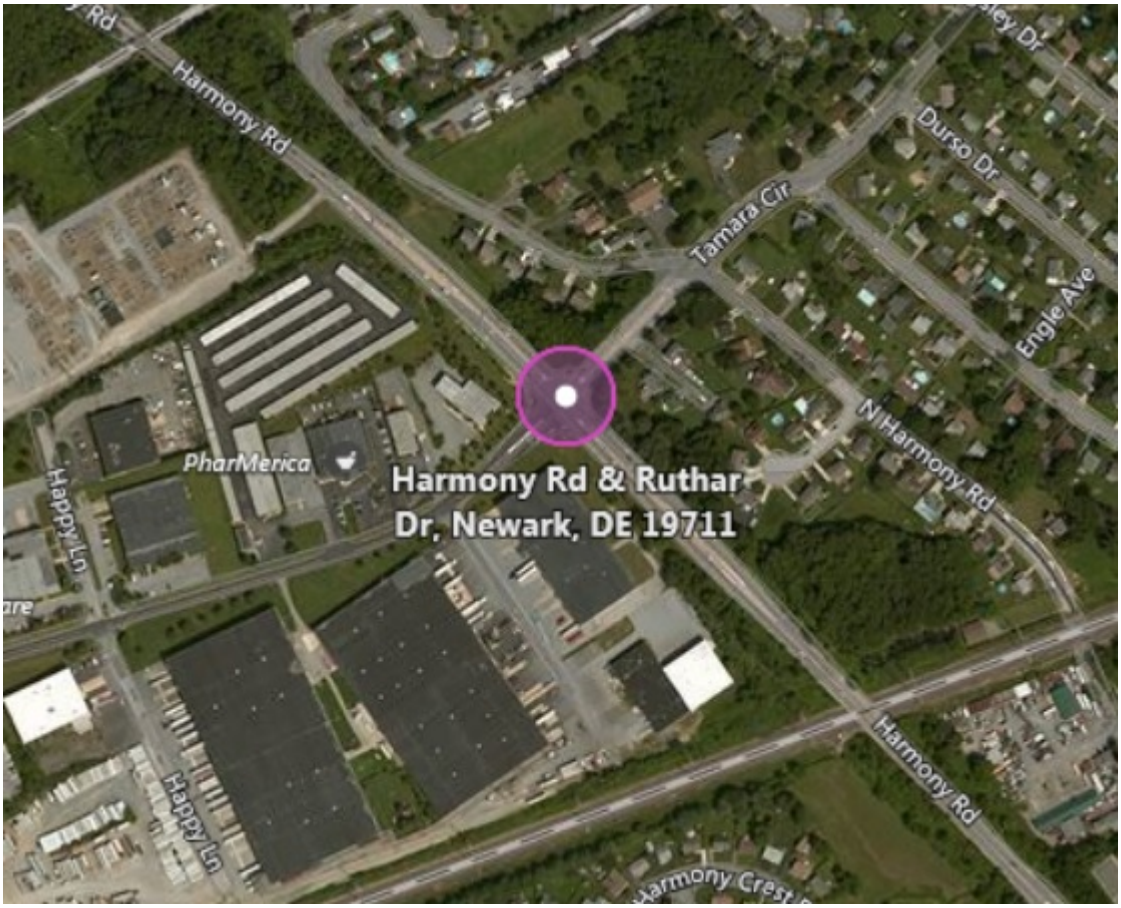
Troopers Investigate Crash Involving a School Bus- Update



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

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal

Jeffrey R. Hale

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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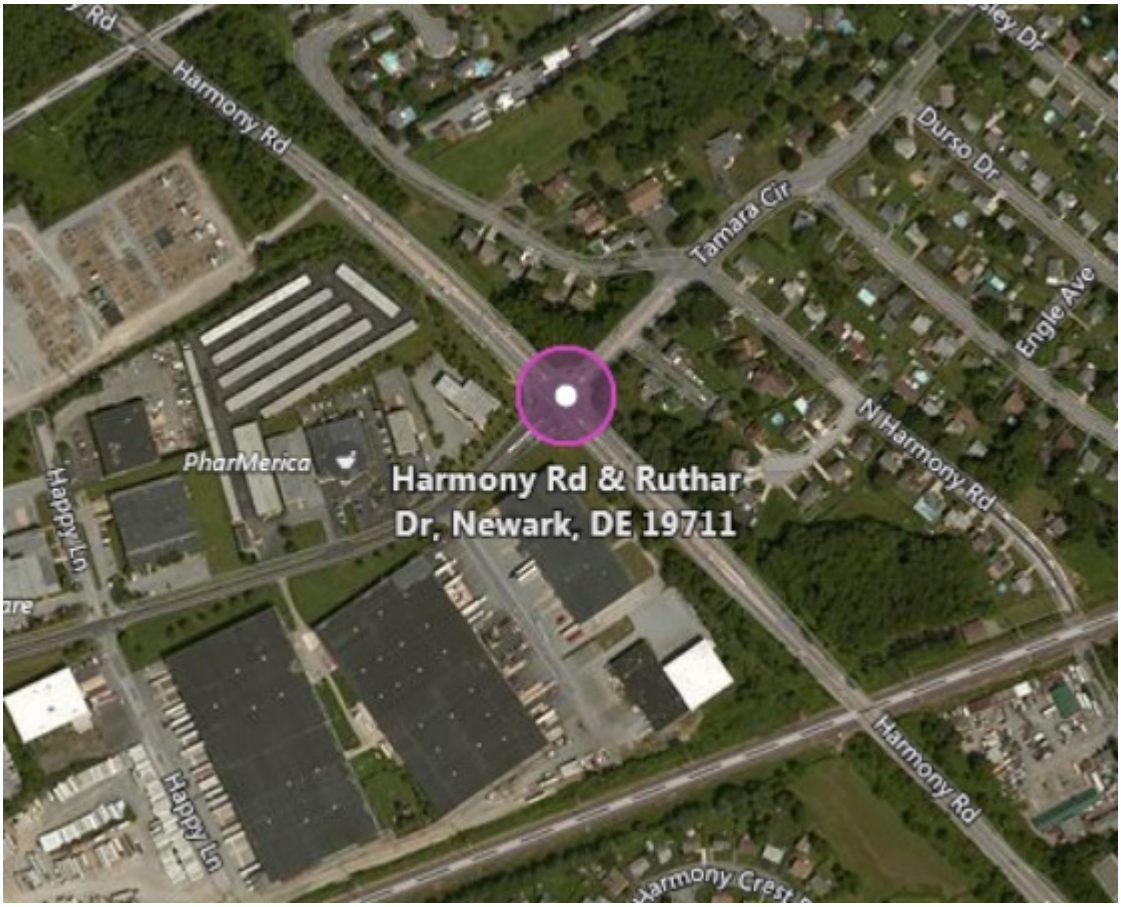
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Troopers Investigate Crash Involving a School Bus



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

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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Off-Duty Trooper Involved in Domestic Related Shooting

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Pike Creek – Delaware State Police are currently on the scene of 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. New Castle County Paramedics responded to the scene and transported the two by EMS to Christiana Medical Center where they are currently being treated.

The investigation into this incident is in the very early stages. Criminal Investigation Detectives are continuing their investigation by conducting interviews and collecting evidence at the scene to determine the circumstances surrounding this incident. Additional information and investigative details will be disseminated as soon as it becomes available and the investigation progresses.

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Troopers Investigate Robbery of Bear Area 7-11

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Bear – Delaware State Police are currently investigating the robbery of a Bear area 7-11 that occurred early this morning.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident occurred at approximately 1:11 a.m., Sunday, May 21, 2017, as a male suspect entered the 7-11 located at 1700 Pulaski Highway. The suspect confronted a male employee at the sales counter and demanded money and cigarettes while displaying an unknown type handgun. The employee complied with the demand and turned over an undisclosed amount of cash and cigarettes before the suspect exited the business and fled southeast through the parking lot towards Porter Road. The clerk was uninjured in the incident.

The suspect was described as a black male, 5'08"-5'10" tall, last seen wearing all dark clothing (No further physical or clothing description available). An unknown type handgun 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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Delaware State Police Troop 4 to Host Community Café



Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Selbyville – Delaware State Police Troop 4 will be holding a Community Café on **Friday, May 26, 2017**. The event will held from **9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m**. at the Route 54 McDonalds located at 36218 Lighthouse Rd, Selbyville. The Community Café will have Troop 4 Administration and the Community Outreach Officer in attendance to meet and interact with members of the public. This Community Café is often referred to as "Coffee with a Cop" in other police agencies and is being held in an effort to build a stronger relationship between the Delaware State Police and the communities that we so proudly serve.

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45th Annual Camp Barnes Benefit Stock Car Race

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Delmar, DE– The 45th Annual Camp Barnes Benefit Stock Car Race will be held at the Delaware International Speedway on Tuesday, June 20, 2017. Gates will open at 4:00 p.m. with racing action beginning at 6:30 p.m. Rain date is scheduled for Wednesday June 21, 2017. The Delaware International Speedway is located at 37854 Sussex Highway (US 13 southbound), just north of the Delaware/Maryland line.

This year's event will feature competitors throughout the Northeast Dirt Motorsports areas. Drivers will compete for prize money over $35,000. Big Block-Small Block Modifieds, Super Late Models, RUSH Crate Late Models, Crate 602 Sportsman, Modified Lites, Little Lincoln and Super Trucks will compete in over 100 laps of featured racing in their respective classes.

Gates open early at 4:00 p.m. with several activities and displays on hand, to include the Delaware State Police Aviation Unit and, in their first appearance at the race, the Delaware State Police Mounted Patrol Unit.

In addition, Camp Barnes will recognize Mr. Snookie Vent at intermission for his many years of dedication to Delaware racing. Intermission will also include a Monster Truck show, presented by "The Metal Shop" in Delmar, DE. "Saigon Shaker" will be on hand to entertain all fans.

Tickets to the event are available at the speedway's ticket booth the night of the event. Spectator's tickets are $20 and pit tickets are $35. Children under 10 accompanied by parent or guardian are admitted free to spectator seating.

Camp Barnes originally opened in 1948 and was named in recognition of Colonel Herbert Barnes. The camp is located next to the Assawoman Wildlife Area on Miller Creek near Bethany Beach. For six weeks in the summer, each week, 70 children ages 10-13 attend Camp Barnes with no financial burden on their parents. They participate in outdoor activities and are taught leadership and teamwork skills.

For additional information, please call Det. Jeff Hudson at 302-752-3905 or jeff.hudson@delaware.gov.

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Delaware State Police Troop 7

to Host Community Café



Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Long Neck – Delaware State Police Troop 7 will be holding a Community Café on **Thursday June 8, 2017**. The event will held from **9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m**. at the McDonalds located at 24943 John J. Williams Highway. The Community Café will have Troop 7 Administration and the Community Outreach Officer in attendance to meet and interact with members of the public. This Community Café is often referred to as "Coffee with a Cop" in other police agencies and is being held in an effort to build a stronger relationship between the Delaware State Police and the communities that we so proudly serve.

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Former Indian River Student Arrested for Shooting Gun on School Property

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Dagsboro – A State Police School Resource Officer has arrested a former Indian River student after it was determined he had fired a gun off on school property.

The incident occurred around 2:50 p.m. on Tuesday May 2, 2017 when **Jamal J. Burrell**, 19 of Dagsboro, was observed on the school property of Indian River High School, located at 29772 Armory Road. He entered into a another student's vehicle and placed a black and white bandana across his face. As they were leaving the school grounds, he leaned out of the passenger's side window and began firing three to four rounds from an unknown type firearm into the air. On Wednesday May 3, 2017, the Indian River School District School Resource Officer (SRO) responded to Jamal Burrell's residence and took him into custody without incident. It was discovered during the investigation that the weapon used in the incident was a BB gun.

Jamal Burrell was transported back to Troop 4 in Georgetown where he was charged with Possession of a Weapon in a Safe School Zone (Misdemeanor) and Disorderly Conduct (Misdemeanor). He was arraigned at JP2 and given a $300.00 unsecured bond along with a no contact order with all Indian River School property.

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