Troopers Investigate Serious Crash – Update #2



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

Greenwood – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit has identified the 62-year-old Pikesville, MD who was killed in the fatal crash that occurred on Hickman Road on Friday, April 21, 2017, as Brette F. Geller.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police.

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Delaware State Police and DHSS Warn of Spike in Overdoses in Western Sussex County; Immediate Assistance Available at 911 or DHSS' Crisis Helpline

NEWS FROM THE DELAWARE STATE POLICE AND THE DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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Sussex County (April 22, 2017) – In the wake of a series of heroin overdoses in western Sussex County, including one that was fatal, from early Friday through early Saturday, health and law enforcement officials are warning users, families, treatment providers and health care professionals of the dangerous spike.

For users and families who want to be connected to treatment immediately, call the Department of Health and Social Services' 24/7 Crisis Helpline at 1-800-345-6785 in Sussex and Kent counties, or 1-800-652-2929 in New Castle County. If individuals see someone overdosing, they should call 911. Under Delaware's 911/Good Samaritan Law, people who call 911 to report an overdoses and the person in medical distress cannot be arrested for low-level drug crimes.

Sergeant Richard D. Bratz, Director of the Public Information Office for the Delaware State Police reports that a significant spike of heroin overdoses have occurred over the past several days in Sussex County Delaware. The Sussex County Drug Unit is actively investigating and seeking information on any of the drug overdoses. The public is encouraged to call Sergeant M. Dawson of the Sussex County Drug Unit at (302) 752-3815 with any information.

Michael Barbieri, director of the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, alerted treatment providers statewide of the surge in overdoses in western Sussex. Hospitals and urgent care centers were notified of the increase by the Division of Public Health's Emergency Medical Services, which oversees the state's paramedic service. EMS responded to seven reported overdoses in a 24-hour period beginning Friday in the Seaford and Laurel areas. In several of the cases, paramedics used naloxone, the overdose-reversing medication, to save the individual before transporting each person to the hospital.

"This spike in overdoses is in alarming," said Dr. Kara Odom Walker, a family physician and Cabinet Secretary for the Department of Health and Social Services. "Even one use of heroin or another opioid can end a life. For people in active use and their families, please convince your loved ones to seek treatment for their addiction or keep naloxone in your home. Addiction is a disease and treatment does work. Our staff at the DHSS Crisis Helpline will listen and they will connect you to treatment options."

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Delaware State Police ***Cancels*** the "AMBER ALERT" at the request of the Wilmington Police Department

*****Update*****

Missing Children found in good condition. The Delaware State Police cancels the Amber Alert at the request of the Wilmington Police Department.

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Missing Persons: AMBER ALERT ISSUED for Missing Children This is an AMBER ALERT ACTIVATION

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

The Delaware State Police are activating an AMBER ALERT at the request of the Wilmington Police Department

Wilmington, Delaware – On Saturday, April 22, 2017, the Wilmington Police Department is actively searching for two missing children.

The Wilmington Police Department received a call to report the children missing at approximately at 9:43 p.m. last night.

The preliminary investigation has determined the children were last seen at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at the 500 block of Shearman Street, Wilmington while in the care of the

babysitter, Michelle Rogers, 50 of Wilmington. The two missing children are Zion Coverdale-Dixon, 5 year old male of Wilmington and Jihad Bailey, 3 year old male of Smyrna.

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Michelle (Shelly) Rogers, the babysitter is a 50 year old black female last seen wearing a white and black shirt, dark jeans with red sneakers.

Detectives believe the children may be in imminent danger. There is no vehicle information at this time.

Anyone with information on their whereabouts should call 911 immediately. Citizens may also call the Wilmington Police Department at (302) 571-4526. Tipsters may also call Crime Stoppers at (800) TIP-3333.

Zion Coverdale-Dixon 5 years old

Jihad Baily 3 years old

Michelle (Shelly) Rogers

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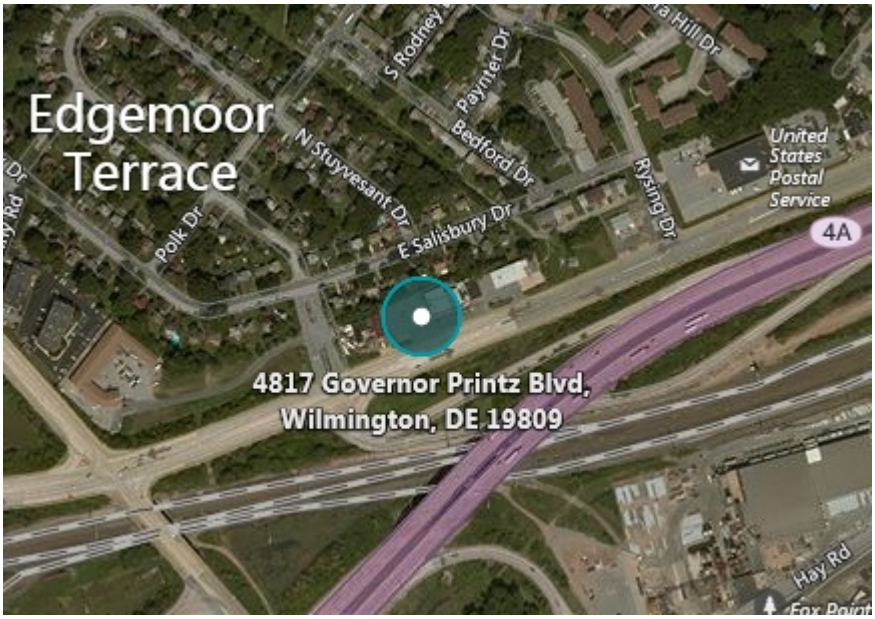
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Troopers Investigate Robbery of Pizza Shop



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

Wilmington (19809) – Delaware State Police are investigating the armed robbery of a Wilmington area pizza shop that occurred yesterday afternoon.

The investigation thus far has determined that the incident occurred at approximately 4:16 p.m. on Friday, April 21, 2017, as a male suspect entered the Bella Italy Pizza located at 4817 Governor Printz Boulevard. The suspect approached the sales counter where he then displayed an unknown make and model handgun and confronted a male employee. 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 business and fled in an unknown direction. The employee was not injured.

The suspect was described as a black male. He was 27-28 years of age, 5'08"-5'10" tall, weighed approximately 160 lbs., and was last seen wearing a black t-shirt, blue jeans, a black

hat, and sneakers.

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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Homeless Sex Offender Notification

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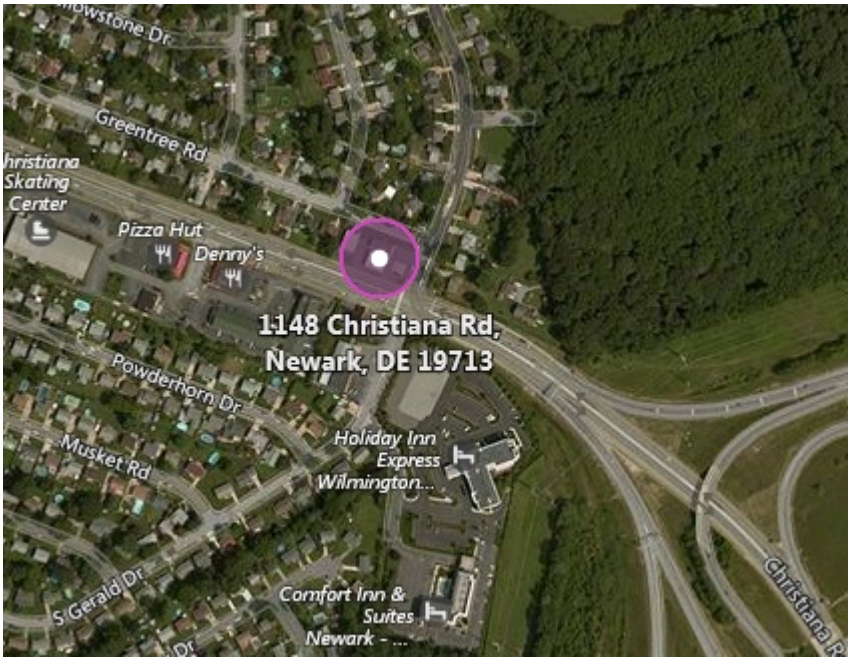
***Dover*— The following are not wanted.** This is a Homeless Sex Offender Public Notification. If you have information that any of the listed subjects are occupying a residence, please call 302-672-5306. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the

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Troopers Investigate Gas Station Robbery



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

Newark (19713)- Delaware State Police are investigating the armed robbery of a Newark area gas station that occured early Thursday morning.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident

happened at approximately 6:52 a.m. on Thursday, April 20, 2017, as a male suspect entered the Shell gas station located at 1148 Christiana Road, Newark. The suspect approached the sales counter where he then displayed an unknown make and model handgun and confronted a male employee. He then demanded money from the cash regeister. 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 on foot in an unknown direction. There were no injuries.

The suspect was described as a black male 30 years of age. He was 5'09" tall, weighed approximately 185 lbs., and was last seen wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, black pants, black baseball cap, and sneakers. There is no further physical or clothing description available. No video surveilance photos are available at this time.

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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Troopers Investigate Serious Crash – Update



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Greenwood- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate a single vehicle crash which has claimed the life of a Pikesville, MD woman that occurred yesterday afternoon.

The investigation thus far has determined that the crash happened at approximately 3:07 p.m. on Friday, April 21, 2017, as a 62-year-old Pikesville, MD man was operating a 2016 Cadillac SRX4 and was traveling in an eastbound direction on Hickman Road (SR16) just west of McDowell Road, 1 mile west of Greenwood. For an unknown reason, the Cadillac left the north

edge of the roadway and entered a field where it then traveled approximately 700′ before striking a ditch and overturning end-to-end. It then came to rest on its right hand side.

The male operator, who was properly restrained at the time of the crash, was trapped in his vehicle until he could be extricated by Emergency Medical Services personnel. He was pronounced dead at the scene. The name of the victim is being withheld pending the notification of his next of kin.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police. Impairment does not appear to be a factor in the crash.

Hickman Road was closed in both directions for approximately 2.5 hours as the crash was investigated and cleared.

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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Greenwood- Delaware State Police are currently investigating a

serious motor vehicle crash which occurred this afternoon.

The initial investigation has determined that the crash occurred at approximately 3:08 p.m. on Hickman Road just north of SR16, Greenwood, and involves one vehicle. As a result of the crash one person has suffered serious injuries.

Hickman Road is currently closed in both directions and commuters are asked to find alternate routes of travel around the crash scene.

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

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State Police Offer Background Checks for Delaware Private Schools

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

The State Bureau of Identification (SBI) is pleased to announce that through the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, Delaware Private Schools now have the ability to obtain a State and Federal background check through SBI, effective May 1st, 2017. Schools must be registered with SBI prior to any employee being processed. To register your school, please visit our website at:

http://dsp.delaware.gov/state_bureau_of_identification.shtml, and complete the required form.

The background checks will be issued directly to the school's point of contact and will take substantially less time to complete then the current process of mailing fingerprints to the FBI directly. The cost of the background check is $65.00. For further information on our fingerprinting locations and processing hours, please visit our website at http://dsp.delaware.gov/state_bureau_of_identification.shtml.

For more information about registering your school please contact Teresa Jones at 302-672-5318

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