

# **\*Update – Victim Identified\***

## **State Police Investigating Fatal Motorcycle Crash on Churchmans Road in Newark**

The Delaware State Police has identified 29-year-old **Keith Stewart**, from Wilmington, Delaware, as the man who died in the [fatal motorcycle crash](#) that occurred Tuesday night on Churchmans Road in Newark.

The investigation is still ongoing by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit. Troopers ask anyone who witnessed or has information about the crash to contact Master Corporal R. Kunicki by calling (302) 365-8417. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at (800) 847-3333.

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# State Police Investigating Fatal Motorcycle Crash on Christiana Road in Newark

The Delaware State Police has identified 34-year-old **Jared Thompson**, from Newark, Delaware, as the man who died in the [fatal motorcycle crash](#) that occurred Tuesday night on Christiana Road in Newark.

The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this crash. Troopers ask anyone who witnessed the crash or has video to contact Corporal K. Oakes at (302) 365-8483. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or by contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

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## State Police Arrest New Castle Man for Fatal Hit-and-

# Run Pedestrian Crash in New Castle

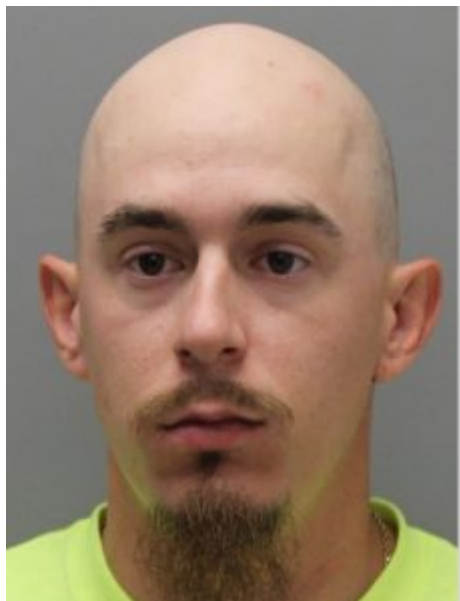
The Delaware State Police have arrested 28-year-old **Cole Burgess** of New Castle, Delaware, following a fatal hit-and-run pedestrian crash in New Castle on Wednesday.

On May 6, 2026, at approximately 12:20 a.m., a Jeep Cherokee was traveling northbound on Airport Road near East Edinburgh Drive in New Castle. At the same time, a pedestrian was walking northbound on Airport Road at the same location. The preliminary investigation revealed that the Jeep struck the pedestrian and then fled the scene without stopping.

The pedestrian, 60-year-old **Teddy Huff Jr.**, of New Castle, Delaware, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Through investigative means, the Jeep was identified as belonging to Cole Burgess and was found in the backyard of his residence with damage consistent with the collision. Troopers took Burgess into custody during a traffic stop for an unrelated traffic violation, during which he was also found to be in possession of a concealed handgun.

Burgess was taken to Troop 2, where he was charged with the crimes listed below related to the crash, arraigned by the Justice of the Peace Court 2, and released on a \$5,100 unsecured bond.



- Leaving Scene of a Collision Resulting in Death (Felony)
- Failure to Report a Collision Resulting in Injury or Death

Burgess was also charged with the crimes listed below related to the unrelated traffic stop, arraigned by the Justice of the Peace Court 2, and released on his own recognizance.

- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon – Firearm (Felony)
- Traffic Violation

The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this crash. Troopers ask anyone who witnessed the crash or has video to contact Corporal K. Oakes at (302) 365-8483. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or by contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

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## **State Police Investigating Single-Vehicle Fatal Crash in Lewes**

The Delaware State Police are investigating a single-vehicle fatal crash that occurred early Wednesday in Lewes.

On May 6, 2026, at approximately 1:30 a.m., a Kia Forte was traveling northbound, approaching a slight curve on Coastal Highway south of Nassau Road in Lewes. For reasons still under investigation, the Kia exited the east edge of the roadway and struck a traffic signal support pole.

The unrestrained driver, a 23-year-old woman from Millsboro, Delaware, was pronounced dead at the scene. Her name is being withheld until her family is notified.

The roadway was closed for approximately 3 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

The investigation is still ongoing by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit. Troopers ask anyone who witnessed or has information about the crash to contact Corporal Grade One K. Marvel by calling (302) 703-3267. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at (800) 847-3333.

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## **State Police Investigating Fatal Motorcycle Crash on Churchmans Road in Newark**

The Delaware State Police is investigating a fatal crash involving a motorcycle that occurred last night in Newark.

On May 5, 2026, at approximately 7:20 p.m., a Nissan Rogue was turning left from southbound Center Point Plaza onto eastbound Churchmans Road (DE 58) with a green light. At the same time, a Harley-Davidson Sportster motorcycle was traveling westbound on Churchmans Road toward the intersection at an apparent high rate of speed. The preliminary investigation revealed that the

Harley-Davidson failed to stop at the red light and struck the front of the Nissan as it entered the intersection. The motorcycle operator was then ejected and struck the front of a Chevrolet Equinox that was stopped at the red light in the left turn lane on eastbound Churchmans Road.

The motorcycle operator, a 29-year-old man from Wilmington, Delaware, was taken to an area hospital, where he died. His name is being withheld until his family is notified.

The driver of the Nissan, a 55-year-old woman from New Castle, Delaware, was not injured

The driver of the Chevrolet, a 43-year-old man, and an 11-year-old passenger, both from Bear, Delaware, were not injured.

The roadway was closed for an extended time while the scene was investigated and cleared.

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# State Police Investigating Fatal Motorcycle Crash on Christiana Road in Newark

The Delaware State Police is investigating a fatal crash involving a motorcycle that occurred Tuesday evening in Newark.

On May 5, 2026, at approximately 6:00 p.m., troopers responded to Christiana Road, near Harmony Road, for a report of a crash. The preliminary investigation revealed that a Honda CBR motorcycle was traveling eastbound in the left lane of Christiana Road towards Harmony Road. At the same time, an Audi Q5 was turning left from westbound Christiana Road into McIntosh Plaza. For reasons currently under investigation, the front of the Honda struck the passenger side of the Audi, causing the motorcycle operator to be ejected.

The motorcycle operator, a 34-year-old man from Newark, was taken to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead. His name is being withheld until his family is notified.

The Audi's driver, a 37-year-old man from Bear, did not report any injuries.

The [roadway was closed](#) for approximately 2.5 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this crash. Troopers ask anyone who witnessed the crash or has video to contact Corporal K. Oakes at (302) 365-8483. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or by contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

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## **State Police Arrest Two on Drug, Gun, and DUI Charges Following Traffic Stop in Leipsic**

The Delaware State Police arrested 39-year-old **James Bell**, of Camden, Delaware, and a 36-year-old woman from Bel Air, Maryland, on drug, weapon, and driving under the influence charges following a traffic stop Sunday morning in Leipsic.

On May 3, 2026, at approximately 7:45 a.m., a trooper patrolling Second Street, near Denny Street, saw a Chevrolet Tahoe commit multiple traffic violations. The trooper conducted a traffic stop and contacted the driver, identified as James Bell, who showed signs of impairment. Also present was a passenger, identified as the 36-year-old woman, and an unrestrained and improperly seated child.

During the encounter, the trooper saw drug paraphernalia inside the vehicle. The 36-year-old woman also provided fictitious personal information an apparent attempt to conceal her identity. All occupants were removed from the vehicle and Bell continued to display signs of impairment.

A subsequent vehicle search led to the recovery of the following items:

- A loaded handgun
- Approximately .08 grams of suspected cocaine
- Approximately .09 grams of suspected heroin
- Various drug paraphernalia

A search of the woman resulted in the discovery of additional drug paraphernalia. A computer search determined Bell has a prior violent felony conviction and is prohibited from possessing firearms. Troopers also learned the firearm was reported stolen through Delaware State Police Troop 7.

The 36-year-old woman was released after being issued a criminal summons for criminal impersonation and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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Bell was arrested and taken to Troop 9 where troopers obtained a search warrant for his blood. He was charged with the below listed offenses, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 7, and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on a \$57,700 cash bond.



- Possession of a Firearm Within 10 Years of Prior Conviction of Any Felony (Felony)
- Possession of a Deadly Weapon by a Person Prohibited Who Also Possesses a Controlled Substance (Felony)
- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon (Felony)
- Receiving a Stolen Firearm (Felony)
- Endangering the Welfare of a Child While Driving Under the Influence
- Possession of a Firearm While Under the Influence
- Possession of a Controlled Substance – 2 counts
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Driving Under the Influence of a Combination of Alcohol and Any Drug
- Related Traffic Offenses

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## **State Police Arrest Felton Man for Stabbing Incident in**

# Dover

The Delaware State Police have arrested 44-year-old **Charles Murray**, of Felton, Delaware, for felony assault and related offenses following a stabbing incident that occurred Sunday night at a Dover bar.

On May 3, 2026, at approximately 11:20 p.m., troopers responded to Touchdown Lounge, located at 1666 South DuPont Highway in Dover, for a report of a stabbing. When troopers arrived, they learned that a male victim had been stabbed by a male suspect, identified as Charles Murray, and both were taken to an area hospital. The preliminary investigation revealed that Murray accused the victim and the bartender of stealing his debit card before punching the victim inside the bar. After leaving the bar, the victim told his friend, who was seated in the driver's seat of their vehicle, what had occurred with Murray. As they were speaking, Murray approached the driver's side door. The friend exited the vehicle and engaged in a physical altercation with Murray. When the victim moved toward the two, Murray stabbed the victim multiple times.

Detectives responded to the hospital and learned the victim suffered critical injuries while Murray was not injured.

Murray was taken into custody without incident and taken to Troop 3. He was charged with the crimes listed below, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2, and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on a \$102,000 cash bond.

- Assault First Degree (Felony)
- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon (Felony)

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# State Police Investigating Armed Robbery at New Castle Gas Station

The Delaware State Police is investigating an armed robbery that occurred at a gas station Monday evening in New Castle.

On May 4, 2026, at approximately 7:30 p.m., troopers responded to the Shell gas station, located at 3001 New Castle Avenue, for a report of a robbery. The preliminary investigation revealed an unknown male suspect, armed with a knife, approached the clerk and demanded money from the cash register. The clerk complied and the suspect stole an undisclosed amount of money before driving away in a white Ford Taurus. No injuries were reported during the incident.

A short time later, troopers located the Ford in the City of Wilmington and attempted to conduct a traffic stop. The driver failed to stop and fled, leading to a brief vehicle pursuit. Troopers initially lost sight of the vehicle, however, the Ford was later found abandoned near Wilson Street and East 13th Street.

The suspect is described as a man, approximately 6'02" tall, wearing a brown sweatshirt, and dark colored pants.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Criminal Investigations Unit continues to investigate this crime. Detectives ask anyone with information relevant to the case to contact Detective B. Timmons at (302) 365-8434. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

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# **State Police Investigating Single-Vehicle Fatal Crash in Hartly**

The Delaware State Police have identified 31-year-old **Edilzar Chun-Chilel**, from Hartly, Delaware, as the man who died in the [single-vehicle fatal crash](#) that occurred Sunday night in Hartly.

The investigation is still ongoing by the Delaware State Police Troop 3 Collision Reconstruction Unit. Troopers ask anyone who witnessed or has information about the crash to contact Sergeant M. Long by calling (302) 698-8518. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at (800) 847-3333.

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