State Police Investigating Robbery of Shawnee Country Store



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

Milford, De. – **The** Delaware State Police are investigating a robbery of a Milford area store that occurred last evening.

The preliminary investigation determined the incident occurred at approximately 7:45 p.m., Friday, February 10, 2017, as a male suspect armed with an unknown type handgun entered the Shawnee Country Store located at 6994 Shawnee Road, Milford. The suspect approached the store employee and demanded cash. The victim complied with the demand and turned over an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect then exited the store and fled in an unknown direction. The clerk was not injured.

The suspect is described as a male approximately 6’00” tall with a thin build. The suspect was wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt and dark pants with his face covered armed with an unknown type handgun. (photo attached)

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact Detective M. Doughty at 302-752-3794. 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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Joint Investigation with the

Dover Police Department Leads to Drug Arrests

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Dover, De. – The Delaware State Police Kent County Drug Unit, in partnership with the Dover Police Department, have arrested a Dover man after the culmination of a four month long investigation into illegal drug sales from residences in Dover.

On Friday, February 10, 2017 during the morning hours, the Delaware State Police Kent County Drug Unit, with the assistance of the Kent County Governor's Task Force, Delaware State Police Special Operations Response Team (SORT), DEA-Dover Post of Duty and the Dover Police Department conducted two search warrants at residences in the unit block of Stevenson Drive and the 400 block of East Water Street, Dover. Benjamin M. Greene, 29 of Dover, was taken into custody without incident at the Stevenson Drive address.

A search of the Stevenson Drive residence revealed packaging material for heroin distribution and over $1,200.00 in suspected drug proceeds. The search of the East Water Street residence revealed 22.9 grams of heroin, drug packaging materials, a loaded .25 caliber handgun, a .38 caliber handgun that was reported stolen out of Troop 3, Kent County on October 15, 2016 and a 9mm handgun reported stolen to the Greer Police Department in South Carolina.

Benjamin M. Greene was transported back to Troop 3 where he was charged with five counts of Drug Dealing, three counts of Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited, two counts of Receiving a Stolen Firearms, Possession of a Firearm with an

Obliterated Serial Number, Conspiracy 2nd degree, Endangering the Welfare of a Child, four counts of Manufactures, Delivers or Possesses with intent to Deliver, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Failure to Register as a Sex Offender. Greene has prior felony firearms convictions. He is also being charged by Troop 1 reference to a hit and run accident on US95 that occurred during the course of this investigation after he was suspected of transporting heroin from Philadelphia to Dover. During his route south, he rear ended a vehicle and fled the scene. This vehicle was recovered in front of the Stevenson Drive residence with a fictitious registration. He was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to the James T. Vaughn Correctional Institution on $150,200.00 cash bond.

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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 internet at 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 Arrest Man Following

Bank Robbery

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Newark, De.- *The* Delaware State Police have arrested a Wilmington man and charged him in connection with the robbery of a Newark area bank that occurred this morning.

The investigation began at approximately 10:59 a.m. on Friday, February 10, 2017, as a male suspect entered the PNC Bank branch located at 25 Pencader Plaza, Newark. The suspect confronted the female bank teller and demanded money. He implied that he was armed, however, a weapon was not displayed. The teller complied with the suspect's demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of money to him. The suspect then fled from the bank in an unknown direction. There were no injuries.

Troopers conducted an area search of the surrounding businesses and area neighborhoods. A short time later, Troopers responding to the area observed a subject matching the description of the suspect who was trying to enter a bus on East Chestnut Hill Road (Route 4) in the area of South Kingston Drive. Troopers were able to take the suspect, later identified as Eugene Dean,68 of Wilmington, into custody without incident. During a subsequent pat down search Troopers found Dean to be in possession of the proceeds from the robbery.

Eugene Dean was transported to Troop 2 where he was subsequently arrested and charged with Robbery 1st Degree. He was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to the Howard Young Correctional Institution in default of $25,000.00 cash bail.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENT



Who:

- 90th Delaware State Police and 83rd Municipal Recruit Class

When:

- Friday, February 10, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.

Location:

- Dover High School **(Auditorium)**
- 1 Dover High Drive, Dover, Delaware

Dignitaries Addressing the Graduates:

- Governor John C. Carney Jr., State of Delaware
- Lieutenant Governor Bethany A. Hall-Long, State of Delaware
- Attorney General Matthew P. Denn, State of Delaware
- Secretary Robert M. Coupe, Department of Safety and Homeland Security
- Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr., Superintendent, Delaware State Police

Key Agenda Events:

Class Speaker:

- Trooper Matthew R. Jones, Delaware State Police

Keynote Speaker:

- Major General Francis D. Vavala, Delaware National Guard

Resume:

Dover – Delaware State Police Superintendent Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr. announces the graduation ceremonies for the 90th Delaware State Police and 83rd Municipal Recruit Class.

The ceremonies celebrated and recognized the successful completion of Law Enforcement training of 23 Delaware State Troopers and 30 Law Enforcement Officers representing the Bethany Beach Police Department, Bridgeville Police Department, Delaware River & Bay Authority, Delaware State

University Police Department, Department of Natural Resources Police Environmental Control Unit, Department of Natural Resources Police Division of Fish & Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources Police Division of Parks & Recreation, Dewey Beach Police Department, Division of Alcohol & Tobacco Enforcement, Dover Police Department, Lewes Police Department, Milford Police Department, Millsboro Police Department, Newark Police Department, Seaford Police Department, and the University of Delaware Police Department.

****Awards****

Governor's Outstanding Recruit Trooper Award:

- Trooper Kyle W. Marvel, Delaware State Police

The Attorney General's Award for Legal Excellence:

- Patrolman Logan Spicer, Dover Police Department

The Secretary of Safety and Homeland Security Award:

- Trooper Sarah E. Bailey, Delaware State Police

The Delaware Police Chiefs' Council Award:

- Patrolman Casey J. Lewis, Milford Police Department

The Delaware State Police Academy Law Enforcement Core Values Award:

- Trooper Eric E. Gumbs, Delaware State Police

The Outstanding Proficiency in Police Firearms Award:

- Trooper Alexander I. Ricketts, Delaware State Police
- Patrolman David J. Clark Jr., Bridgeville Police Department

The Delaware State Police Academy Physical Fitness Award:

- Trooper Anthony D. Tillman, Delaware State Police

- Patrolman Richard S. Smith, Bridgeville Police Department

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Bus Crash Sends Eleven to Local Hospitals

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Felton – State Police are investigating a bus crash that occurred right outside Lake Forest High School sending 11 students to area hospitals

The incident occurred around 2:32 p.m. Thursday, February 9, 2017 as a 75-year old Harrington man was operating a 2009 International school bus northbound out of the Lake Forest High School parking lot, located at 5407 Killens Pond Road. The bus failed to come to a complete stop and continued out onto Killens Pond where it pulled into the path of an eastbound 1995 Jeep Wrangler being operated by an 18-year-old female. The Jeep struck the bus on the left side and both vehicles came to a stop in the roadway.

The 18-year-old female, who is a student at Lake Forest High School, was properly restrained and transported by EMS to an area hospital where she was treated and released with non-life-threatening injuries.

The 75-year-old bus driver was properly restrained and uninjured in the collision.

There were 31 Lake Forest High School students on board the bus at the time of the crash. They were ushered back into the school where they were evaluated by medical staff and EMS. Ten of them were taken to area hospitals either by ambulance or private vehicle where they were treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

Troopers are continuing their investigation into this incident and charges may be forthcoming. Killens Pond Road in the area of the crash was closed for approximately one hour while the collision was investigated and cleared.

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Trooper Seek Public's Assistance in Locating Wanted Subjects

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Frederica – State Police are requesting assistance in locating **Richard L. Clark,** 38 of Townsend, and **Brian M. Holloway**, 36 of Dover, both wanted for multiple counts of Theft, Conspiracy, and Criminal Trespass associated with the recent thefts from motor vehicles in the Little Heaven area.

If anyone has any information in reference to Clark or Holloway's whereabouts, they are asked to contact Detective A. Goode at 302-698-8517. 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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State Police Investigating

Robbery of Oasis Travel Plaza



Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Laurel – Delaware State Police are investigating a robbery of a Laurel area store that occurred late last evening.

The incident occurred at approximately 11:44 p.m., Wednesday February 8, 2017, as a male suspect, armed with an unknown type handgun, entered the Oasis Travel Plaza, located at 30759 Sussex Highway. The suspect approached the store employee and demanded cash. The victim complied with the demand and turned over an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect then exited the store and fled in an unknown direction. The clerk was not injured.

The suspect was described as black male, 5’08”-5’10” tall, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans, and white gloves (No further clothing or physical description). Armed with an unknown type handgun.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact Detective K. McCabe at 302-752-3798. 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 Arrest Woman Following Robbery Investigation

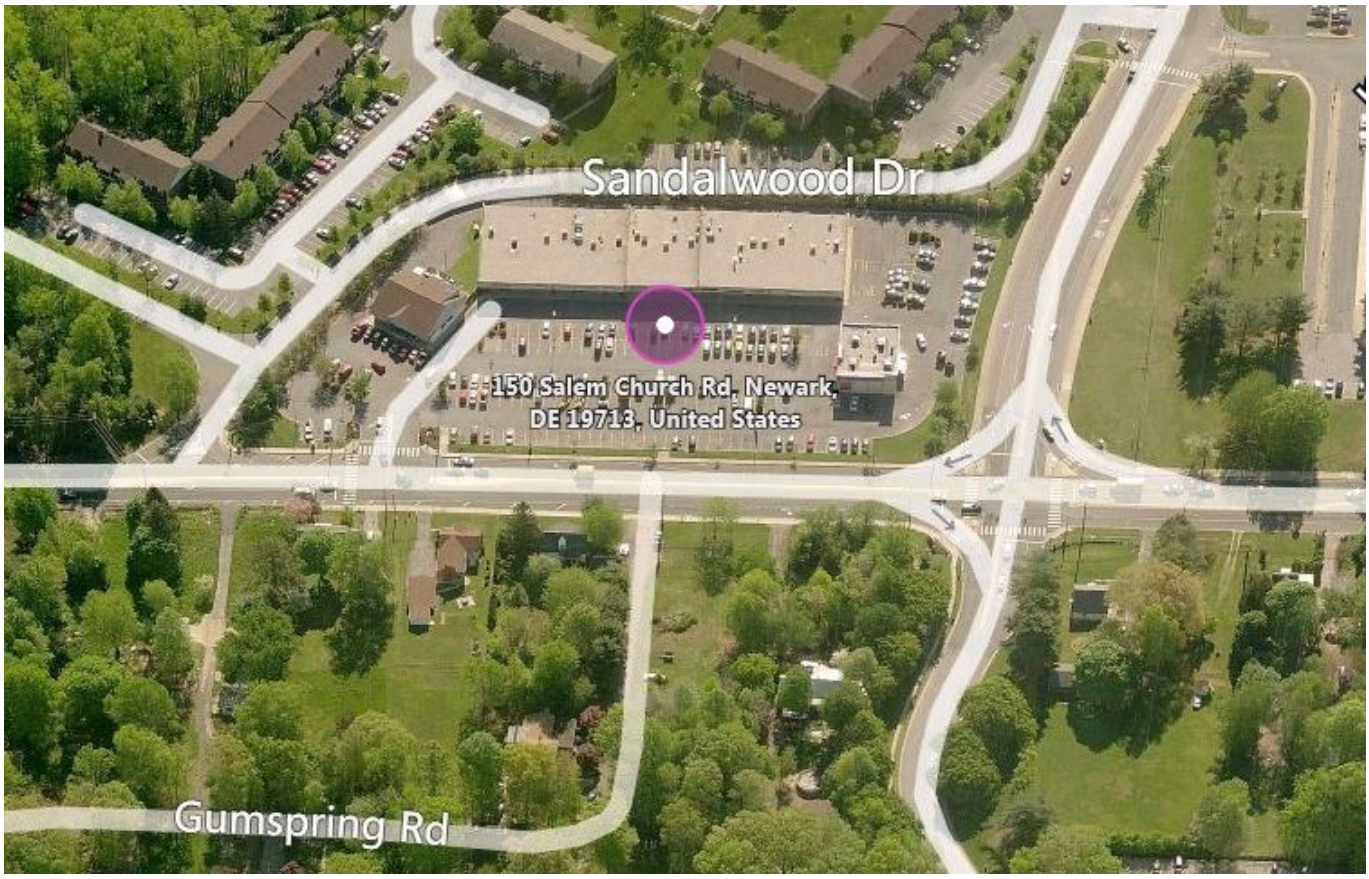
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Newark, De.- The Delaware State Police Robbery Unit detectives have arrested a Newark woman and charged her in connection with an armed robbery.

The preliminary investigation began on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at approximately 9:13 a.m., as a suspect with her face covered entered the Village Cigarette Outlet located at 150 Salem Church Road, Newark. The suspect approached the sales counter and confronted a male employee. She then demanded money from the cash register as she displayed a knife that was in her waistband to the clerk. The employee ran out the back door. The female suspect then fled from the business. The employee was not injured.

Troopers, with the assistance of the Newark Police Department K-9 Unit, canvassed the area for the suspect. During the K-9 search a suspect matching the description was seen sitting on the front step of a residence in the Glen Eagle Village Apartment Complex. The suspect immediately got up and started to walk away to avoid suspicion however was contacted a short time later and identified as Maya B. Howard, 19 of Newark. The suspect was in possession of evidence linking her to the robbery. She was taken into custody without incident.

Maya B. Howard was transported to Troop 2 where she was charged with Attempted Robbery 1st Degree, Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony, Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony and Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon. Maya B. Howard was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to the Delores J. Baylor Women's Correctional Institution in default of $42,000.00 secured bail.



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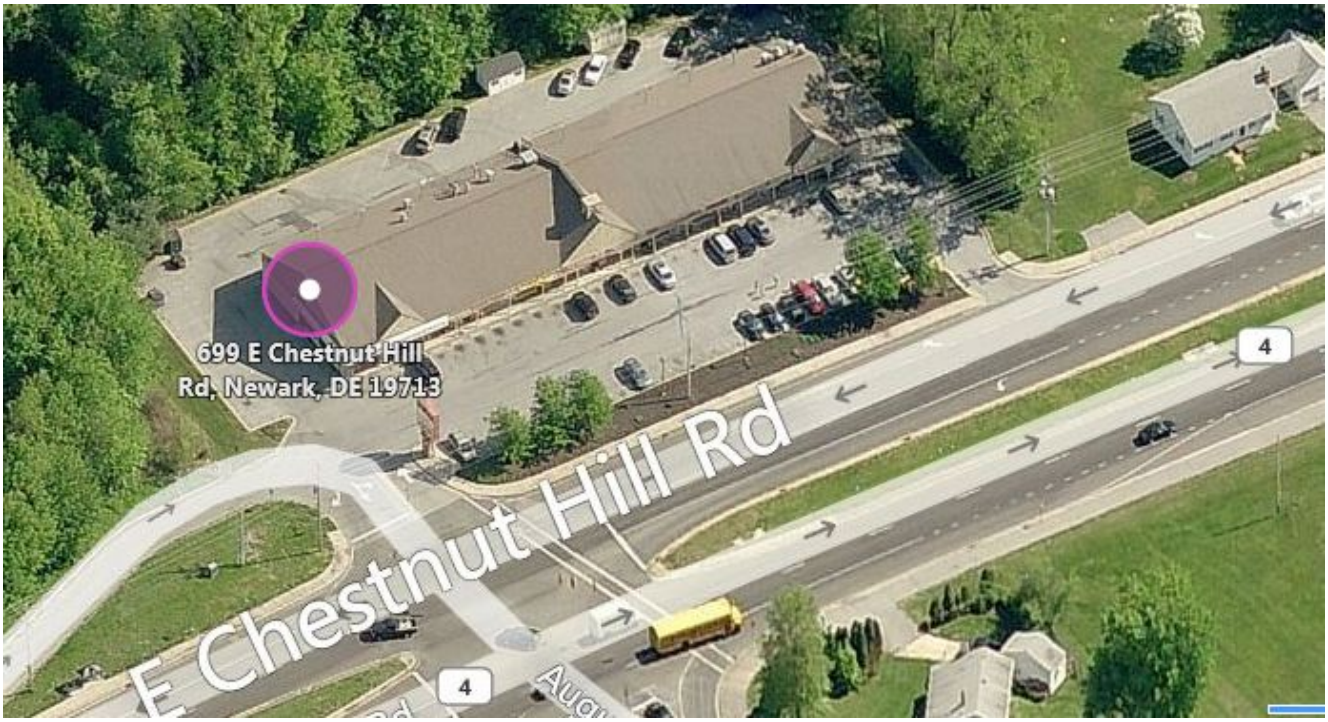
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Troopers Investigate Robbery of Newark 7-11



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Newark – The Delaware State Police are currently investigating the robbery of a Newark area 7-11 store that occurred late last night.

The initial investigation has determined the incident occurred on Monday, February 6, 2017, at approximately 10:40 p.m., as the two male suspects entered the 7-11 located at 699 East Chestnut Hill Road, Newark. The suspects approached the sales counter one armed with an unknown gun and the other with a baseball bat confronted the two male clerks. The suspects demanded money from the cash registers. The clerks 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 first suspect was described as a white male approximately 6'00" tall, weighed 150-170 lbs., wearing a dark colored hooded sweatshirt with his face covered (no further physical or clothing description available). Armed with an unknown type of gun.

The second suspect was described as a black male, 5’10” – 5’11” tall, weighed 150-170 lbs., wearing a light colored hooded sweatshirt with his face covered. (no further physical or clothing description available). Armed with a baseball bat.

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, or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword “DSP.”

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