

****UPDATE** Dump Truck Overtuned on I95 Southbound – Newark**

Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Gary Fournier

New Castle– The Delaware State Police are investigating a crash that occurred on I95 under the Chapman Road overpass involving a dump truck (originally reported as a tractor trailer).

The incident occurred around 11:08 p.m. Saturday September 10, 2016 as Fresa M. Pichardo, 46 of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was operating a 2015 Caterpillar CAT660 dump truck southbound on I95 moving from the far right lanes (construction zone) to the far left exit lane, in order to make a U-turn at the I 95 service area. The dump hopper was in the raised position after unloading asphalt when the left side of the hopper's upper portion struck the lower steel girder of the Chapman Road overpass bridge. This impact caused the dump truck to overturn on its right side.

Fresa Pichardo was properly restrained uninjured. She was cited for Inattentive Driving.

DelDOT engineers responded to the crash scene to inspect the overpass which was determined to be structurally sound.

Traffic on I95 southbound was impacted for approximately four hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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****Original Release****

Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Gary Fournier

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As a result of the crash, all lanes of I-95 southbound have been closed and traffic is being diverted off of the highway and onto the ramp to DE Rt. 273 (Christiana Road) southbound. Commuters are asked to find alternate routes of travel.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police. Further updates will be released as they are received.

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Newark Area Verizon Wireless Store Robbed

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Newark, DE- Delaware State Police are currently investigating the robbery of a Newark area cell phone store.

The incident occurred at approximately 10:05 a.m., Saturday September 10, 2016, as a male suspect armed with an unknown type handgun entered the Verizon Wireless store located at 1209 Churchmans Road. The suspect approached a male clerk in an inventory room at the rear of the store and demanded money from the safe. The victim complied and the suspect removed an unknown amount of cash from the safe before

fleeing out a rear door in an unknown direction. There were no injuries.

The suspect was described as a white male, 6'01" tall, 160 lbs., wearing a grey sweatshirt, blue jeans, with a mask covering his face (No further physical or clothing description). Armed with an unknown type handgun and a pocket knife.

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](#) 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 Arrest Three in Robbery of Pizza Delivery Driver – Magnolia

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Magnolia, DE- The Delaware State Police have arrested three people in connection with a Friday evening robbery of a pizza delivery driver.

The preliminary investigation has determined the incident occurred Friday September 9, 2016 at approximately 9:50 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to Papa John's Pizza near Camden for a report of a robbery that occurred with one of their drivers. The 37-year-old female driver attempted to deliver a pizza to an address on Colleen Court when she was waved down by two males standing by a green Toyota Camry in the cul-de-sac. Upon contacting the suspects, they demanded the pizza and her money. After initially refusing to turn over the money, one of the suspects displayed an unknown type handgun and removed the money from the victim. The two men then entered the Toyota where a third suspect was sitting, and drove out of the development in an unknown direction.

The victim was not injured and was able to obtain the vehicle registration as it drove away. Through investigative measures, troopers were able to obtain information of the subject that was in possession of the car. On Saturday September 10, 2016 troopers located the vehicle parked behind a residence on Juanita Drive, Magnolia, as well as two subjects sleeping in a camper.

Ryan S. King, 23 of Magnolia, and **Ethan H. Peterson**, 25 of Bowers Beach, were taken into custody without incident. A black starter pistol was also located nearby in a trash pile that used during the crime, as well as clothing worn by the suspects that was described by the victim.

Ryan King and Ethan Peterson were transported back to Troop 3 near Camden where they were both charged with Robbery 1st, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, and Conspiracy 2nd. King was additionally charged with Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited. They were arraigned at JP7 and committed to James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on \$91,000.00 secured and \$81,000.00 secured respectively. (There are currently no photos available for King and Peterson)

Later Saturday afternoon, **Austin L. Gruwell**, 20 of Magnolia, was taken into custody and charged with Robbery 1st, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, and Conspiracy 2nd. He was arraigned at JP7 and committed to James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on \$81,000.00 secured bond.

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State Police Arrest One in Bear Area Dollar Tree Robberies

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Bear – The Delaware State Police have arrested one subject in connection with a series of Dollar Tree Store robberies.

The most recent incident occurred around 7:57 p.m. Friday September 9, 2016 when two male suspects entered the Dollar Tree, located at 660 Eden Circle, and confronted a female employee. One of the suspects was armed with an unknown type handgun and demanded cash while the other suspect grabbed the register drawer and removed an undisclosed amount of currency. The two then fled the store and into the nearby neighborhood of Springfield.

Delaware State Police Aviation (Trooper 4) was able to quickly respond to the area and observe the suspects running behind houses on Charles Drive. Information was provided to the

ground units and one of the two suspects were taken into custody within a half hour of the crime.

Jaak Norman, 18 of New Castle, was transported back to Troop 2 where he was interviewed by detectives. It was determined through those interviews that he was also involved in two other robberies of the Dollar Tree. The first was committed on Monday August 22, 2016 when he and another subject entered the Dollar Tree located at 660 Eden Circle. One of the suspects confronted a female employee of the store and demanded money from the cash register as the second suspect acted as a lookout. The female employee fled to the rear of the store however. The suspects proceeded to remove the drawer from the cash register which contained an undisclosed amount of money. They then exited the store and fled in an unknown direction. There were no injuries. A weapon was not displayed or implied.

The next incident occurred on Saturday August 27, 2016 when two male suspects entered the Dollar Tree located at 660 Eden Circle and did not make contact with any employees, but removed the cash drawer containing an undisclosed amount of cash. The two fled the store with the drawer in an unknown directions.

Jack Norman was charged with two counts of Robbery 1st, Attempted Robbery 1st, three counts of Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony, two counts of Conspiracy 2nd, and Theft under \$1500. He was arraigned at JP11 and committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on \$36,000.00 secured bond. (No photo is available at this time)

The second suspect had not been identified at this time. The last given description was that of a black male wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, black pants, dark colored gloves, and a black mask. He was armed with an unknown type handgun.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident or

the identity of the second suspect, they are asked to contact the Troop 2 Robbery Unit 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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****Original Release****

Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Bear, DE– Delaware State Police are currently investigating the robbery of a Bear area dollar store that occurred last night.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident occurred at approximately 9:41 p.m. last night, Monday, August 22, 2016, as two male suspects entered the Dollar Tree located at 660 Eden Circle, Bear. One of the suspects confronted a female employee of the store and demanded money from the cash register as the second suspect acted as a lookout. The female employee fled to the rear of the store however. The suspects proceeded to remove the drawer from the cash register which contained an undisclosed amount of money. They then exited the store and fled in an unknown direction. There were no injuries. A weapon was not displayed or implied.

One suspect was described as a black male. He had a thin build and was last seen wearing a black long sleeved t-shirt, black jeans, and had a mask covering his face. The second suspect was also a black male. He was last seen wearing a black shirt, black pants, and also has a mask covering his face. There was 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 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 a Fatal Collision Near Argos Corner

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Milford – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is currently investigating a fatal crash that occurred early this morning near Argos Corner.

The incident occurred around 1:09 a.m. Saturday September 10, 2016 as a 53-year-old Milford man was operating a 2010 Mercedes C30 southbound in the northbound lane of Coastal

Highway (SR1) north of Brick Granary Road. At the same time, a 28-year-old Dover man was operating a 1999 Volkswagen Passat northbound on SR1 approaching the Mercedes. As a result, the left front of the Mercedes struck the left front of the Volkswagen in the northbound left lane. After the impact, the Mercedes rotated counter-clockwise and exited the west side of the road where it came to a stop in the grass median. the Volkswagen rolled onto its roof as it slid off the east side of the road where it came to a stop upside down along a wooded area.

The 28-year-old male, whose name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin, was pronounced dead on scene as a result of his injuries. He was properly restrained.

The 53-year-old male, who was properly restrained, was transported to an area hospital where he was admitted with non-life-threatening injuries. His name is also being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Moments prior to the crash, witnesses observed the Mercedes driving recklessly and failed to stop at the stop sign at the intersection of Johnson Road and SR1. The car continued across the highway and into a field where the car began spinning. Once out of the field, the car was observed traveling southbound in the northbound lanes until the crash occurred.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. Alcohol may be a contributing factor on behalf of the 53-year-old driver. No charges have been filed at this time. SR1 northbound south of Brick Granary Road was closed for approximately five hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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Homeless Sex Offender Notification

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary E. Fournier

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](#) 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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Fatal Pedestrian Crash Investigated – Laurel

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Laurel– The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is currently investigating a fatal pedestrian crash that occurred late last evening.

The incident occurred around 9:22 p.m. Friday September 9, 2016 as Chad W. Everett, 45 of Seaford, was operating a 2004 Chrysler PT Cruiser southbound on Sussex Highway (US13) in the right lane approaching Chipmans Lane. A male pedestrian ran across the southbound lanes of US13 and directly into the side of the PT Cruiser before landing on the pavement. The PT Cruiser was able to come to a controlled stop after the collision.

The adult male pedestrian from Mexico, who's name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin, was transported to Nanticoke Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Chad Everett was properly restrained and was uninjured.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. Alcohol may have been a factor on behalf of the pedestrian who was wearing dark clothing and was not carrying a flashlight. US13 southbound at Chipmans Lane was closed for approximately two and a half hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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Troopers Investigating Robbery of Pedestrian west of Georgetown

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Georgetown – The Delaware State Police are investigating a robbery of a pedestrian as she walked along Seashore Highway (SR404) early Thursday morning.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident occurred Thursday September 8, 2016 at approximately 12:00 a.m., as a 21-year old female pedestrian was walking westbound on the shoulder of SR404 after leaving her place of employment in Georgetown. The female observed a newer model sports car pass her and then make a U-turn before pulling up behind her and parking along the shoulder. Four male subjects exited the vehicle and confronted the female victim, threatening to harm her with a gun, although no weapon was ever displayed. One of the suspects then pushed her and removed her purse before the four re-entered the car and drove south on Gravelly Branch Road. The victim was uninjured in the incident.

The suspects where all described as white males (No further physical or clothing description available) and were in a newer model sports car with a rear spoiler (no further description).

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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Traffic Advisory** – Troopers Investigating Tractor-Trailer Crash – Update #2

Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal
Jeffrey R. Hale

New Castle, DE – Delaware State Police continue to investigate a single vehicle crash involving an overturned tractor-trailer that occurred early this morning in New Castle.

The investigation has determined that the crash occurred this morning, Thursday, September 8, 2016, at approximately 1:53 a.m., as Stefan Marinkovic, 25, of Chicago, IL, was operating a 2007 Volvo tractor and trailer, which was loaded with approximately 45,000 pounds of blank pennies, and was traveling in the right hand lane of northbound I-95 in the area of the I-295 eastbound split in New Castle. For an unknown reason, Marinkovic veered his tractor to the right striking an attenuator. It then rode a concrete barrier before partially overturning, spilling its load of blank pennies into the roadway and catching fire. Marinkovic, who was properly restrained at the time of the crash, was able to free himself from the tractor. He was then treated at the scene by New Castle County Paramedics before being transported by EMS to the Christiana Hospital where he was treated for his non-life threatening injuries. Marinkovic was cited by troopers with Inattentive Driving.

All of the I-95 northbound lanes, as well as the I-295 eastbound lanes were closed or partially closed for approximately 13.5 hours as the crash was investigated and cleared. They have since been re-opened.

The blank pennies, which were enroute to the Philadelphia Mint, are currently being stored until they can be transported

to the mint.

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****Original Releases****

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

New Castle- The left hand lane of northbound I-95 at I-295 has been re-opened to traffic. All other northbound lanes remain closed at this time and commuters are still being asked to find alternate routes of travel.

The investigation into this crash is continuing at this time.

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****Original Release****

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

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The initial investigation has determined that the crash occurred at approximately 1:53 a.m. this morning, Thursday, September 8, 2016, on I-95 northbound at the I-295 eastbound split and involves a tractor-trailer which has overturned. The male operator of the tractor trailer has suffered minor injuries and is currently being assessed at the scene.

As a result of the crash, all lanes of I-95 northbound have been closed and traffic is being diverted off of the highway

and onto the ramp to DE Rt. 141 (Basin Road) southbound. Commuters are asked to find alternate routes of travel as the roadway is expected to be closed for an extended period of time.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police. Further updates will be released as they are received.

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