

Troopers Investigate Kmart Robbery

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

Pike Creek, DE- Delaware State Police are currently investigating the robbery of the Pike Creek Kmart store which occurred Thursday night.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident happened at approximately 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 6, 2016, as a male suspect entered the Kmart store located at 4700 Limestone Road, Wilmington. The suspect then approached a female cashier from behind and grabbed an undisclosed amount of money from her open cash register drawer. The suspect then attempted to exit the store, however, he was grabbed by the cashier. He was subsequently able to free himself from the cashier and flee from the store and was last observed entering the passenger side of an unknown make and model vehicle which then fled the parking lot. A weapon was not displayed and there were no injuries.

The suspect is described as a black male. He was 5'10"-6'01" tall, weighed 170-190 lbs., and had brown hair. He was last seen wearing a blue jacket, gray long-sleeved t-shirt, blue jeans, and black shoes. There is no further physical or clothing description available.

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 Investigate Gas Station Robbery- New Castle

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

New Castle, DE- Delaware State Police are currently investigating the robbery of a New Castle area gas station that occurred Thursday evening.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident occurred on Thursday, October 6, 2016 at approximately 6:03 p.m., as a male suspect entered the Speedy Gas, located at 506 N. DuPont Highway, New Castle. The suspect approached the sales counter where he then confronted a female employee, implying that he was armed with a gun. He then demanded money from the cash register. The clerk complied with the suspect's demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of cash to him. He then exited the store and fled in an unknown direction. The suspect did not display a weapon and the clerk was not injured.

The suspect was described as a black male. He was 30-40 years of age, 5'03"-5'06" tall, weighed 160-180 lbs., and was last seen wearing blue jeans, a white dress shirt, and black and

white sneakers. 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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****Update #2-Arrest Made****
Detectives Conducting
Homicide Investigation in
Delaware City

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal

Jeffrey R. Hale

Delaware City, DE- Delaware State Police Homicide Unit detectives have arrested a Wilmington man and charged him in connection with the death of a 31 year old Delaware City woman which occurred in July.

On Friday, October 7, 2016, detectives arrested Steven M. Pierce, 43, at his residence without incident. He was then transported to Troop 2, Glasgow, where he was subsequently charged with Murder 1st Degree and Possession of a Deadly Weapon during the Commission of a Felony. Pierce was arraigned at JP Court 2 and committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in default of \$2,100,000.00 cash bail.

During the course of the investigation, Homicide Unit detectives, with the assistance of the Delaware City Police Department, conducted multiple interviews and collected evidence which subsequently led to the identification of Steven Pierce as the suspect who committed the murder of Heather Stamper at her residence located in the 200 block of Adams Street, Delaware City, on July 8, 2016. An autopsy conducted by the Division of Forensic Sciences determined that Stamper died as a result of blunt force trauma.

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****Original Releases****

Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Delaware City, DE- The Delaware State Police are releasing the name of the female victim who was found dead in her home as Heather L. Stamper, 31 of Delaware City. An autopsy conducted today by the Delaware Division of Forensic Science has ruled

the death a homicide by blunt force trauma.

At approximately 2:24 p.m. Saturday July 9, 2016, Delaware City Police, along with the New Castle County Police responded to the 200 block of Adams Street after a friend contacted 9-1-1 to report the female victim unconscious inside the bedroom of her home. New Castle County Emergency Medical Services also responded to the scene and pronounced the victim dead.

Delaware State Police Homicide Detectives were contacted at the request of Delaware City Police and have assumed the investigation into this incident as foul play is suspected. 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.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact Detective M. Csapo at 302-698-8427. 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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****Original Release****

Detectives Conducting a Death Investigation in Delaware City

Delaware City, DE- The Delaware State Police are currently conducting a death investigation after a 31-year-old female was discovered deceased inside her residence.

At approximately 2:24 p.m. Saturday July 9, 2016, Delaware City Police, along with the New Castle County Police responded to the 200 block of Adams Street after a friend contacted 9-1-1 to report the female victim unconscious inside the bedroom of her home. New Castle County Emergency Medical Services also responded to the scene and pronounced the victim dead.

The Delaware Division of Forensic Science was contacted and removed the female victim, whose name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin, to conduct an autopsy to determine the cause and manner of death.

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Troopers Investigate 7-11 Robbery

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

Newark, DE- Delaware State Police are currently investigating the robbery of a Newark area 7-11 store that occurred early Thursday morning.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident happened at approximately 3:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 6, 2016, as a male suspect entered the 7-11 located at 100 Four Seasons Parkway, Newark. The suspect then approached the sales counter and presented a demand note for cash to the male clerk. The clerk complied with the suspect's demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of money to him. The suspect then exited the store and was last seen fleeing in a southbound direction. There were no injuries. A weapon was not implied or displayed.

The suspect was described as a black male, 20-25 years of age. He was 5'10" tall, weighed 150-180 lbs., and was last seen wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, black pants, and black shoes.

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 Crash Involving Tractor Trailer

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

Millsboro, DE- Delaware State Police are currently investigating a single vehicle crash involving an overturned tractor-trailer that occurred this morning in Millsboro.

The initial investigation has determined that the crash occurred this morning, Saturday, October 8, 2016 at approximately 5:38 a.m. on Millsboro Highway in the area of Cowhouse Branch Road, Millsboro. As a result of the crash, the tractor-trailer, which is the only vehicle involved, has overturned into a ditch. There were no injuries.

Millsboro Highway between Nine Foot Road and Cowhouse Branch Road has been closed to traffic 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 the conclusion of the investigation.

Troopers Investigate Attempted Strong Arm Robbery

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

Wilmington, DE- The Delaware State Police are currently investigating an attempted strong arm robbery which occurred at the Canby Shopping Center.

The preliminary investigation has determined the incident occurred on Tuesday, October 4, 2016, at approximately 7:00 a.m., as a 62 year old female walked behind the Canby Park Shopping Center, located at 1914 Maryland Avenue, Wilmington, towards the Walgreens. As she turned around a small green four door sedan stopped next to her. A suspect exited the front passenger side of the vehicle and grabbed her and pushed her to the ground. The suspect removed her jacket and rummaged through the pockets before throwing the jacket towards the dumpsters. The suspect also started to search her as the victim started to kick and yell for the suspect to stop. A second suspect was sitting in the driver's seat and remained in the vehicle. The first suspect jumped back into the vehicle and both suspects fled towards Walgreens. The victim was not injured.

The first suspect is described as a white male in his 20's, approximately 5'9"-6'0" tall, thin build, short light brown hair, wearing a white t-shirt. The (driver) second suspect was

only described as a black male in his 20's wearing shorts.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact the Robbery Unit at Troop 2, Glasgow, 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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State Police Investigate Robbery with a Knife- Wilmington

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

Wilmington, De.- Troopers are investigating the robbery of a Wilmington area Goodwill store that occurred this afternoon.

The investigation revealed the incident occurred at approximately 1:05 p.m. Wednesday, October 5, 2016 as troopers were called to a robbery at the Goodwill store located at 300 East Lea Boulevard, Wilmington. The suspect entered the store and approached the cashier's counter. He confronted an employee and displayed a knife at which point he demanded money from the cash registers as well as clothing items. The

clerk complied with the suspect's demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of money and clothing from the store. The suspect then fled from the store on foot and was last seen westbound on East Lea Boulevard in the direction of Philadelphia Pike. The employee was not injured.

The suspect was described as a black male approximately 20 to 26 years old, 5'10" to 6' 00" tall, 160 to 180 lbs., wearing a dark colored jacket with dark pants armed with a knife.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact the Robbery Unit at Troop 2, Glasgow, 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 Investigate Pet Store Robbery-Newark

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

Newark, DE- Delaware State Police are currently investigating the robbery of a Newark area Pet Store that occurred last

evening.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident happened at approximately 7:49 p.m. Tuesday, October 4, 2016, as a male suspect entered the Pet Valu, pet store located at 604 Plaza Drive in the Four Seasons Plaza, Newark. The suspect approached a male employee and presented him with a demand note for cash. The suspect implied he had a weapon however, a weapon was never displayed. The employee complied with the suspect's demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of money to him. The suspect then ran out of the store in an unknown direction. There were no injuries.

The suspect is described as a black male, 15-16 years of age. He was 5'05"-5'06" tall, and was last seen wearing a dark colored sweatshirt with his face partially covered with dark colored pants.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact the Robbery Unit at Troop 2, Glasgow, 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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Assistance in Identifying Theft and Burglary Suspect



Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Milford – Troopers are investigating a theft of a trailer and a burglary to a nearby house that occurred early Tuesday morning.

The incidents began around 7:30 a.m. Tuesday October 4, 2016, when an unknown suspect pulled into the parking lot of Hitch RV, located at 2152 Bay Road, and backed up to a travel trailer where he hooked onto it and drove away. The trailer was later located approximately a half hour later at a

residence in the 5000 block of Barratts Chapel Road where the suspect unhitched it and left it in the yard. The 31-year-old resident of that house was awoken by his dogs barking and soon learned that his house had been broken into and his cell phone was stolen. A silver pickup truck was seen driving away from the house westbound on Barratts Chapel Road. Troopers were then alerted to a residence in the 4000 block of Barratts Chapel Road that a white male subject was attempting to gain entry into the house but was unable and departed in a light colored pickup truck.

The vehicle depicted in the surveillance photos from Hitch RV appears to be a silver or grey pickup truck with a red and white four-wheeler in the bed. The operator is described as a white male, 6'00"-6'01" tall (no further clothing or physical description available).

If anyone has any information in reference to the identity of this individual or information regarding the pickup truck, they are asked to contact Trooper R. Spanier at 302-698-8548. 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 Investigate Tractor

Trailer Crash – New Castle





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

New Castle, DE- The Delaware State Police are currently investigating a tractor trailer crash which occurred this morning.

The initial investigation has determined the incident occurred at approximately 7:49 a.m., Wednesday October 5, 2016 as Talib Shabazz, 67 of Pennsylvania, was operating a 2005 Volvo Tractor Trailer in the right lane northbound on DuPont Highway (US 13) south of Basin Road (SR 141). The tractor trailer,

hauling a large freezer, approached a bridge which connects West Basin Road and East Basin Road. The freezer struck the bridge and caused the tractor trailer to come to an immediate stop in the right lane of North DuPont Highway. The front portion of the freezer which struck the bridge was torn off causing debris to scatter across all three lanes of travel. (Pictures attached)

Talib Shabazz was not injured. He was cited for Inattentive Driving.

The Delaware State Police continue their investigation into this incident. The two right lanes of traffic in the area of the crash were impacted for approximately two hours as the crash was investigated and cleared.

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