Volunteer Company,

Millsboro Volunteer Fire Company and Natural Resources, Sussex County EMS, Sussex County Technical Rescue, Kent County Technical Rescue, Delaware Department of Transportation and Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control.

Stein Highway was closed from Shufelt Road to Green Briar Road for approximately 4½ hours as the crash was investigated and cleared.

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Traffic Advisory-Tractor Trailer Crashes into House

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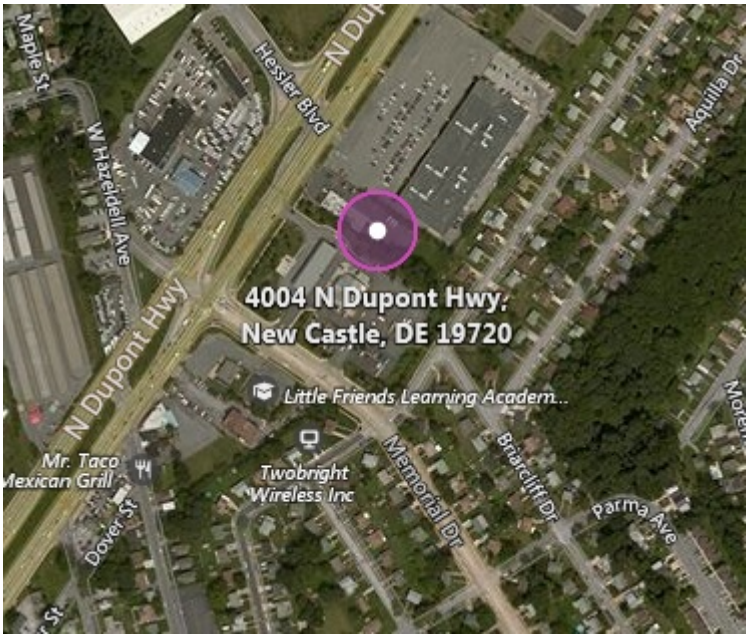
The crash occurred at approximately 6:05 a.m. today, Tuesday, June 13, 2017, on Stein Highway west of Shufelt Road, Seaford and involves a tractor-trailer. Injuries at this time are unknown.

As a result of the crash Stein Highway is closed between North Oak Road and Shufelt Road. Traffic has been diverted in the area and commuters are asked to find alternate routes of travel.

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Troopers Investigate Attempted Robbery of Dunkin Donuts



Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

New Castle- Delaware State Police are currently investigating the attempted armed robbery of a New Castle area Dunkin Donuts which occurred yesterday evening.

The incident occurred on Monday, June 12, 2017 at approximately 6:55 p.m., as a male suspect entered the Dunkin Donuts located at 4004 N. DuPont Highway. The suspect approached the sales counter and displayed a knife. He then confronted a female employee and demanded money from the cash register. The employee however, backed away from the sales counter and fled to the rear of the business. The suspect subsequently exited the store and was last seen fleeing the parking lot in an older model light-colored mini van without obtaining any cash. There were no injuries.

The suspect was described as a black male 27-34 years of age.

He was 5’08”-5’10” tall and had black hair and brown eyes. There is no clothing description 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 or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword “DSP.”

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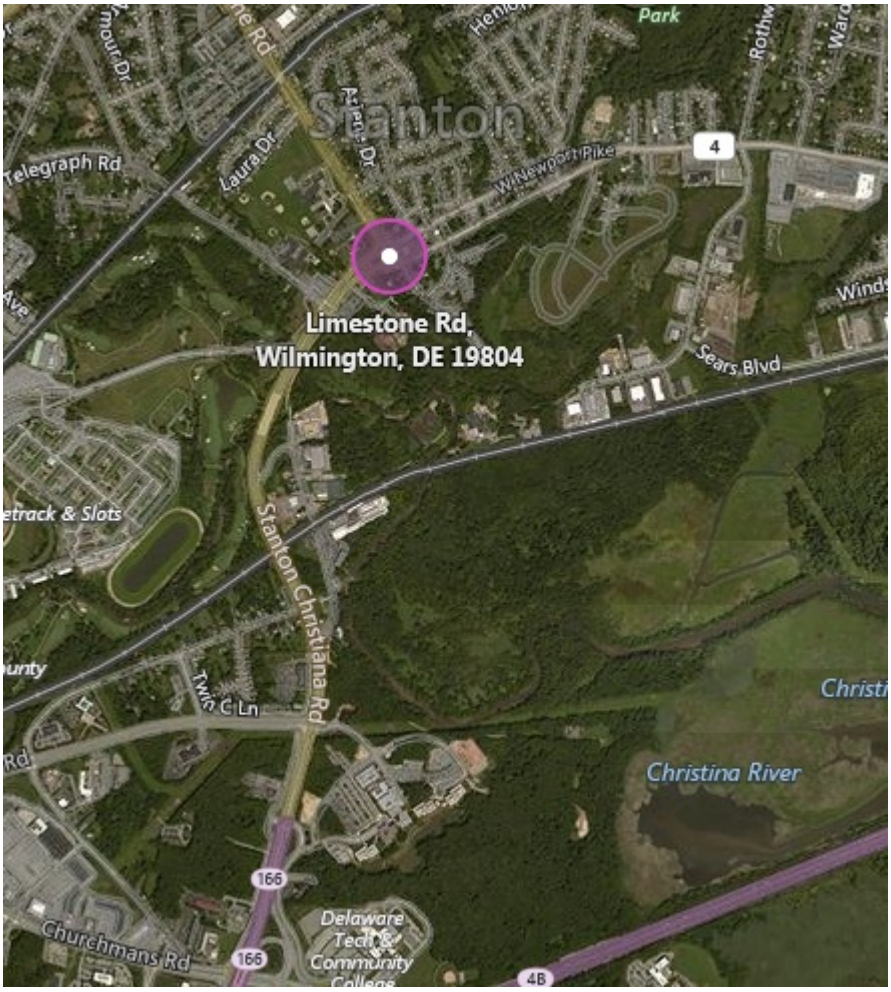
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Troopers On-Scene of Overturned Tractor Trailer



Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Stanton- Delaware State Police are currently investigating single vehicle crash involving an overturned tractor-trailer that occurred this evening in Stanton.

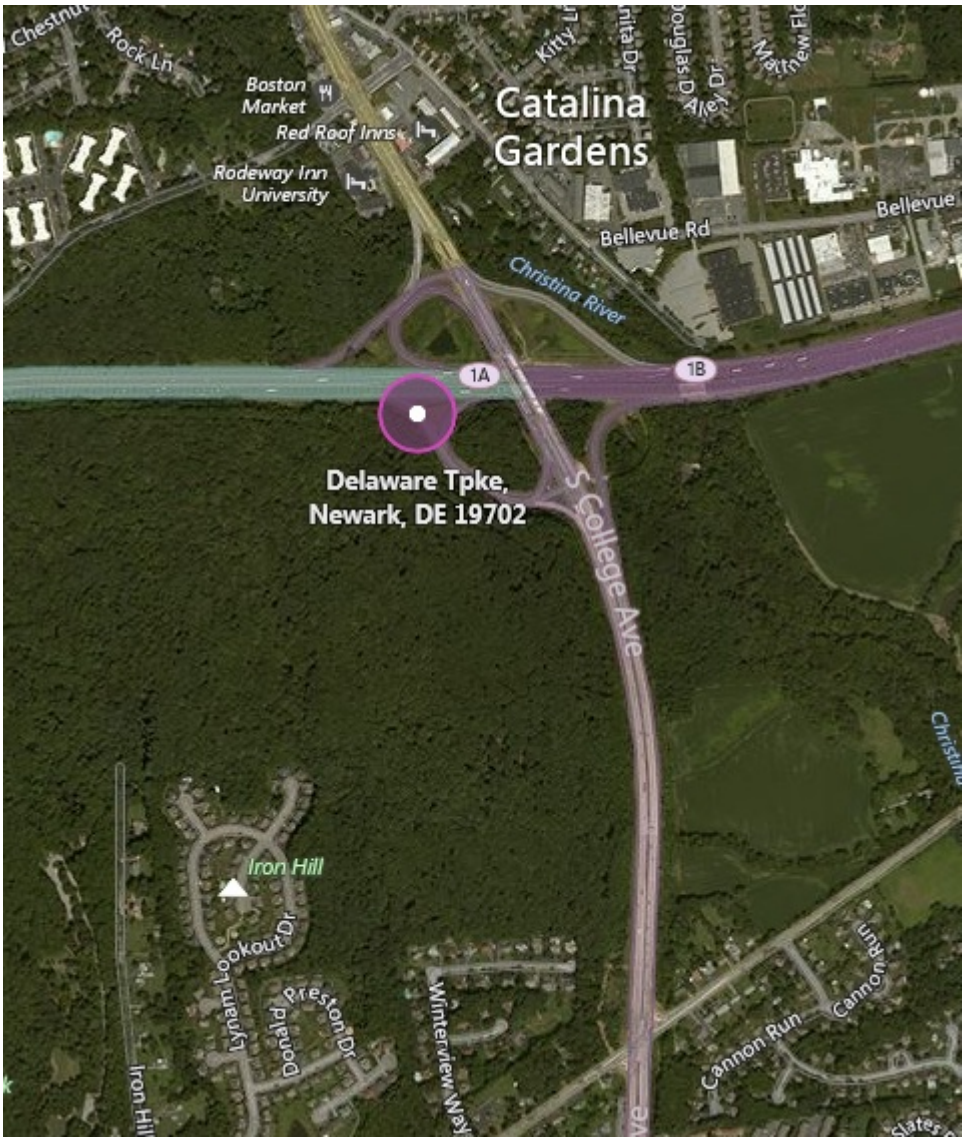
The crash occurred at approximately 7:53 p.m. today, Monday, June 12, 2017, at the intersection of northbound DE Rt. 7 (Limestone Road) and DE Rt. 4 (Stanton-Christiana Road) and involves an overturned empty tractor-trailer. There were no injuries.

As a result of the crash the entire intersection of Rt. 7 and Rt. 4 is closed to traffic as crews work to clean up the fuel spill and upright the tractor-trailer. Traffic has been diverted in the area and commuters are asked to find alternate routes of travel.

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Traffic Advisory Troopers Investigating Crash Involving Overturned Tractor Trailer



Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Newark- Delaware State Police are currently investigating single vehicle crash involving an overturned tractor-trailer that occurred this afternoon in Newark.

The crash occurred at approximately 3:20 p.m. today, Monday, June 12, 2017, on the ramp from I-95 northbound to SR 896 (S. College Avenue), and involves an overturned tractor-trailer which was carrying a load of steel. There were no injuries.

As a result of the crash, the ramp from northbound I-95 to S. College Avenue will be closed for an undetermined amount of time. Commuters are asked to avoid the area and find an alternate route of travel.

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Troopers Searching for Driver in Serious Pedestrian Hit and Run

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Presented by Director of Public Information Sergeant Richard D. Bratz

Ocean View, De.-The Delaware State Police are investigating a serious hit and run crash that has left a male pedestrian injured this morning.

Preliminary investigation indicates the crash occurred today, Monday, June 12, 2017, at approximately 10:57 a.m. as Stephen K. Rapley, 69 of Bethany Beach, was standing near the passenger side of a 2016 Ford Econoline box truck in the parking lot of the Atlantic Community Thrift Shop located at 34634 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean View. The suspect vehicle, an unknown make and model red vehicle, entered the parking lot and drove in a north east direction and struck the right side of the box truck which subsequently pinned the pedestrian in between the vehicles. After impact the vehicle stopped and the driver and passenger switched positions. The suspect vehicle then drove off in an unknown direction.

The 69 year old male was treated at the scene by the Sussex County Paramedics and was transported by ambulance to the Beebe Healthcare Medical Center and admitted with multiple injuries.

Troopers continue to collect and analyze evidence at the scene to determine make and model of the striking vehicle.

The parking lot in the area of the collision was closed for approximately one hour while the crash was investigated and cleared. Troopers continue to investigate this incident.

Troopers are attempting to locate the driver and vehicle that fled this crash and request anyone with information in reference to this incident to contact, the Cpl. T. Wright at Troop 4 at 302-752-3898. 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 Seek Public's Assistance in Locating Wanted Subject

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

Seaford – State Police are requesting assistance in locating **Kaylene Lowe,** 22 of Seaford, who is wanted for Burglary and Theft.

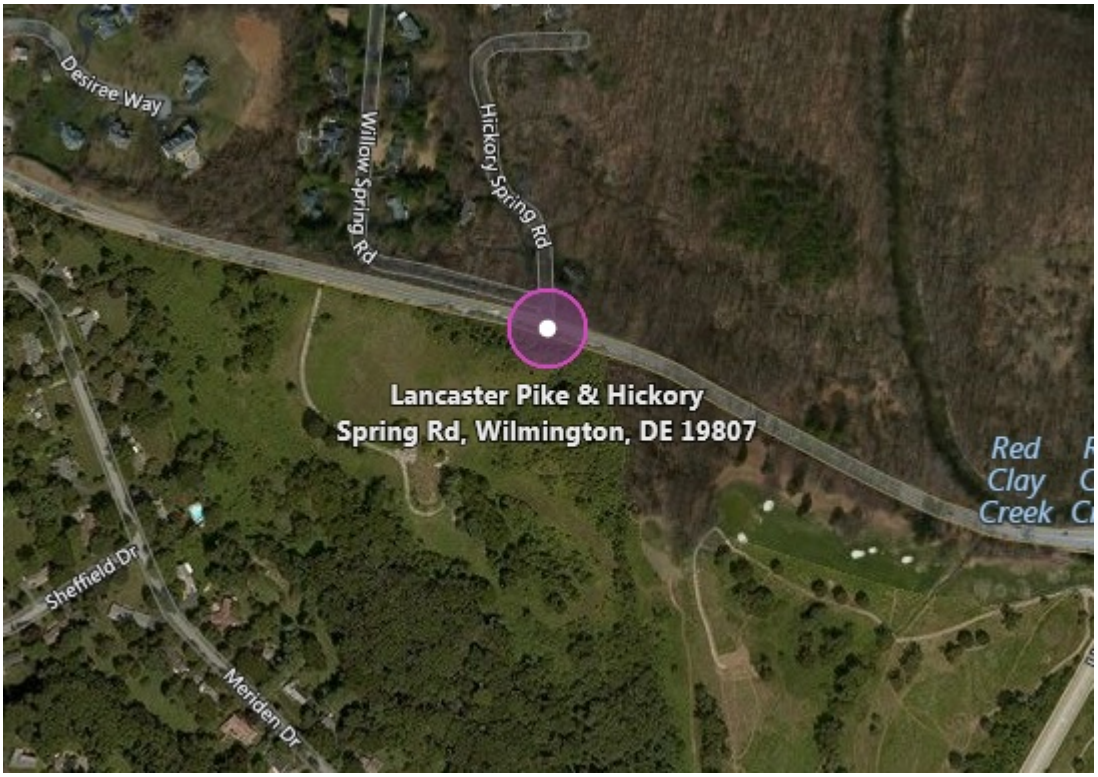
Kaylene Lowe is wanted by troopers in connection with the burglary investigation that occurred this past May for entering a residence in the 24000 block of Jamore Drive and removing various items.

If anyone has any information in reference to **Kaylene Lowe's** whereabouts, they are asked to contact Lt. M. Wheeler at 302-232-3423. 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 Investigate Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash



Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Wilmington (19707)- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is currently investigating a single vehicle fatal motor vehicle crash which claimed the life of a Hockessin woman this morning.

The initial investigation has determined that the crash occurred at approximately 12:39 a.m. this morning, Monday, June 12, 2017, as Sarah R. Massaferi, 25, was operating a 2002 Honda CRV and was traveling in a westbound direction on SR48 (Lancaster Pike) in the area of Hickory Spring Road. For an unknown reason, Massaferi's vehicle crossed the center line of the roadway and continued across the eastbound lane. It then left the south side of the roadway and traveled in a southwesterly direction where it struck a utility pole with its left front corner and left side before coming to rest.

Sarah Massaferi was treated at the scene by New Castle County Paramedics. She was then transported to the Christiana Medical Center where she was pronounced dead. Massaferi was not properly restrained at the time of the crash. It is unknown if alcohol or drug use was a factor in the crash.

Lancaster Pike was closed in both directions for approximately 2 hours as the crash was investigated and cleared. This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police.

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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Newark Area Wawa Robbery Investigated

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Newark – Delaware State Police are currently investigating the robbery of a Newark area Wawa that occurred early this morning.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident

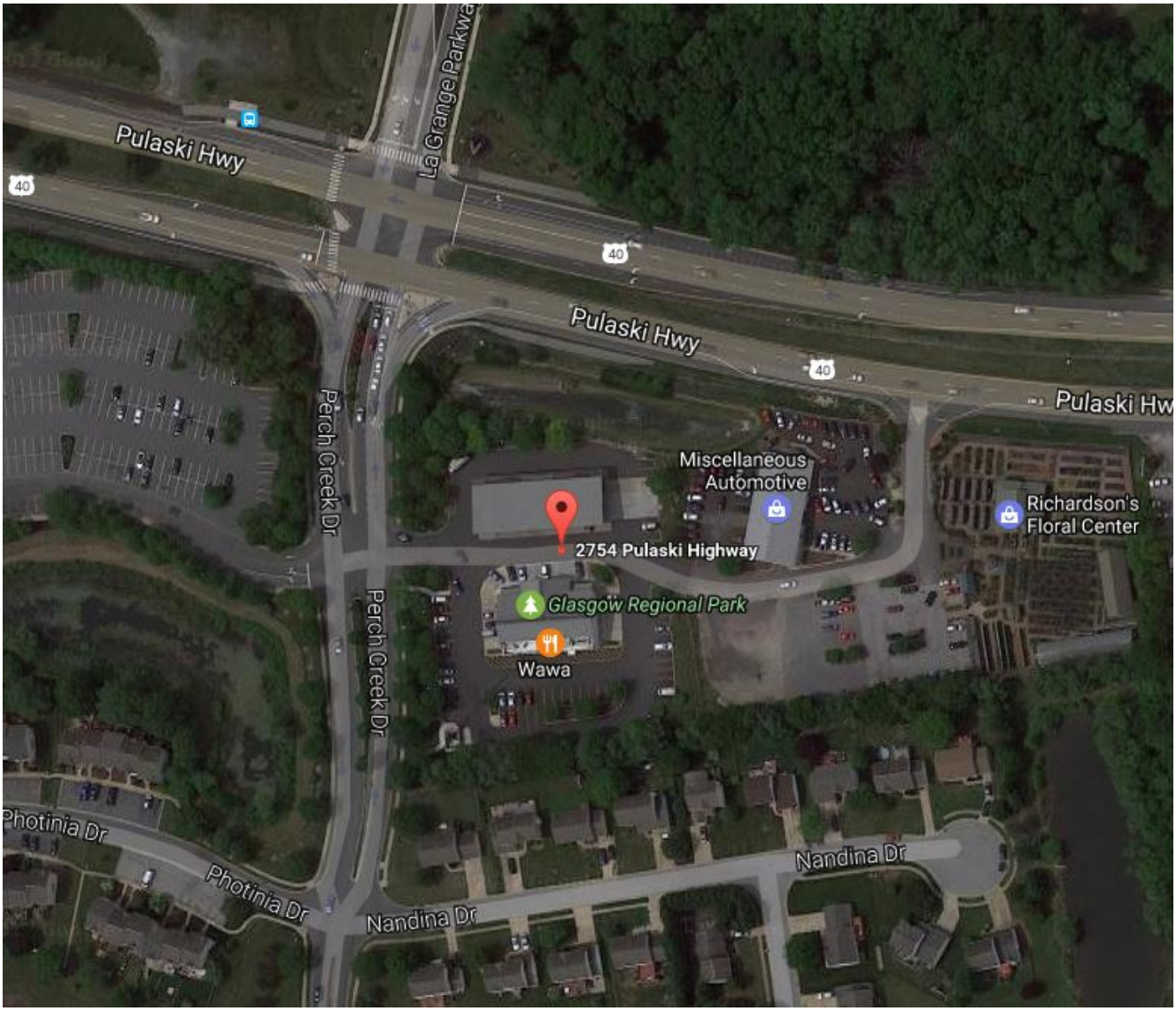
occurred at approximately 1:08 a.m., Sunday, June 11, 2017, as a female suspect entered the Wawa located at 2754 Pulaski Highway. The suspect confronted a male employee at the sales counter and demanded money. The employee complied with the demand and turned over an undisclosed amount of cash before the suspect exited the business and entered a light colored passenger car that was parked on the side of the building before fleeing eastbound on Pulaski Highway. The clerk was uninjured in the incident.

The suspect was described as a female, 5'00"-5'02" tall, 150-160 lbs., last seen wearing all dark clothing and a dark mask covering her face (No further physical or clothing description available). No weapon was displayed.

No video surveillance footage is available at this time.

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

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Troopers Remind Bicyclists of Safety on Area Roadways



Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Delaware – The Delaware State Police would like to remind bicyclists of safety and laws while riding along the roadways.

From year to date there have been 15 collisions involving bicyclists on our highways, one of them was a fatal hit and run that occurred in north of Dover (**Update** Troopers Investigating Fatal Hit and Run Crash with Bicyclist-Dover). Over the last week, state police have investigated two crashes in the Rehoboth area that involved pedal cyclists riding improperly on the roadway.

The first occurred Monday June 5, 2017 around 1:45 p.m., when a 21-year-old female was riding southbound in the northbound shoulder of Coastal Highway (SR1) at the intersection with Rehoboth Beach Plaza (across from Spring Lake Drive). At the same time, a 2007 Kia Sedona was exiting the plaza to turn northbound on SR1 when the car struck the female on the bike. The 21-year-old female was transported to Beebe with non-life-threatening injuries and was cited for Operating a Bicycle on the Wrong Side of the Road.

Another incident occurred on Tuesday June 6, 2017 at approximately 1:11 p.m., when a 21-year-old female was riding her bicycle northbound on the sidewalk approaching the entrance to IHOP which is located on the southbound side of SR1 north of Shuttle Road. A 2017 Volkswagen Jetta was exiting the parking lot to travel southbound on SR1 when the two collided. The female bicyclist was transported to Beebe with non-life-threatening injuries and was cited for Riding A Bicycle On a Sidewalk or Crosswalk Where Prohibited.

As we enter into the summer months, troopers would like to provide the following information for bicyclists riding in Delaware. **Obey the rules of the road.** Drivers and bicyclists are expected to observe traffic rules such as stop signs and red lights. Ignoring these traffic rules can lead to injuries that would have otherwise been preventable. Never ride against the flow of traffic. Drivers and pedestrians alike may not be expecting bicyclists riding in that direction. Also stay in your lane and don't ride on the sidewalk if you're an adult. Avoid distracted riding much like you would if you were driving a car, and wait to check your cell phone until you're safely off the road.

Visibility can be an issue for bicyclists in the dark, so take steps to ensure that motorists can see you. Adding white front lights and red back lights to your bike, plus reflective tape or clothing can also help make you more visible in the dark. It is against Delaware law to operate a bicycle at

night without a front headlight. And remember, visibility isn’t just an issue late at night; cloudy days and early mornings can impair motorists’ ability to see bicyclists on the road too.

More information on bicycle safety can be found on the Delaware Office of Highway Safety website and laws can be found on the State of Delaware website under Online Delaware Code.

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