

Troopers Arrest Pennsylvania Man Following Pair of Armed Robberies



Tymire J. Chandler

Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Bear, DE- Delaware State Police Robbery Unit detectives arrested a Philadelphia, PA man and charged him in connection with a pair of Bear area armed robberies which

occurred this week.

On Thursday, October 27, 2016, troopers arrested Tymire Jaquan Chandler, 21, of Philadelphia, PA, shortly after he had committed the armed robbery of the 7-11 located at 1700 Pulaski Highway, Bear. During the incident, Chandler entered the store at approximately 1:12 a.m. and confronted a male clerk. He then displayed a 9mm handgun and demanded money from the cash register. The clerk complied with Chandler's demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of money to him. Chandler then exited the store and fled on foot. He was then apprehended in the area a short time later by responding troopers and transported to Troop 2 where after further investigation, it was determined that Chandler had also committed the armed robbery of the Rite Aid located at 1999 Pulaski Highway, Bear, on Wednesday, October 26, 2016.

Tymire Chandler was charged by Robbery Unit detectives with four counts of Robbery 1st Degree, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, two counts of Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon, two counts of Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony, four counts of Possession of a Deadly Weapon by a Person Prohibited, Aggravated Menacing, and Receiving a Stolen Firearm. He was arraigned at JP Court 2 and committed to the Howard Young Correctional Institution in default of \$110,500.00 cash bail.

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****Update #2** Troopers Investigating a Fatal Crash East of Bridgeville**

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Bridgeville- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash involving a DART bus and an SUV that occurred early this morning east of Bridgeville.

The incident occurred around 5:45 a.m. Friday October 28, 2016 as Tina M. Caputo, 52 of Milton was operating a 2015 Jeep Latitude and was stopped on the westbound shoulder of Seashore Highway (SR404) west of Cannon Road. Estaban Vicente-Morales, 46 of Georgetown, was operating a 2009 Gillig 6-wheel D.A.R.T. commuter bus eastbound on Seashore Highway in the same general vicinity. The Jeep then made a U-turn from the westbound shoulder directly in front of the bus, and as a result, the front of the bus struck the right side of the Jeep in the eastbound travel lane. After the impact, the Jeep rotated violently in a clockwise direction and traveled off the south side of road where it overturned onto its left side. The DART bus continued in an easterly direction, remaining in the eastbound travel lane, where it came to a controlled stop.

Tina Caputo, who was properly restrained, was pronounced dead as the scene.

Estaban Vicente-Morales was properly restrained and was transported by EMS to Nanticoke Memorial Hospital where he was treated and released with non-life-threatening injuries.

There were six adult passengers on the bus who were traveling from the Bridgeville area to Georgetown. The bus is not equipped with seatbelts for the passengers and they all were transported by EMS to Nanticoke Memorial Hospital where they were treated and released with non-life-threatening injuries.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. Speed and alcohol were not a factor on the behalf of either driver. SR404 in the area of the crash was closed for approximately four hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

Any inquiries to DART may be made to Public Affairs Officer, Julie Theyerl, at 302-576-6005.

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The operator of the SUV has been pronounced dead at the scene.

The operator of the bus and unconfirmed number of

passengers have been transported to area hospitals with what is reported to be non-life-threatening injuries.

SR404 remains closed west of Cannon Road. Commuters are advised to seek alternate routes of travel.

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

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Detectives Make Arrests in Southern Sussex County for Burglaries and Thefts

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Selbyville – Delaware State Police Detectives have arrested four people involved in burglaries and thefts that have been occurring over the last two months.

In the first investigation, **William J. Tingle II**, 28 of Ocean View, was arrested on Thursday October 6, 2016 after he was found to be in possession of crack cocaine during a traffic stop near Laurel. A computer inquiry revealed he was wanted out of Worcester County, Maryland for several burglaries. At that time, Tingle was charged with Possession of Cocaine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was arraigned at JP2 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution (SCI) on \$3,000.00 cash bond. The vehicle Tingle was driving was towed back to Troop 4 in Georgetown where a search warrant was obtained and upon searching the car, pieces of a birth certificate were located. When the certificate was reassembled, it was determined to be a document that was inside a safe that was stolen from a burglary in the 30000

block of Bunting Road, Frankford just two days prior.

Detectives continued to follow-up on thefts from vehicles and other burglaries in the Selbyville and Frankford areas and were able to link Tingle to 17 other complaints. He was additionally charged with three counts of Burglary 2nd, twelve counts of Theft Under \$1500 Where the Victim is 62 or Older, eight counts of Theft Under \$1500, Criminal Mischief, and fifteen counts of Criminal Trespass 3rd. He was arraigned at JP2 and remains committed to SCI on an additional \$27,100.00 secured bond.

In a second and separate investigation, **Thomas G. McCoy**, 29, and **Amy N. Biddinger**, 25, both of Ocean View, were taken into custody without incident on Wednesday October 19, 2016, after they were stopped by troopers for operating a stolen motor vehicle. It was determined through this investigation that the vehicle had been stolen the previous day from Hockers Grocery & Deli located at 34960 Atlantic Avenue, Millville, when a female customer parked her vehicle in a parking spot with the key still in the ignition. McCoy was standing outside the store and can be seen through surveillance video entering the car and driving off.

Detectives were also able to link McCoy to another motor vehicle theft that occurred on Monday October 17, 2016, when a male victim reported his pick up truck stolen from the Rite Aid located at 219 Atlantic Avenue, Millville. In this case, the victim left his keys on the seat and entered the store for a quick errand. When he returned, the vehicle was seen driving out of the parking lot onto Old Mill Road. That vehicle was recovered the following day in the area of Burbage Road and Jones Road, Frankford, undamaged, although, the victim's cell phone was missing.

McCoy and Biddinger were also connected to a burglary that was committed on Friday September 9, 2016 in the 30000 block of White Tail Drive, Selbyville, when McCoy was seen inside the

residence by the homeowner before he fled with an electronic gaming device and cash.

Thomas McCoy was charged with Burglary 2nd, Conspiracy 2nd, three counts of Theft Under \$1500, two counts of Theft of a Motor Vehicle, Selling Stolen Property, and two counts of Driving Without a Valid License. He was arraigned at JP2 and committed to SCI in lieu of \$15,502.00 secured bond.

Amy Biddinger was charged with Burglary 2nd, Conspiracy 2nd, Theft Under \$1500, and Selling Stolen Property. She was arraigned and released after posting \$4,000.00 secured bond.

During a third investigation, **Donald W. Elliott**, 37 of Dagsboro, was arrested on Friday September 30, 2016 after detectives were able to place him at numerous burglaries to residences in the Dagsboro, Frankford, and Ocean View areas. Through witness interviews and victim's accounts, the vehicle in which Elliott was driving was identified and located when he was arrested. In most of these cases, Elliott would go to the residences forcefully enter through doors or windows. Once inside he would remove prescription or over-the-counter medication along with loose change.

Donald Elliott was charged with twelve counts of Burglary 2nd, three counts of Possession of Burglary Tools, Attempted Theft Under \$1500 Where the Victim is 62 or Older, two counts of Acquiring Prescription Medication Without a Prescription, two counts of Theft Under \$1500, seven counts of Attempted Theft Under \$1500, and six counts of Criminal Mischief. He was arraigned at JP2 and committed to James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on \$44,900.00 secured bond.

If anyone may have fallen victim to one of these suspects or have information regarding these investigations, they are asked to contact Sergeant Adam Wright at 302-752-3803 or by contacting Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com. Anonymous

tips may be sent by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword "DSP."

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****Traffic Advisory** Troopers Investigating Crash Involving Overturned Tractor Trailer – Update**

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

New Castle, DE- Delaware State Police continue to investigate a crash involving an overturned tractor-trailer that occurred last night in New Castle.

The investigation has determined that the crash occurred on Monday, October 24, 2016, at approximately 9:30 p.m., as Travis A. Clark, 32, of Ephrata, PA, was operating a 1991 International tractor and trailer loaded with 15 cows, and was traveling on the ramp from DE Rt. 141 (Basin Road) southbound onto I-295 eastbound. As the tractor-trailer entered onto the merge lane at the bottom of the ramp, it struck an attenuator causing it to overturn onto its left hand side before coming to rest.

Travis Clark, who was properly restrained at the time of the crash, was not injured. He was cited by troopers with

Operating an Improperly Loaded Vehicle.

The 15 cows were removed from the scene by a pet removal company.

The ramp from DE Rt. 141 southbound to I-295 eastbound was closed for approximately 6.5 hours as the crash was investigated and cleared.

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****Original Release****

New Castle, DE- Delaware State Police are currently investigating a single vehicle crash involving an overturned tractor-trailer which occurred tonight.

The initial investigation has determined that the crash happened at approximately 9:30 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2016, on I-295 northbound under DE Rt. 141 (Basin Road), New Castle, and involves a tractor-trailer loaded with an unknown number of cows. The operator of the truck was not injured. It is unknown if any of the cows were injured, however, they all remained in the trailer.

The ramp from DE Rt 141 southbound to I-295 northbound has been closed 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 a later time.

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Troopers Investigate Wawa Robbery

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Wilmington, DE- Delaware State Police are currently investigating the armed robbery of a Wilmington area Wawa that occurred early this morning.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident happened at approximately 2:28 a.m. this morning, Monday, October 24, 2016, as four male suspects entered the Wawa located at 705 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington. Three of the suspects, who were all armed with unknown make and model handguns, confronted a female clerk of the store and demanded money from the cash register as the fourth suspect acted as a lookout. The clerk complied with the suspect's demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of money to them. Two of the suspects then removed donation jars from the sales counter before all four suspects fled from the business in an unknown direction. There were no injuries.

All four of the suspects were described as black males, three of which were 20-30 years of age. Two of them were approximately 6'00" tall and one 5'05" tall. All four suspects were last seen wearing all black clothing. There is no further physical or clothing description available. No video surveillance photos are 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 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 Investigating Stabbing Near Laurel

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Laurel – The Delaware State Police are investigating the stabbing of two people near Laurel that occurred late last night.

The incident occurred around 9:50 p.m. Sunday October 23, 2016 after troopers were dispatched to a report of a stabbing in the 7000 block of Airport Road. Upon their arrival it was determined that a 24-year-old male and a 20-year-old female were stabbed by their roommate, who was identified as **Dwight L. Shivers**, 29 of that address. Emergency Medical Services began treating the two and transported the female to Nanticoke Memorial Hospital, while the male was airlifted to Peninsula Regional Medical Center (PRMC) in Salisbury, Maryland where he was admitted in stable condition. The female victim was expected to be released with serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

Through the investigation, it was determined that Shivers was asked to leave the residence by the homeowner due to him being intoxicated and other issues that had occurred in the house.

After consulting with the 24-year-old male and his 20-year-old girlfriend, the female homeowner went outside to place a phone call when she heard noises coming from inside the house and looked inside to see Shivers standing over her 24-year-old brother stabbing him. Shortly before stabbing him, Shivers reportedly removed the kitchen knife from the drawer and stabbed the 20-year-old female while she was washing dishes in the kitchen. While the homeowner called 9-1-1, the two stabbing victims were able to flee the residence and run to a nearby neighbors house.

Shivers then entered the 20-year-old female victim's vehicle and drove away. Within a half hour of him leaving, he pulled into the Maryland State Police Barrack in Salisbury, Maryland, where he was taken into custody without incident. While there, he was transported to PRMC where he was treated and released for a knife wound to his leg that occurred during the incident in Laurel and then charged by Maryland State Troopers with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. He is currently incarcerated at Wicomico County Detention Center pending extradition back to Delaware where he will be charged with Attempted Murder 1st, Assault 1st, two counts of Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony, and Theft of a Motor Vehicle.

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State Police Arrest Three in

Car Break-Ins

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Georgetown- The Delaware State Police have arrested three people in connection with numerous thefts from vehicles that occurred recently in the Georgetown area.

Troopers began their investigation on Friday October 21, 2016, after incidents of car break-ins were being reported from the Shiloh Church Road, Asketum Branch Road, and Homestead Road areas, west of Georgetown. In most of the incidents, the vehicles were left unlocked and the suspects removed various items of cash, credit cards, and personal belongings before fleeing the area.

Troopers continued to follow up the complaints after the suspects began using some of the victim's credit cards at various stores in the Georgetown area and were able to view video surveillance footage. On Saturday October 22, 2016, a victim of a theft observed a blue Chevrolet Blazer and turned the registration information over to the investigating trooper. After verifying with the owner of the vehicle that it was being used by **George L. Dunn**, 24 of Georgetown, and two friends of his that had been identified as **Valerie E. Lohr**, 25 of Millsboro, and **Travis M. Cannon**, 26 of Millsboro, members of the Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement (P.A.C.E.) team located the vehicle on Discount Land Road near Laurel around 11:40 p.m. that night and performed a traffic stop.

All three subjects were taken into custody without incident and transported back to Troop 5. There, Valerie Lohr was charged with Identity Theft, two counts of Burglary 3rd, Forgery 2nd, Conspiracy 2nd, three counts of Unlawful Use of a Credit Card, three counts of Theft Under \$1500, Criminal Mischief, and Criminal Trespass 3rd. She was arraigned at JP3

and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$7,150.00 secured bond.

Travis Cannon was charged with Identity Theft, two counts of Burglary 3rd, Conspiracy 2nd, three counts of Unlawful Use of a Credit Card, three counts of Theft Under \$1500, Criminal Mischief, and Criminal Trespass 3rd. He was arraigned at JP3 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$12,150.00 secured bond.

George Dunn was charged with Identity Theft, two counts of Burglary 3rd, Conspiracy 2nd, three counts of Unlawful Use of a Credit Card, three counts of Theft Under \$1500, Criminal Mischief, and Criminal Trespass 3rd. He was arraigned at JP3 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$8,851.00 secured bond.

Troopers are continuing their investigation into these incidents as well as numerous others that were committed in the Bridgeville Greenwood and Delmar areas. Additional charges may be forthcoming.

The Delaware State Police want to remind people to utilize the following tips:

- Lock your car doors and roll up you windows
- Do not leave valuables inside your vehicle
- Leave outdoor lights on in the driveway or have security lighting installed
- Report any suspicious activity to 9-1-1

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