Troopers Arrest Pennsylvania Man for DUI and Drugs



James E. Kimmel

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Dover – The Delaware State Police have arrested a Pennsylvania man after a traffic stop yields drugs.

A trooper was on patrol in the area of Webbs Lane and South Governors Avenue Wednesday March 1, 2017 around 11:20 p.m.

when a vehicle was observed driving directly behind the patrol car without a headlight. The trooper conducted a traffic stop on the Toyota 4Runner and upon making contact with the operator, **James E. Kimmel**, 50 of Minersville, Pennsylvania, an odor of alcohol and marijuana was detected coming from the vehicle. A DUI investigation ensued and Kimmel was subsequently transported to Troop 3. An inventory search of the Toyota was conducted at which time troopers located 21.47 grams of marijuana and 8.01 grams of Crystal Methamphetamine.

James Kimmel was arrested and charged with Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Crystal Meth), Possession of a Controlled Substance (Crystal Meth), Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Driving Under the Influence of Drugs, and Failure to Have Two Headlamps. He was arraigned at JP7 and committed to James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on $5,151.00 secured bond.

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Probation Check Leads to Drug Arrests

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary E. Fournier

Clayton – The Delaware State Police Kent County Governor's Task Force (GTF) arrested two men for drugs following probationary check.

On Wednesday March 1, 2017 at approximately 7:35 p.m., the Kent County Governors Task Force (GTF), along with Probation

and Parole Officers assigned to the unit, responded to the 1000 block of Longridge Road in order to attempt to make contact with a subject who was wanted for capiases and violation of probation, along with following up on information received about a possible Methamphetamine lab at the residence. Upon arrival, **James P. Cruson 3rd**, 38, was contacted in a pole barn and taken into custody in reference to his wanted status. **Harry E. Dittman Jr**., 30 from Clayton, and a 43-year-old female were also contacted in the pole barn and detained for the investigation. Upon conducting a search of the pole barn where Cruson resides, detectives located equipment and component mixtures of the manufacturing stages of Meth along with key ingredients in making the drug, as well as .02 grams of Meth. A search of Harry Dittman's vehicle, which was parked outside, revealed .03 grams of heroin.

James Cruson and Harry Dittman were transported to Troop 3 in Camden where Cruson was charged with Operating a Clandestine Laboratory, Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine), Possession of Methamphetamine, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was arraigned at JP7 and committed to James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on $8,600.00 cash bond.

Harry Dittman was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance (Heroin) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was released on $200.00 unsecured bond after being arraigned at JP7.

The female was not charged with any crimes.

No evacuations were ordered as it was determined that there was no immediate hazard to nearby residents. DNREC also responded to the residence to assisted with the search and containment of the combustible substances.

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Delaware State Police Camp Barnes Applications Available

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Delaware – Applications for Camp Barnes will be available at all State Police Troops and can be downloaded at the camp's website starting March 1st. Applications can be downloaded at the camp's website: www.campbarnes.net. Camp and orientations dates will be listed on the website.

Camp Barnes is a recreational overnight summer camp run by the Delaware State Police and there is no fee to attend. All Children that are residents of the State of Delaware and are between the ages of 10-13 are eligible. Below are some of the many activities campers participate in throughout the week:

- Swimming in an Olympic size pool.

- Kayaking in Millers Creek
- Arts and Crafts
- Nature Walk
- Talent Show
- Fishing and Crabbing
- Archery
- Lacrosse
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Nature Walk
- Talent Show

Campers also enjoy a scaled down version of the Olympics, and State Police demonstrations by the K-9 unit.

Camp Barnes has a staff of 14 counselors (7 male and 7 female), 1 cook, 1 nurse, and 1 kitchen assistant. Counselors are required to submit to a criminal check as well as an interview. There is also a State Trooper on the grounds at all times when the camp is in session. Camp Barnes is **NOT** a boot camp or intended for youth with behavior or disciplinary problems.

Campers are required to get a physical exam or an updated physical exam prior to being accepted to Camp Barnes. **It is encouraged that all parents get an updated physical for their children now in preparation for the upcoming camping season.** Applications and physicals should be turned in by **May 15, 2017**.

The Delaware State Police is also seeking individuals to fill position of camp counselor:

- Starting salary is $300.00 per week
- Food and lodging provided
- Weekends off
- Must be a graduating senior in high school or college student

Applications may also be found on the camp's website and the deadline for these is **April 16, 2017**.

History-In 1947, the Delaware Association of Chiefs' of Police, an organization which was composed of active law enforcement and correctional officers, accepted the challenge to undertake a project to combat juvenile delinquency in the First State. A committee was appointed to investigate the problems confronting youth. The committee's resulting recommendations led to the establishment of Camp Barnes for the recreation of deserving youth from throughout the state.

Camp Barnes, located on Miller's Creek, a tributary of Little Assawoman Bay, has since served the needs of thousands of children from throughout Delaware. Camp Barnes was originally designed to provide the children who were unable to attend summer camp an opportunity to experience life at a summer youth camp. Camp Barnes has remained basically unchanged, providing Delaware children with these outdoor experiences for over 60 years.

Any questions, please contact Master Corporal Shawn Hatfield at 302-752-3834 or james.hatfield@delaware.gov.

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Suspect Arrested in North Dover Home Invasion

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

North Dover – The Delaware State Police have arrested a Smyrna man after it was determined he had been involved in a recent home invasion style robbery which left a woman injured.

The incident occurred around 7:45 p.m. Tuesday February 28, 2017 when a 9-1-1 call was placed from a residence in the unit block of Hickory Dale Drive. The 69-year-old female victim explained she had just been assaulted by a white male subject who broke into her home and demanded cash. The female complied with the suspect's demands, but not before she was kicked and punched by the assailant. Upon obtaining more than $2,000.00 from the victim, he fled the residence in an unknown direction. The 69-year-old victim was able to give a description of the suspect's clothing and within an hour and a half, **Ronald L. Keis**, 50 of Smyrna, was found matching the description and was taken into custody by troopers walking in the area of Scarborough Road and North DuPont Highway (US13). Upon searching Keis, he was found to have the victim's money in his pockets. The victim was transported by EMS to Bayhealth Kent General Hospital where she was treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

Ronal Keis was transported back to Troop 3 in Camden where he was charged with Home Invasion, Robbery 1st, Assault 2nd, and Tampering with Physical Evidence. He was arraigned at JP7 and committed to James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on $132,000.00 cash bond.

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Troopers Investigate Crash Involving a Pedestrian – Update



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

New Castle (19720) – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit has identified the male pedestrian who was struck and killed on US Rt. 13 just south of Lisa Drive, New Castle, as Shane Prucino, 31, of Newark.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police. No charges are expected to be filed.

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Troopers Investigate 7-11 Robbery



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

Wilmington (19809)- Delaware State Police are currently investigating the robbery of a Wilmington area 7-11 store that occurred early yesterday morning.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident happened at approximately 6:12 a.m. yesterday, Monday, February 27, 2017, as a male suspect entered the 7-11 store located at 4865 Governor Printz Boulevard, Wilmington. He then approached the sales counter and presented the male clerk with a demand note for cash. The note implied that he was armed, however, the suspect not display a weapon. The clerk 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. The clerk was not injured.

The suspect was described as a black male. He was 5’10”-6’01” tall, weighed 200-220 lbs., and was last seen wearing a grey hooded jacket, faded jeans, black sneakers, and glasses. There is no further physical or clothing description available.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact the Robbery Unit at Troop 2, Glasgow, at 302-365-8566. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.tipsubmit.com, or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword “DSP.”

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Troopers Investigate Crash Involving a Pedestrian



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

New Castle (19720) – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is currently investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash in which a male pedestrian was struck and killed last night in New Castle.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident occurred at approximately 10:33 p.m. on Monday, February 27, 2017, as an unidentified male pedestrian was attempting to cross the northbound lanes of US Rt. 13 (N. DuPont Highway), just south of Lisa Drive, in an easterly direction. As the male victim entered the right hand lane, he stepped directly into the path of a 2009 Hyundai Tuscon, which was being operated by Richard Newton, 55, of New Castle. The front of the Hyundai then struck the pedestrian. The force of the impact caused the victim, who was dressed in dark clothing and was not crossing in a marked cross walk, to be vaulted onto the windshield before falling to the ground where he came to rest in the right hand lane. Richard Newton was able to bring his vehicle to a controlled stop just north of the scene.

The male victim was treated at the scene by New Castle County Paramedics before being transported to the Christiana Hospital

where he was pronounced dead. His body was then turned over to the Division of Forensic Sciences where attempts to identify him will be made. It is unknown if alcohol or drug use on the part of the victim were factors in this crash.

Richard Newton, who was properly restrained at the time of the crash, was not injured. Alcohol use and speed on the part of Newton do not appear to be factors in the crash.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police.

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Traffic Advisory- Troopers Investigate Crash Involving DART Bus-Update



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

New Castle (19720)- Delaware State Police continue to investigate a three vehicle crash in which six people were injured that occurred late yesterday afternoon west of New Castle.

The investigation thus far has determined that the crash occurred on Monday, February 27, 2017 at approximately 5:52 p.m., as James D. Mullin, 37, of Wilmington, was operating a 2001 Saab 9-5 and was traveling in the right center lane on southbound I-95 just south of DE Rt. 141 (Basin Road). Mullin then made a sudden lane change and entered into the center lane of I-95 where his vehicle then struck a 2013 Nissan Altima, which was being operated by Traimer L. Flowers, 21, of Newark. The force of the impact caused the Altima to veer to its left where it then struck the front of a 2014 D.A.R.T. bus, which was being operated by Cooper G. Russell, 46, of Newark. All three vehicles then left the east edge of the roadway where they came to rest.

Traimer Flowers, as well as a passenger in his vehicle, were treated at the scene by New Castle County Paramedics. They were then transported by ambulance to the Christiana Hospital where they were treated for their non-life threatening injuries.

Cooper Russell, as well as three passengers on the D.A.R.T. bus, were also treated at the scene by paramedics before being transported to the Christiana Hospital. Their injuries were also non-life threatening.

James Mullin was not injured. He was cited by troopers with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Improper Lane Change, and Failure to Signal a Lane Change.

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Traffic Advisory-Troopers Investigating Crash Involving DART Bus

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

New Castle (19720)- Delaware State Police are currently investigating a three vehicle crash which has injured six people that occurred late this afternoon near New Castle.

The initial investigation has determined that the crash

occurred at approximately 5:50 p.m. on I-95 southbound just south of DE Rt. 141, New Castle, and involves two passenger vehicles and a DART bus. As a result of the crash, six people have been injured and have been transported to local hospitals. Their injuries are not believed to be life threatening at this time.

The southbound lanes of I-95 south of Rt. 141 have been closed to traffic and commuters are asked to find alternate routes of travel.

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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Troopers Investigate Attempted Gas Station Robbery



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

Newark (19713)- Delaware State Police are currently investigating the attempted robbery of a gas station that occurred last night near Newark.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident occurred at approximately 9:43 p.m. on Sunday, February 26, 2017, as a male suspect entered the Exxon station located at 263 E. Chestnut Hill Road. The suspect then approached the sales counter and confronted a male employee, implying that he was armed with a gun. He then demanded money from the clerk. The clerk, however, ran from behind the counter and exited the business. The suspect also exited the gas station without obtaining any property, and was last seen running in an eastbound direction toward DE Rt. 4. The clerk was not injured.

The suspect was described as a black male. He was 18-22 years of age, 5’10” tall, had an average build, and was last seen

wearing a dark blue hooded sweatshirt, dark colored sweatpants, sneakers, and had a mask partially covering his face. There is no further physical or clothing description available.

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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