

# Troopers Seek Public's Assistance in Locating Wanted Subject



Desmon M. Bostic

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

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

**Desmon M. Bostic**, 31 of Seaford, who is wanted for Failure to Verify Address as a Sex Offender, two counts of Burglary, three counts of Theft, Falsifying Business Documents, and Selling Stolen Property. He is also wanted out of Sussex County Court of Common Pleas for a capias.

If anyone has any information in reference to Desmon Bostic's whereabouts, they are asked to contact Trooper J. Valerio at (302)-232-3147. 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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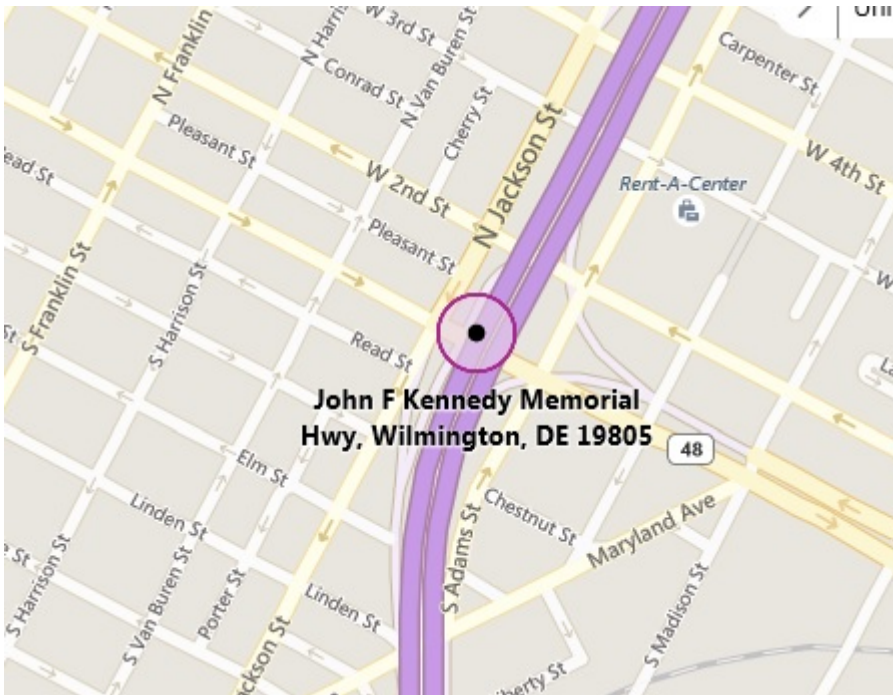
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**\*\*Traffic Advisory\*\* -  
Troopers Investigate Multi-**

# Vehicle Crash- Update



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

**Wilmington-** The southbound lanes of I-95 in the area of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard have been re-opened to traffic. Commuters should still expect slowing in the area.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police.

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

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# **\*\*Traffic Advisory\*\* – Troopers Investigate Multi-Vehicle Crash**

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

*Wilmington-* Delaware State Police are currently at the scene of a multi-vehicle crash which occurred this morning.

The initial investigation has determined that the crash occurred at approximately 8:49 a.m. on I-95 southbound in the area of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and involves approximately six vehicles. It is unknown how many persons were injured in the crash at this time, however, the injuries are non-life threatening.

As a result of the crash, the southbound lanes of I-95 have been closed and commuters are asked to find alternate routes of travel.

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

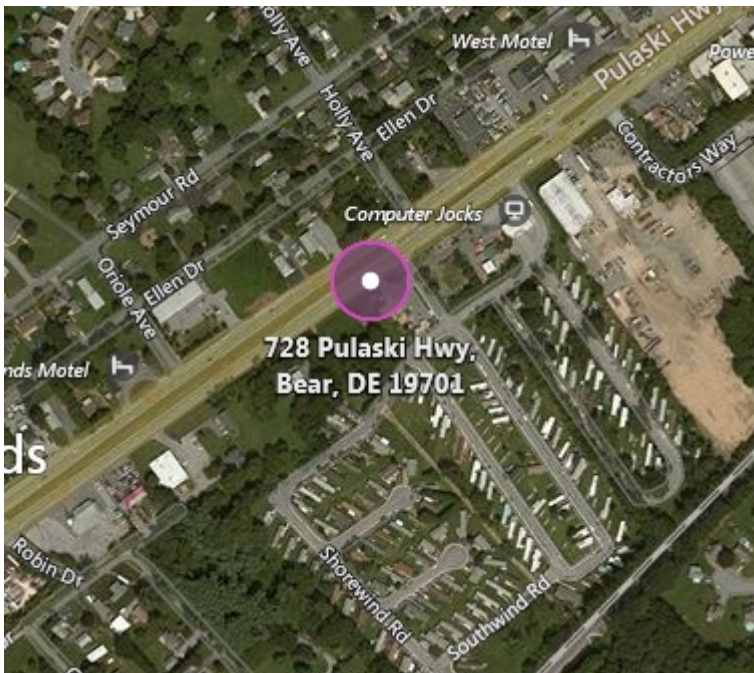
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## **Troopers Investigate Metro**

# PCS Store Robbery



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

**Bear-** Delaware State Police are currently investigating the armed robbery of a Bear Metro PCS store that occurred yesterday evening.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident occurred at approximately 7:25 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2017, as a male suspect entered the Metro PCS located at 728 Pulaski Highway, Bear. The suspect then approached the sales counter where he confronted a female clerk while displaying an unknown make and model handgun. He 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 in an unknown direction. There were no injuries.

The suspect was described as a white male. He was 5'04"-5'05" tall, weighed 215-230 lbs., and was last seen wearing a black t-shirt, gray sweatpants, and black boots. There is no further physical or clothing description available.

The Delaware State Police would like to remind the business community that robbery prevention is something business owners need to cover with new hires as well as current employees on a regular basis.

Anytime there is money in a place, there is a chance that someone will want that money, and is willing to use force to get it. You can take some simple steps to help reduce the chances that you, or your business, will be robbed. There is no way to fully prevent robbery, but you can reduce the odds of becoming a victim.

### **Methods for Discouraging a Robber**

- Lock unused doors.
- Avoid working alone. If you must work alone, turn on a radio or TV so robbers will think there is someone with you.
- Vary the schedule and route you take for your bank deposits each day, keep only the necessary cash on hand.
- Make sure your cash register is clearly visible to passers-by.
- Avoid placing signs or displays near windows, because they block visibility from the street.
- Display signs at entrances and exits indicating that safes require secondary keys, which are not in the possession of employees.
- Advertise your security alarm system with signs in visible locations.
- Place colored markings at the exits to estimate the suspect's height as they leave.
- A robbery may be over in less than a minute. You need a quick eye to get a good look at the robber. That's why some stores place hidden cameras behind cash registers.

### **If a Robbery Occurs**

- Call police immediately by dialing 9-1-1, before calling

anyone else.

- Someone points a gun at you and demands your money. What do you do? Give it to him/her! Never refuse a robber.
- Remain calm. You will be able to give a better description to the police. Most robbers do not harm the victim.
- Do not resist. Cooperate with the robber, but do not volunteer any information or do anything other than what he asks. He may be armed and may harm you or others if you do not cooperate. Listen carefully to him/her, and pay attention to the robber's appearance and demeanor.
- Try to avoid sudden moves. Many robbers are just as nervous as you are.
- The most important thing to do if you're robbed is to do as you're told and try to observe. The description of the suspect that you give to the police may be the only information they have to work with.

### **Steps to Take After a Robbery**

- Wait until the suspect has left the store and then sound the alarm.
- Call 9-1-1. Tell the dispatcher the name and address of your business. Give a brief description of the suspect and the suspect's vehicle if known.
- Ask customers to stay and wait for the police.
- When your witnesses have agreed to stay, lock the doors until the police arrive.
- Preserve the crime scene and make sure the witnesses are aware that they should not touch anything that the suspect may have touched.
- Ask all witnesses and staff members to write down their observations of the suspect description.

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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# **Media Advisory- Press Conference to be Held to Discuss Ongoing Smyrna Death Investigation**

**What:** Delaware State Police will hold a press conference to discuss the ongoing investigation into the death of James Leager of Clayton which occurred in May of 2016.

**When:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

**Where:** Paris Community Room, Delaware State Police Troop 2, 100 LaGrange Avenue, Newark.

**Who:** Master Corporal Jeffrey Hale, Detective Daniel Grassi, and family members of James Leager.

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# State Police Aviation Apprehend Fleeing Suspect



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

**Bridgeville** – The Delaware State Police Aviation Unit has

arrested a 31-year-old Milford man after he fled from the scene of an automobile crash.

The incident occurred around 4:00 p.m. Monday May 15, 2017 when a male subject was observed by witnesses operating a 2010 Toyota Corolla eastbound on Seashore Highway (SR18/404) approaching Coverdale Road. The Corolla was passing vehicles on the right shoulder when it travelled off the south side of the road and struck a ditch. The car then overturned multiple times before coming to a stop after striking a tree. The operator, and lone occupant, was then seen exiting the vehicle and fleeing southbound on foot through a wooded area and into a field.

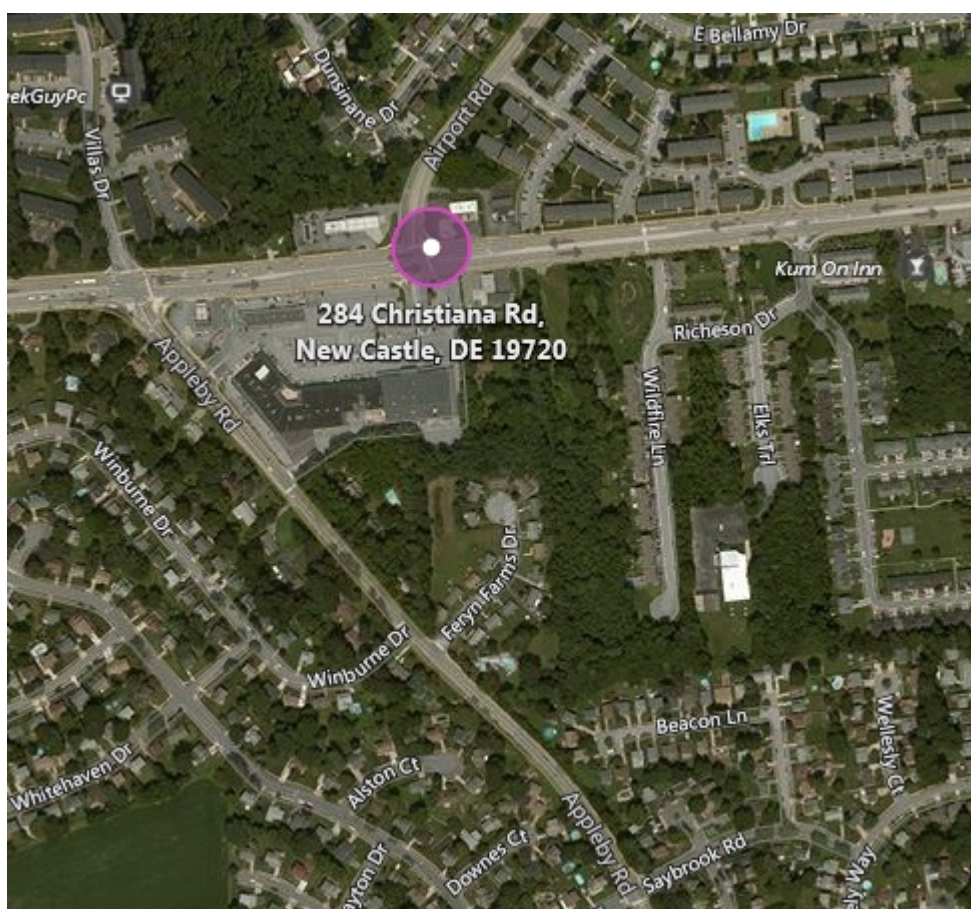
Trooper 2 was flying in the area due to a pursuit that had been initiated by Milton Police Department with the Toyota Corolla, but was discontinued by the pursuing officers approximately five minutes earlier. The helicopter crew was informed of the crash and located the operator running through an open field. The trooper pilot was able to lower the aircraft into a position to block the suspect's egress and the trooper medic was able to expeditiously exit the helicopter and place the subject on the ground before the two person crew handcuffed him and took him into custody without further incident.

The operator, who was identified as **Steven D. Martin**, 31 of Milford, was turned over to Milton Police Department to face charges stemming from their pursuit. He was also charged by state troopers for Reckless Driving, Failure to Have Insurance in Possession, and Passing on the Right. He was arraigned on those charges and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$350.00 secured bond.

Please contact Chief Robert Longo of the Milton Police Department at 302-684-8547 for information regarding their investigation and charges involving the pursuit.

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# Troopers Investigate Robbery and Assault



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

***New Castle (19720)*** – Delaware State Police are currently investigating the robbery of a New Castle area 7-11 in which a female employee was assaulted that occurred early this morning.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident occurred at approximately 12:30 a.m. this morning, Monday, May 15, 2017, as a male suspect entered the 7-11 located at 284 Christiana Road. The suspect approached the sales counter where he then displayed a knife and confronted a female clerk. The suspect then demanded money and cigarettes from the employee. The clerk complied with the suspect's demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of money and cigarettes to him. The suspect then proceeded to physically and sexually assault the female clerk. He then began to exit the store, however, prior to leaving, the suspect attempted to obtain money from a female customer who had entered the 7-11. The customer refused to comply with the suspect's demand at which time he exited the store and was last seen fleeing in a westbound direction through the parking lot.

The female clerk was treated at the scene by EMS. She was then transported to a local hospital where she was treated for her non-life threatening injuries. The female customer was not injured.

The suspect was described as a black male. He was 5'10"- 6'00" tall, with a large build and brown eyes. He was last seen wearing a black hooded jacket or sweatshirt, black pants, black boots, and a ski mask. There is no further physical or clothing description available. No video surveillance photos are available to be released at this time.

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- Ask all witnesses and staff members to write down their observations of the suspect description.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident, they are asked to contact Detective J. Paul Doherty at 302-365-8438. 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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# State Police Detectives Release Surveillance Photos of Long Neck Area Robberies

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

**Angola/Long Neck** – The Delaware State Police, Troop 4 Criminal Investigations Unit are releasing surveillance photos of a suspect involved in the area robberies.

The photos released are that of a white male, 25 – 30 years of age, 5'06" – 5'10" tall. He is armed with an unknown type of handgun.

The following are links to robberies that have occurred over the last month:

[Click to view May 1st robberies: Detectives Conduct Two Separate Robbery Investigations](#)

[Click to view April 23rd robbery: Troopers Investigating Robbery of Long Neck Area Walgreens](#)

[Click to view April 18th robbery: State Police Investigating Robbery of Millsboro Dollar General](#)

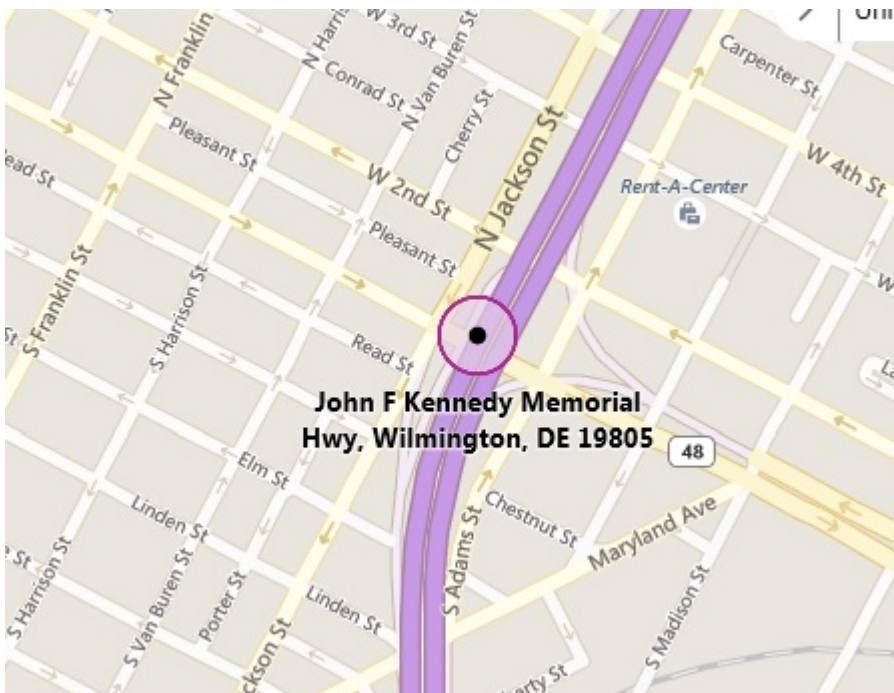
If anyone has any information in reference to any of these incidents or are able to identify this suspect, they are asked to contact Detective D. Cathell at 302-752-3793 or Detective T. Williams-Snipes at 302-752-3897. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, 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 Fatal Hit-and-Run Crash



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

***Wilmington-*** The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit has identified the 53-year-old male pedestrian who was struck and killed on I-95 in Wilmington on Saturday, May 13, 2017, as James Stokes.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police.

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## **Troopers Investigate Assault**

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

***Wilmington (19804)*** – Delaware State Police are currently investigating an assault in which a male victim was stabbed that occurred at an area dollar store on Saturday.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident occurred at approximately 1:15 p.m. on Saturday, May 13, 2017, as a male employee of the Dollar General, located at 1402 E. Newport Pike, Wilmington, became involved in a confrontation with a male and female suspect after they were observed shoplifting from the store. It was at this time that the store manager was summoned and responded to the front of the store. As the confrontation escalated, the manager stepped in between

the store employee and the female suspect in order to keep them separated. The male suspect then produced a box cutter style knife and proceeded to stab the store manager in the arm. The male and female suspect then exited the store and were last seen fleeing eastbound on Maryland Avenue in a dark blue Nissan Sentra with tinted windows.

The victim was treated at the scene by EMS before being transported to the Christiana Hospital where he was treated for his non-life threatening injuries.

The first suspect was described as a black female. She was 25-30 years of age, 5'04"- 5'06" tall, weighed approximately 140 lbs., and had black hair.

The second suspect was described as a black male. He was 40-45 years of age, 5'08"- 5'10" tall, and weighed 150-160 lbs. There is no further description of either suspect available.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident or knows the identity of the pictured suspects, they are asked to contact Detective Amy Lloyd at Troop 2 at 302-365-8411. 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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