

# Portable Meth Lab Discovered in Camden



James D. Murphy



Brittney Ebright

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

**Camden, DE** – Troopers uncovered a portable meth lab while executing an arrest warrant west of Camden.

The preliminary investigation has determined the incident occurred around 9:13 a.m. Sunday September 18, 2016, as troopers were on the scene of a warrant attempt located in the 5,000 block of Mud Mill Road, Camden. Troopers were attempting to apprehend James D. Murphy, 37 of Camden-Wyoming, for felony theft charges. The residence had been abandoned and the investigation uncovered that Murphy was at the abandoned residence with a female subject. The owner of the property

responded to the residence and Murphy refused to exit. After a lengthy wait, Murphy and a female subject named, Brittney Ebright, 30 of Camden-Wyoming were both taken into custody without incident. Murphy was found to be in possession of one bundle heroin.

Upon taking Murphy and Ebright into custody, a search of the residence revealed several precursor items used to manufacture methamphetamine along with two waste bottles. Members of Delaware State Police Kent County Drug Unit and the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control responded and safely collected the evidence. A search was conducted of the residence which revealed equipment and component mixtures of the manufacturing stages of Meth along with key ingredients in making the drug.

Murphy and Ebright were transported to Troop 3 where they were charged with Operating a Clandestine Lab, Conspiracy Second Degree and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Murphy is also being charged for Possession of Heroin and Resisting Arrest. In addition he was also charged on the previous warrant for Theft, Criminal Trespass, and Criminal Mischief. He was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Court 7 and committed to James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on an \$11,500.00 secured bond. Ebright was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Court 7 and released on \$8,750.00 unsecured bond. (Mug shots attached)

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# Troopers Investigate Serious Crash – Dover

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

**Dover, DE-** The Delaware State Police are currently investigating a serious motor vehicle crash which occurred yesterday afternoon in Dover.

The initial investigation has determined the incident occurred at approximately 3:13 p.m., Saturday, September 17, 2016 as Juan Busto Iniestas, 55 of Pennsylvania, was operating a 1995 GMC Jimmy northbound on SR 1 Dover. He was traveling between the right EZ Pass lane and the median just south of the Main Toll Plaza. His vehicle was seen swerving between the left and right lanes of travel on northbound SR 1. For unknown reasons the vehicle struck the guardrail end that divides the EZ Pass lanes from the cash toll lanes. After the collision a mini motorcycle stored in the trunk area of the vehicle was pinned up against the windshield.

Juan Busto Iniestas, 55 of Pennsylvania, was treated at the scene and then transported by EMS to the Kent General Hospital where his is listed in critical but stable condition. He was cited for Driving Without a Valid License, Failure to have Insurance Identification in Possession, Failure to have Registration Card in Possession, and Failed to Remain within a Single Lane.

The Delaware State Police is continuing their investigation into this incident. SR 1 northbound in the area of the crash was impacted for approximately two hours as the crash was investigated and cleared.

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# Troopers Investigate Serious Crash – Camden

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

**Camden, DE-** The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit are currently investigating a serious motor vehicle crash which occurred last night west of Camden.

The initial investigation has determined the incident occurred at approximately 8:02 p.m., Saturday, September 17, 2016 as Mark T. Long was operating a 2002 Lexus RX300 northbound on Oak Point School Road approaching Jebb Road west of Camden. Long failed to negotiate a moderate left curve and his vehicle started to rotate in counter clockwise direction. As the Lexus rotated, its right side tires dug into the roadway causing it to rollover ejecting both the operator, Mark T. Long and his five year old son. The Lexus left the west side of the roadway and landed on its roof facing in a south direction in a private yard.

Mark T. Long, 53 of Camden, was transported by ambulance to the Kent General Hospital where he is admitted in critical condition. His passenger was air lifted by the Delaware State Police Aviation Unit to the Alfred I. DuPont Children's Hospital where he is admitted in critical condition. It is believed both the operator and his passenger were not properly restrained. Speed is a factor in this collision.

Oak Point School Road in the area of the crash was shut down

for approximately three hours while the collision was investigated. The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this crash.

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## **\*\*Update                      \*\*                      Troopers Investigating Motor Vehicle Crash Involving Pedestrian**

Presented by the Director of Public Information Sergeant  
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**Bear, DE-** Jeanna M. Hobbs-Rochester, 45 of Newark, the woman who was struck by a 2012 Chevrolet Camaro as she attempted to cross the eastbound lanes of US 40-Pulaski Highway east of the Church Road intersection has died as a result of her injuries. Hobbs-Rochester was pronounced deceased on Friday, September 16, 2016 at the Christiana Hospital, where she was admitted since the crash.

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

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## **Troopers Investigate Crash Involving a Pedestrian**

**Bear, DE-** Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a motor vehicle crash involving a pedestrian that occurred last evening west of Bear.

The investigation has determined the crash occurred on Friday, September 16, 2016, at approximately 7:38 p.m., as a pedestrian, later identified as Jeanna M. Hobbs-Rochester, 45 of Newark, was leaving a store located at the southeast corner of the US 40 and the Church Road intersection. The pedestrian proceeded to cross the eastbound lanes of US 40. A 2012 Chevrolet Camaro, operated by Candace L. Brown, 26 of Newark, was traveling eastbound on US 40 in the left lane of two eastbound lanes of travel and was approaching the intersection with Church Road. The traffic signal for eastbound US 40 at Church Road was cycled to green. A non-contact vehicle in front of the Camaro swerved left to avoid striking the pedestrian. As the pedestrian walked into the path of the Camaro, Candace L. Brown also swerved to the left but was unable to avoid striking the pedestrian causing the right front of her vehicle to strike the pedestrian. The pedestrian then fell to the ground in the left lane of US 40 eastbound east of Church Road.

Candace L. Brown, 26 of Newark, was properly restrained and did not sustain any injury as a result of the collision. Alcohol and speed are not being considered as contributing factors in this collision on the part of the vehicle operator.

The pedestrian, Jeanna M. Hobbs-Rocheste, 45 of Newark, was transported by ambulance to the Christiana Hospital Trauma Center where she has been admitted in critical condition. Alcohol on the part of the pedestrian is suspected. The pedestrian was not carrying a lighted device and was not wearing any reflective clothing. The pedestrian appeared to have been using the marked crosswalk but was crossing against the pedestrian signal.

The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. US 40 Pulaski Highway eastbound east of Church Road in the area of the collision was impacted for approximately two hours while the collision was investigated and cleared.

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# Homeless Sex Offender Notifications

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

**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](http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com) 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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eastbound east of Church Road.

Candace L. Brown, 26 of Newark, was properly restrained and did not sustain any injury as a result of the collision. Alcohol and speed are not being considered as contributing factors in this collision on the part of the vehicle operator.

The pedestrian, Jeanna M. Hobbs-Rocheste, 45 of Newark, was transported by ambulance to the Christiana Hospital Trauma Center where she has been admitted in critical condition. Alcohol on the part of the pedestrian is suspected. The pedestrian was not carrying a lighted device and was not wearing any reflective clothing. The pedestrian appeared to have been using the marked crosswalk but was crossing against the pedestrian signal.

The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. US 40 Pulaski Highway eastbound east of Church Road in the area of the collision was impacted for approximately two hours while the collision was investigated and cleared.

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# **\*\*Update\*\* Troopers Investigate Fatal Motorcycle Crash-Middletown**

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

**Middletown, DE** – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit are investigating a fatal motorcycle crash that occurred yesterday evening north of Middletown.

The preliminary investigation has determined the incident occurred on Friday, September 16, 2016 at 5:18 p.m., as a 2016 Toyota Camry operated by Cecilia R. Tucker, 51 of Wilmington, was stopped in the driveway of a business located on Summit Bridge Road which is located on the northbound side of US 301 south of its intersection with Armstrong Corner Road and Marl Pit Road. The Toyota Camry was facing west and was waiting for US 301 traffic to clear in order to make a left turn onto US 301 southbound. US 301 northbound traffic was beginning to back up due to the traffic signal north of this location at Armstrong Corner Road and Marl Pit Road. An unknown motorist on US 301 northbound stopped to allow the Toyota Camry to cross the northbound travel lane and make the left onto US 301 southbound. The Toyota Camry proceeded to make the left turn onto US 301 southbound. A 2015 BMW K48 motorcycle, operated by David R. Reed, 55 of Middletown, was traveling southbound on US 301 from the Armstrong Corner Road and Marl Pit Road intersection. The Toyota Camry pulled into the path of the motorcycle and the motorcycle struck the right side of the Camry. The motorcycle fell to its side causing the operator to be ejected from the motorcycle. The motorcycle slid in a southwesterly direction across a private driveway located on Summit Bridge Road and came to rest on its side in a grassy area to the south of this private driveway.

David F. Reed, 55 of Middletown, was wearing a helmet, was airlifted by the Delaware State Police Aviation Unit to the Christiana Hospital Trauma Center where he was pronounced deceased. Alcohol is not considered a contributing factor in this collision on the part of either operator. Speed at this point in the investigation does not appear to be a contributing factor.

Cecilia R. Tucker, 51 of Wilmington, was properly restrained and did not sustain any injuries as a result of this collision.

The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. US 301 southbound beginning at its intersection with Armstrong Corner Road and Marl Pit Road was closed for approximately two hours while the collision was investigated and cleared.

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**\*\*Traffic Advisory\*\***

Middletown, De.- Delaware State Police are currently investigating a serious crash involving a motorcycle.

The initial investigation has determined that the crash occurred at approximately 5:18 p.m. today, Friday, September 16, 2016 on Summit Bridge Road near Armstrong Corner Road, Middletown.

All lanes are currently closed at this time. Motorists should expect delays and are asked to find alternate routes of travel.

More details will be released at the conclusion of the investigation.

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# Troopers Investigating Motorcycle Crash

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Richard D. Bratz

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travel.

More details will be released at the conclusion of the investigation.

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## **Troopers Investigate Strong Arm Robbery**

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

***New Castle, DE-*** The Delaware State Police are currently investigating the strong arm robbery of a student which occurred in the parking lot of the William Penn High School.

The preliminary investigation has determined the incident occurred on Monday September 12, 2016, at approximately 2:20 p.m., as a 16 year old student was walking through the parking lot of the William Penn High School located at 713 E. Basin Road, New Castle. The student was attempting to get to a friend's car when he was confronted by two suspects named Neki Scrivens-Samuels and Evol Hall, both 17 of New Castle to see if he wanted to smoke with them in a vehicle. As the victim entered the vehicle Scriven-Samuels began to rifle through the victim's pants pockets demanding his money. The victim refused the suspects demands and attempted to exit the vehicle as both suspects repeatedly struck the victim's face with closed fists. After the attack the suspects reached in the victim's pocket where they stole his money and attempted to steal his cell phone. Both of the suspects were then seen splitting the

money as they fled the area.

The victim, a 16 year old student, was treated by the school nurse for his non-life threatening injuries.

On September 14, 2016, Evol Hall, 17 of New Castle, was contacted at the Wallace Wallin School, located at 701 E. Basin Road and was arrested. He was transported to Troop 6 for processing where he was charged with Robbery First Degree, Conspiracy Second Degree, Assault Third Degree and Loitering. He was given a bail hearing before the New Castle County Family Court and subsequently released to his mother on a \$6,600.00 unsecured bond. (mug shot attached)

Neki D. Scrivens-Samuels, 17 of New Castle is currently wanted for Robbery First Degree, Conspiracy Second Degree, Loitering and Assault Third Degree. He is described as a black male approximately 5'07" tall, weighing 145 lbs. with brown eyes and black hair. (2015 mug shot attached)

If you have any questions for the school district, the William Penn High School contact person is Lauren Wilson at (302) 528-1628.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident or the whereabouts of Neki D. Scrivens-Samuels, they are asked to contact Master Corporal D. Brietzke at 834-2620. 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](http://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 – Name Released\*\***

## **Troopers Investigating a Fatal Crash – Dover**

*Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier*

**Dover-** The Delaware State Police are releasing the name of the operator of the Chevrolet Aveo as Daniel J. Gates, 77 of Millsboro.

The 22-year-old trooper has been released from the hospital.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident.

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## **\*\*Update #1\*\* Troopers Investigating a Fatal Crash – Dover**

*Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier*

**Dover-** The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate the fatal crash that occurred

earlier this evening on SR1 at Exit 98.

Preliminary investigation indicates the incident occurred around 5:56 p.m. Thursday September 15, 2016 as a 77-year-old Millsboro man was operating a 2010 Chevrolet Aveo northbound in the southbound lanes of SR1. A 22-year-old trooper assigned to Troop 3 in Camden, was operating a fully marked 2012 Chevrolet Caprice southbound in the left lane of SR1 near Exit 98 when the two vehicles collided head-on.

The 77-year-old male, who was not properly restrained, was pronounced dead at the scene. A family dog was also deceased in the vehicle.

The 22-year-old male trooper was properly restrained and was airlifted by Delaware State Police Aviation to Christiana Medical Center where he is currently admitted with non-life-threatening injuries.

The State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. Alcohol does not appear to be a contributing factor. SR1 southbound, which is now re-opened, was closed at Exit 104 for four hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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**\*\*Original Release\*\***

**\*\*Traffic Advisory\*\* Troopers On Scene of a Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash – Dover**

*Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier*

**Dover-** The Delaware State Police are currently on the scene of a fatal motor vehicle crash on SR1 southbound at Exit 98 (North Little Creek Road Exit) that occurred around 5:56 p.m.

this evening.

Preliminary investigation indicates the incident involves a state police vehicle and a passenger car and the person in the passenger car has been pronounced dead at the scene. The trooper has been airlifted from the scene to an area hospital with apparent non-life-threatening injuries.

The State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is currently enroute to the scene and will assume the investigation.

SR1 southbound at Exit 104 (Scarborough Road) is closed. Commuters are advised to seek alternate routes of travel.

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

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