

****Traffic Advisory** Troopers Investigating Serious Motorcycle Crash -Update #3**

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

New Castle- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit has identified the 41 year-old man who was killed in the fatal motorcycle crash which occurred this morning on W. Basin Road and I-95, New Castle, as Yusufu K. Gibson, of Wilmington.

This crash remains under investigation.

Released: 103116 1547

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****Original Releases****

New Castle- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate a fatal motor vehicle crash which has claimed the life of a Wilmington, DE man.

The investigation has determined that the crash happened this morning, Monday, October 31, 2016, at approximately 6:41 a.m., as a 41 year-old Wilmington, DE man was operating a 2013 Kawasaki motorcycle and was traveling in between the right hand and left hand lanes of southbound DE Rt. 141 (W. Basin Road) over top of Interstate 95, New Castle, at an apparent high rate of speed. The motorcycle merged into the left hand lane where it then struck the face of a guard rail located on the east edge of the roadway. The motorcycle then struck the left hand side of a 2013 Lincoln MKZ which was traveling in the left hand lane of southbound W. Basin Road, and which was being operated by Royse Britt, 35, of

Wilmington. The male motorcycle operator, who was wearing a helmet at the time of the crash, was ejected and came to rest in the left hand travel lane. Royse Britt was able to bring his vehicle to a controlled stop at the scene in the left hand lane.

The operator of the motorcycle was treated at the scene by the New Castle County Paramedics. He was then transported to the Christiana Hospital where he was subsequently pronounced dead. The name of the victim is being withheld pending the notification of his next of kin. It is unknown if drug or alcohol use on the part of the victim was a factor in this crash.

Royse Britt was properly restrained at the time of the crash and was not injured.

The southbound lanes of DE Rt. 141 were closed for approximately 2.5 hours as the crash was investigated and cleared.

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

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****Original Releases****

New Castle- As a result of the injuries sustained in the crash this morning on southbound W. Basin Road at I-95, New Castle, the male operator of the motorcycle has been pronounced dead.

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

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****Original Release****

New Castle- Delaware State Police are currently investigating a serious crash involving a motorcycle which occurred this morning just south of Newport.

The initial investigation has determined that the crash occurred at approximately 6:41 a.m. this morning, Monday, October 31, 2016, on southbound DE Rt. 141 (West Basin Road) at I-95, New Castle, and involves a motorcycle and a motor vehicle. As a result of the crash, the male motorcyclist has suffered serious injuries.

The southbound lanes of DE Rt. 141 have been closed to traffic and commuters are asked to seek alternate routes of travel.

The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is responding to the scene and will assume the investigation. Further details will be released at the conclusion of the investigation.

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****Update 2** Troopers Arrest Suspect in Assault**

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

Seaford, De. – The Delaware State Police have arrested Juan Carlos Tovar Cruz, 22 of Georgetown, in connection with an

assault late Sunday night.

On Sunday, October 30, 2016 at approximately 11:15 p.m. troopers made contact with Cruz in the area of Concord Road (Rt. 20) west of County Seat Highway (Rt. 9), Seaford as a call was made for a suspicious person in the area. Cruz was contacted and taken into custody without incident.

Juan Carlos Tovar Cruz, 22 of Georgetown, was transported to Troop 4 Georgetown, where he was formally charged with one count of Assault 1st Degree and Possession of a Deadly Weapon during the Commission of a Felony. He was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed in default of \$80,000.00 cash bond. (Mug shot attached)

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****Update****

Troopers Seek Whereabouts of Assault Suspect

Georgetown, DE. – The Delaware State Police is currently conducting a death investigation after an adult male was discovered deceased at a residence west of Georgetown.

While in the course of conducting the death investigation on Wilson Hill Road, Delaware State Police Detectives were able to determine a separate assault had occurred. At this time, the Delaware State Police is limiting information so not to jeopardize the on-going investigation.

Delaware State Police detectives were able to identify **Juan Carlos Tovar Cruz**, 22 of Georgetown, as the suspect in the assault. A warrant was secured for Cruz for one count of Assault 1st Degree and Possession of a Deadly Weapon during the Commission of a Felony.

Juan Carlos Tovar Cruz is described as a Hispanic male, 22 years of age, approximately 5'06" tall and 200 lbs., anyone with any information into the whereabouts of **Juan Carlos Tovar Cruz** is to contact **9-1-1** immediately. (See attached photo)

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident is also asked to contact Detective D. Grassi at 302-365-8441. 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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Detectives Conducting a Death Investigation – Georgetown

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The Delaware Division of Forensic Science was contacted and removed the male victim, whose name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin, to conduct an autopsy to determine the cause and manner of death. The investigation into the death of the male subject is in its early stages.

Detectives are continuing their investigation by conducting interviews and collecting evidence to determine the circumstances surrounding this incident. Additional information and investigative details will be disseminated as

soon as it becomes available and the investigation progresses. No suspect information has been developed at this time.

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Royse Britt was properly restrained at the time of the crash and was not injured.

The southbound lanes of DE Rt. 141 were closed for approximately 2.5 hours as the crash was investigated and cleared.

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Troopers Investigate Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash - Middletown

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

Middletown, DE- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is currently investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash that has claimed the life of a Wilmington man which occurred early this morning north of Middletown.

The initial investigation has determined the crash occurred at approximately 4:56 a.m. today, October 30, 2016, as Donald K. Phipps, 54 of Wilmington, was operating a 2014 Toyota Corolla and was traveling north on DE. Route 896. For an unknown reason, his vehicle left the west side of the road and crossed over the median and the southbound lanes of DE Rt. 896 in the area of Bethel Church Road. The Toyota Corolla continued in a northwesterly direction off of the road until its left front struck a large tree. The vehicle rotated approximately 90 degrees counterclockwise after the impact and continued a short distance from the tree coming to a stop off the road

facing in a westerly direction.

Donald K. Phipps, 54 of Wilmington, who was wearing his seatbelt, was pronounced deceased at the scene.

There was no road closure at this collision as the crash was investigated and cleared. This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit.

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Detectives Conducting a Death Investigation – Georgetown

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Georgetown, DE- The Delaware State Police are currently conducting a death investigation after an adult male was discovered deceased at a residence west of Georgetown.

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State Police Investigate Robbery of Blades Restaurant

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Blades- Delaware State Police are assisting the Blades Police Department with a robbery of a restaurant that occurred early last night.

The incident occurred at approximately 8:17 p.m., Saturday October 30, 2016, as two male suspects, armed with an unknown type handguns, entered the El Chicanito, located at 100 South

Market Street. The suspects approached an adult female clerk who was standing just inside the doorway and pointed a gun at her while the second suspect approached a male juvenile behind the counter and demanded cash. The juvenile complied with the demand and turned over an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspects then exited the store and possibly entered an SUV before fleeing in the direction of the Blades Elementary School. There were no injuries.

The first suspect was described as a Hispanic male, and the second was described as a black male, both wearing dark colored clothing, masks covering their faces, and gloves (No further clothing or physical description). Armed with an unknown type handguns.

No surveillance photos available.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact the Blades Police Department at 302-629-7329. 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
Fatal Pedestrian Crash,**

Bridgeville

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

Bridgeville, DE– The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is currently investigating a fatal pedestrian crash that occurred last night south of Bridgeville.

Preliminary investigation has determined that the incident occurred around 8:06 p.m. Saturday, October 29, 2016, as Kenneth E. Hedges, 64 of Seaford, was operating a 2006 Toyota Avalon traveling south on Wesley Church Road approximately one mile south of Bridgeville. A pedestrian, David L. Wynes, 72 of Georgetown, was walking in traffic in the southbound lane of Wesley Church Road facing traffic. The driver of the vehicle attempted to swerve left but was unable to avoid the collision and struck the pedestrian. As a result, the pedestrian was carried on the vehicle before landing on the road where he came to rest. The Avalon came to a controlled stop on Wesley Church Road.

David L. Wynes sustained multiple massive traumas and was pronounced dead at the scene. He was not carrying any type of light or reflective clothing.

Both Kenneth E. Hedges and his wife, Barbara E. Hedges, of Seaford were transported by EMS to the Nanticoke Memorial Hospital where they were treated for minor injuries and released. They were both wearing their seatbelts.

The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing the investigation into this incident. Wesley Church Road in the area of the collision was closed for approximately three hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

Released: 103016 0211

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