

Troopers Investigate Attempted Robbery

New Castle- Delaware State Police are currently investigating the attempted armed robbery of a New Castle area liquor store that occurred last night.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident happened at approximately 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 27, 2016, as a male suspect entered the D & H Liquors located at 106 Jeston Drive. The suspect displayed a knife and confronted a male clerk, demanding money from the cash register. The clerk, however, refused to comply with the suspect's demands. The suspect then fled from the business and was last seen running in a northbound direction. There were no injuries.

The suspect was described as a black male. He was last seen wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt and had a mask covering his face. There is no further physical or clothing description available. There are no video surveillance photos available to be released 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](http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com) 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 to Participate in Wreaths Across America Service

Smyrna – Members of the Delaware State Police will participate in a Wreaths Across America service as the annual truck convoy makes a stop at the Smyrna Rest Area next month.

On Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 11 a.m., the annual Wreaths Across America truck convoy will stop at the Smyrna Rest Area, Pavilion I, at 5500 North DuPont Highway, Smyrna, as it makes its way to the Arlington National Cemetery.

This will be the only stop in Delaware and the public is invited to attend.

The Delaware Vietnam Veterans of America Gold Star Program, along with representatives of the Delaware law enforcement community, will host a service to pay honor and remembrance to our fallen heroes who gave their lives while serving a cause greater than themselves.

The service will include memorial themed activities, including the National Anthem, Taps, and *Amazing Grace*. The Delaware State Police Honor Guard, Pipes and Drums, and a bugler will be participating in the event. Dover High School Jr. ROTC students will provide escorts to reserved seating for Gold Star Families and dignitaries.

The fleet of 18-wheelers will be enroute to Arlington, where 400,000 veterans and family members are interred. This year's

wreath laying will take place on Saturday, December 17.

The mission of National Wreaths Across America Day, *To Remember, Honor and Teach*, is carried out by wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery and more than 1,100 locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad.

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Troopers Investigate McDonald's Restaurant Robbery

Claymont – Delaware State Police are currently investigating the armed robbery of a McDonald's restaurant that occurred last night in Claymont.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident occurred at approximately 8:21 p.m. last night, Sunday, November 27, 2016, as three male suspects entered the McDonald's restaurant located at 2702 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont. One of the suspects, who was armed with an unknown make and model handgun, vaulted the sales counter and confronted a female employee, while the other two suspects, who were also armed, walked behind the sales counter and confronted a male employee. The suspects then demanded cash from the registers. The employees complied with the suspect's demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of money to them. All three suspects then exited the restaurant and fled the area on foot with a fourth subject. There were no injuries.

The first suspect who vaulted the counter was described as a black male. He was 5'06"-5'11" tall, weighed 150-170 lbs., and was dressed in all dark clothing. He also had his face

partially covered with a cloth.

The second and third suspects were also black males. They were both 5'05"-5'07" tall, had thin builds, and were dressed in dark clothing.

There was no physical or clothing description available for the fourth suspect. No video surveillance photos are available to be released at this time.

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Troopers Investigate Burglary with Shots Fired

Selbyville- Delaware State Police are currently investigating a residential burglary in which shots were fired at the homeowner that occurred early this morning.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident occurred this morning, Sunday, November 27, 2016 at approximately 2:21 a.m., as a male suspect entered a residence located in the 32000 block of Sanbru Lane, Selbyville. The suspect then proceeded to remove a pair of guns from a room inside of the house. He then located and removed a third gun from inside of a table drawer. As this was occurring, a 67 year old occupant of the home awoke and confronted the suspect. He then chased the suspect out of the house. As he was fleeing, the suspect fired two shots from one of the guns which caused the homeowner to retreat back into the residence. The suspect then fled in an unknown direction. There were no injuries.

During a subsequent search of the area, troopers were able to recover two of the three guns, ammunition, and numerous coins which had been dropped by the suspect as he fled the area.

This incident remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police. **A suspect description is not available to be released at this time.**

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact Detective Joshua Rowley at 302-752-3811. Information may also be provided by calling [Delaware Crime Stoppers](http://DelawareCrimeStoppers.com) 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 Home Invasion

Camden-Wyoming – Delaware State Police are currently investigating a home invasion style robbery which occurred early this morning in Camden-Wyoming.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident occurred this morning, Saturday, November 26, 2016 at approximately 4:50 a.m., as three unknown suspects entered a residence located in the 200 block of Thicket Road. One of the suspects, who was armed with an unknown make and model handgun and was dressed in dark clothing, proceeded to a bedroom where he confronted a 79 year old male occupant and struck him with the gun. The suspect then proceeded to remove an undisclosed amount of cash from a dresser located within the bedroom. The male victim sustained a minor injury, however he refused medical treatment.

Upon hearing the noise coming from the male victim's room, a 58 year old female occupant of the house exited her bedroom. As she did, she was confronted by a second of the three suspects who pushed an unknown type of weapon against her face causing a minor injury. All three of the suspects then exited the home and fled in an unknown direction. The female victim also refused medical treatment.

No further clothing or physical description of the suspects is available at this time.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident,

they are asked to contact Detective Susan Carbine at 302-698-8444. Information may also be provided by calling [Delaware Crime Stoppers](http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com) 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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Update: Troopers Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash-Wilmington

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

Wilmington, De. – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into a fatal crash that occurred north of Wilmington earlier today.

The incident occurred around 9:46 a.m., Thursday, November 24, 2016, as a 2002 Volkswagen Passat, operated by 60 year old male from West Virginia, whose name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin, was traveling northbound on I-95 in the right lane north of Marsh Road. A 2001 BMW 325 operated by Gregory Delva, 39 of Wilmington, was traveling in the same area at a reported high rate of speed and in a reckless manner. As the BMW tried to pass the Passat, Gregory Delva

failed to give enough space when moving from the right lane to the left lane, as a result the front of the BMW clipped the rear corner of the Passat on I-95 northbound north of Marsh Road. After impact both vehicles began to rotate and the BMW traveled off of the highway through a grass area that separated the lanes of I-95 northbound from the on-ramp from Marsh Road. The Passat struck the raised curb and overturned onto its roof before traveling over the on-ramp lane and striking a metal light pole. The BMW spun after the initial impact and also traveled over the grass area before coming to a stop on the on-ramp lane.

The operator of the Volkswagen Passat sustained serious injuries and it is unknown if he was properly restrained. He was declared deceased at the collision scene.

Gregory Delva was transported back to Troop 1 where he was charged with Vehicular Homicide 1st, Reckless Driving and Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. He was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Court 11 and was released on a \$6,500.00 unsecured bond. (No photo is currently available for Delva)

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. One lane of I-95 northbound and on-ramp from Marsh Road was closed for approximately three hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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****Traffic Advisory** Troopers Investigating a Fatal Crash North of Wilmington**

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

Wilmington, De. – The Delaware State Police are currently

investigating a fatal crash involving two vehicles on I95 northbound north of Marsh Road that occurred around 9:46 a.m. this morning, Thursday, November 24, 2016. One person has died as a result of this crash.

I-95 northbound in the area of the crash is limited to one lane. Commuters are advised to use caution and if possible seek alternate routes of travel.

Further details will be released upon the conclusion of the investigation.

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Troopers Investigating a Pedestrian Struck by a Train

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Newark, DE – Troopers are currently on the scene of crash involving a pedestrian who was killed after being struck by an Amtrak train north of Harmony Road.

Preliminary investigation reveals the incident occurred around 3:43 p.m. this afternoon when a northbound Amtrak commuter train struck a pedestrian that was on the tracks. The subject, who has not been identified, was pronounced dead at the scene. The conductor was able to bring the train to a stop after the collision.

The investigation into this incident is in the early stages and more information will be released when it becomes available.

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State Police Investigating Robbery of a Pedestrian North of Georgetown

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

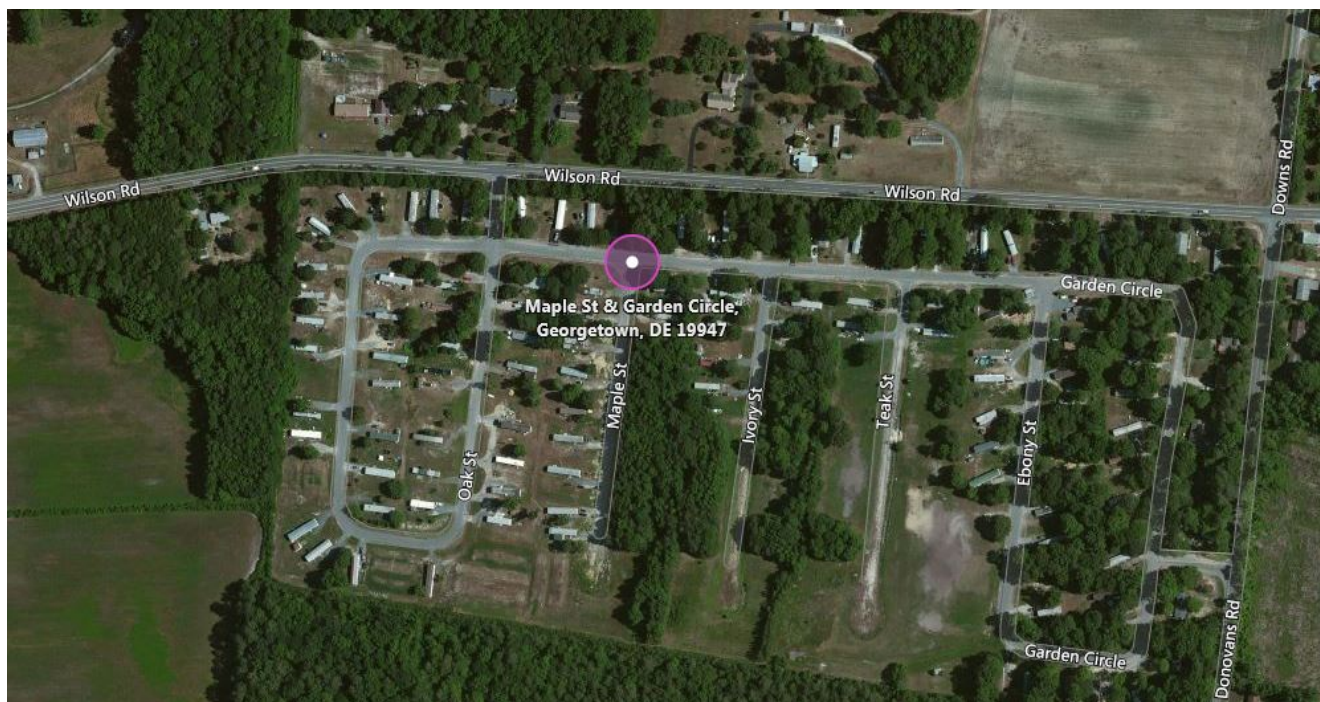
Georgetown – The Delaware State Police are investigating a robbery of a pedestrian as he was walking through County Seat Garden Development.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident occurred Tuesday November 22, 2016 at approximately 10:40 p.m., as a 35-year old male pedestrian was walking westbound on Garden Circle in the area of Maple Street. A passenger car pulled up behind him and three subjects exited the car and approached him. One of the suspects struck the victim with an unknown object and demanded his money before the victim attempted to fight back. Once one of the suspects forced him to the ground, they removed his wallet containing an undisclosed amount of cash and fled in the vehicle. The victim sustained minor injuries but refused on-scene medical attention.

The suspects were described as a white male with a beard, a Hispanic male, and a black male, all wearing dark colored clothing (no further physical or clothing description available). It is unknown if the suspects were armed. The vehicle was only described as an older model passenger car, possibly an Oldsmobile or Buick.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact Troop 4 Major Crimes at

302-856-5850. 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 Investigating Fatal Crash-Elsmere

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

Elsmere, De. – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit has assumed the investigation into a serious motor vehicle crash which has claimed the life of an

82 year old Wilmington, DE woman that occurred earlier this month.

The initial investigation determined the crash occurred on Saturday, November 12, 2016, at approximately 4:22 p.m., as Ishmail Thompson, 24 of Newark, was operating a 2011 Nissan Altima and was stopped in the northbound lane of Maple Avenue waiting on the traffic light to make a left turn onto DE Route 2 westbound. Betty Lou Arnold, 82 of Wilmington, was operating a 2006 Chevrolet Impala eastbound in the right lane of travel on DE Route 2 approaching the intersection with Maple Avenue. The traffic light on DE Route 2 eastbound changed from green to red as the traffic light on northbound Maple Avenue turned to a solid green arrow. The Nissan Altima started to proceed through the intersection onto westbound DE Route 2. The Chevrolet Impala proceeded eastbound through the intersection and struck the left front of the Altima with its front right. Both vehicles remained in the intersection after impact.

Betty Lou Arnold, who was properly restrained at the time of the crash, was treated at the scene by New Castle County Paramedics. She was then removed from the scene by EMS and transported to the Christiana Hospital Trauma Center, where she was admitted with serious injuries. Betty Lou Arnold was pronounced dead on Monday, November 22, 2016. Her passenger, Thomas Arnold, 55 of Wilmington, was not injured.

Ishmail Thompson and his passenger Marcus King, 22 of Wilmington, were both properly restrained at the time of the crash and were uninjured.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit.

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