

****Update-Bicyclist Dies From Injuries** Troopers Investigating a Serious Hit and Run Crash Involving a Bicyclist in Bethany Beach**

Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Bethany Beach, DE— Anastasia Ciolpan, 20, from the country of Moldova, has died as a result of the injuries she sustained in the Wednesday June 29, 2016 crash.

The operator of the vehicle involved has been identified as Dustin L. Lowe, 23 of Frankford. He was operating a 2011 Ford Escape southbound on Kent Ave approaching the bicyclist from behind. For unknown reasons, the vehicle struck the bicycle from behind knocking Ms. Ciolpan to the ground in the right lane just east of the south bound fog line. Lowe continued south on Kent Avenue without slowing or stopping.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident and charges are forthcoming.

Released: 070416 1605

###

****Update-Bicyclist and Operator Identified****

Troopers Investigating a Serious Hit and Run Crash Involving a Bicyclist in Bethany Beach

Bethany Beach, DE— The Delaware State Police are identifying the bicyclist involved in the Wednesday night hit and run

crash as Anastasia Ciolpan, 20 from the country of Moldova. Anastasia is still admitted at Christiana Medical Center in critical condition.

The operator of the vehicle involved has been identified as Dustin L. Lowe, 23 of Frankford. He was operating a 2011 Ford Escape southbound on Kent Ave approaching the bicyclist from behind. For unknown reasons, the vehicle struck the bicycle from behind knocking Ms. Ciolpan to the ground in the right lane just east of the south bound fog line. Lowe continued south on Kent Avenue without slowing or stopping.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident and charges are forthcoming.

Released: 070116 1530

###

****Original Release****

Troopers Investigating a Serious Hit and Run Crash Involving a Bicyclist in Bethany Beach

Bethany Beach, DE— The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit has been requested by Bethany Beach Police Department to investigate a hit and run crash seriously injuring a bicyclist.

The incident occurred around 11:09 p.m., Wednesday June 29, 2016, as a 20-year-old female foreign national residing in Ocean View, was riding her bicycle southbound on the southbound shoulder of Kent Avenue just north of Jefferson Bridge Road. An unknown make and model S.U.V., black in color, operated by an unknown subject was traveling southbound on Kent Ave approaching the bicyclist from behind. For unknown reasons, the vehicle struck the bicycle from behind knocking the female to the ground in the right lane just east of the south bound fog line. The unknown vehicle and operator

continued south on Kent Avenue without slowing or stopping.

The female bicyclist was initially transported to Beebe Healthcare by EMS where she was stabilized before being flown by Lifenet to Christiana Medical Center where she has been admitted in critical condition. She was not wearing a helmet nor did she have a light affixed to her bicycle at the time of the collision, however, the bicycle did have the appropriate reflectors. Her name and country of origin are being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

No further description of the vehicle or operator were able to be obtained during the preliminary investigation.

If anyone has any information in reference to this collision, they are asked to contact Master Corporal J. Burns at 302-703-3266. 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."

Released: 063016 1040

###

Troopers Investigate Pharmacy Robbery



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

Wilmington, DE- Delaware State Police are currently

investigating the armed robbery of a Wilmington area pharmacy that occurred last night.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident occurred on Sunday, July 3, 2016 at approximately 9:34 p.m., as a male suspect entered the Walgreens located at 1508 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington. The suspect, who was armed with an unknown type of weapon, confronted a female employee and demanded money from the cash register. The clerk opened the register at which time the suspect removed an undisclosed amount of cash. He then exited the store and fled in an unknown direction. The clerk was not injured.

The suspect is described as a black male 20-25 years of age. He was 5'10" tall and was last seen wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, black pants, and black and white sneakers. 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, 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."

Like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/DSPNewsroom/> or Twitter at <https://twitter.com/DEStatePolice>. To find out more about how to get your community involved in the Nextdoor application, please click on the following link: <https://nextdoor.com/>.

Released: 070416 1450

-End-

Troopers Seek Public's Assistance in Locating Shoplifting Suspect



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

Wilmington, DE- Delaware State Police are asking for the public's assistance in locating a female suspect following a shoplifting incident that occurred at the Concord Mall on Saturday.

The investigation into the incident began at approximately 6:52 p.m. yesterday, Saturday, July 2, 2016, as a female suspect, later identified as **Lisa Smith, 32**, of Wilmington, was observed concealing approximately \$300.00 worth of clothing in a bag while inside of the Justice Store, located at 4737 Concord Pike, Wilmington. A Delaware State Trooper working at the mall was contacted and advised as to what was occurring. He then responded to the store and as he arrived, he observed Smith running out of the store. The Trooper then chased Smith and ordered her to stop; however, she exited the

mall and entered into a black Infiniti FX3 which was in the parking lot. The Trooper then attempted to open the doors to the vehicle but found them to be locked. Smith then quickly reversed the vehicle, almost striking the Trooper, before fleeing in an unknown direction. There were no injuries.

After further investigation and several interviews, Troopers were able to positively identify Lisa Smith as the suspect. Warrants were then obtained charging Smith with Shoplifting, Resisting Arrest, and Reckless Endangering 2nd Degree.

Lisa Smith (pictured) is described as a black female. She is 5'04" tall, weighs 165 lbs., and has black hair. She may be operating a black Infiniti FX3 bearing DE registration PC41110 (similar to the one pictured).

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact Detective Daniel 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."

Like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/DSPNewsroom/> or Twitter at <https://twitter.com/DEStatePolice>. To find out more about how to get your community involved in the Nextdoor application, please click on the following link: <https://nextdoor.com/>.

Released: 070316 2120

-End-

DSP S.O.A.R. Searching for Wanted Sex Offenders



Presented by Public Information Officer
Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Dover, DE- The Delaware State Police Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration Unit (S.O.A.R) is currently looking for wanted sex offenders after they failed to register as a sex offender as required by law.

Investigators have obtained warrants for **Jackie S. Moore, 41**. Moore, who is homeless, is described as being 6'02" tall, weighs 195 lbs., and has brown hair and blue eyes. Click or copy and paste the link to view profile:
<https://sexoffender.dsp.delaware.gov/Poster/00005174>

Investigators have obtained warrants for **Carlton Smith, 56**, who is homeless in the Dover area. Smith is described as being 5'08" tall, weighs 195 lbs., and has black hair and brown eyes. Click or copy and paste the link to view profile:
<https://sexoffender.dsp.delaware.gov/Poster/00000698>

The Delaware State Police Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration Unit is asking anyone who may know the location of David J. Kline or Brian Miles to call 302-672-5306. 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."

Like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/DSPNewsroom/> or Twitter at <https://twitter.com/DEStatePolice>. To find out more about how to get your community involved in the Nextdoor application, please click on the following link: <https://nextdoor.com/>.

Released: 070316 1220

-End-

Homeless Sex Offender Notifications



Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

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 contact 302-672-5306. Information may also be provided via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword "DSP."

Like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/DSPNewsroom/> or Twitter at <https://twitter.com/DEStatePolice>. To find out more about how to get your community involved in the Nextdoor application, please click on the following link: <https://nextdoor.com/>.

William T. Willey, 26, is a Tier 3 (High Risk) sex offender who has registered homeless in Dover. Click or copy and paste to view profile and the community notice poster: <https://sexoffender.dsp.delaware.gov/Poster/00002999>

Matthew M. Stanford, 52, is a Tier 3 (High Risk) sex offender who has registered homeless in Dover. Click or copy and paste to view profile and the community notice poster: <https://sexoffender.dsp.delaware.gov/Poster/00005540>

Daniel L. Weldon, 31, is a Tier 3 (High Risk) sex offender who has registered homeless in Wilmington. Click or copy and paste to view profile and the community notice poster: <https://sexoffender.dsp.delaware.gov/Poster/00006200>

Dwayne D. Keenan, 39, is a Tier 2 (Moderate Risk) sex offender who has registered homeless in New Castle. Click or copy and paste to view profile and the community notice poster: <https://sexoffender.dsp.delaware.gov/Poster/00004600>

Released: 070316 1147

Troopers Investigate Liquor Store Robbery

Presented by Public Information Officer
Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale



Milford, DE- Delaware State Police are currently investigating the armed robbery of a Milford area liquor store that occurred late last night.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident occurred on Friday, July 1, 2016 at approximately 10:31 p.m., as a male suspect entered the M & M Liquors located at 1606 Bay Road, Milford. The suspect, who was armed with an unknown make and model handgun, confronted a male clerk and demanded money from the cash register. 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 the parking lot in an unknown make and model passenger car. The clerk was not injured.

The suspect was described as a white male. He was 5'09" tall, had blue eyes, and was last seen wearing a black hooded sweatshirt. He also had a mask covering his face. There is no further physical or clothing description available.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact Detective Michael Weinstein at 302-697-4454. 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."

Like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/DSPNewsroom/> or Twitter at <https://twitter.com/DEStatePolice>. To find out more about how to get your community involved in the Nextdoor application, please click on the following link: <https://nextdoor.com/>.

Released: 070216 1810

-End-

Troopers Respond to Plane Crash



Presented by Public Information Officer
Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Laurel, DE- Delaware State Police responded to a crash involving a small airplane which occurred late this morning in Laurel.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident occurred this morning, Saturday, July 02, 2016 at

approximately 10:34 a.m., as Justin Hoffman, 39, of Middletown, DE, was flying a Grumman G-164B Bi-Wing Crop Duster and was spraying watermelon fields in the area of East Trap Pond Road and Johnson Road, Laurel. After making a spray run the engine to the plane lost power and Hoffman attempted to make an emergency landing in an adjacent corn field. As Hoffman landed the plane in the soft soil, the nose of the aircraft dug into the ground causing the aircraft to roll onto it's roof. Justin Hoffman, who was the sole occupant of the plane, was able to walk away with only minor injuries.

The investigation into this incident was turned over to the Federal Aviation Administration.

Like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/DSPNewsroom/> or Twitter at <https://twitter.com/DEStatePolice>. To find out more about how to get your community involved in the Nextdoor application, please click on the following link: <https://nextdoor.com/>.

Released: 070216 1520

-End-

Troopers Investigate Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash



Presented by Public Information Officer
Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

****Update****

Townsend, DE- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit has identified the 54 year old year old Townsend, DE man who was killed in the three vehicle crash which occurred on Friday, July 1, 2016, on US Rt. 13 at Blackbird Landing Road as Leyland S. Reffett.

This crash remains under investigation.

Released: 070516 1155

-End-

****Original Release****

Townsend, DE- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash which has claimed the life of a 54 year old man that occurred yesterday afternoon in Townsend.

The initial investigation has determined that the crash occurred at approximately 3:30 p.m. yesterday, Friday, July 1, 2016, as Robert A. MacDonough, 60, of Fleetwood, PA, was operating a 2004 Jeep Cherokee, and was traveling in a northbound direction on US Rt. 13 (DuPont Parkway) approaching the intersection of Blackbird Landing Road, Townsend. For an unknown reason, MacDonough failed to stop for a red traffic

signal and struck the left side of a 2002 Honda Civic, which was in the process of making a left hand turn from westbound Blackbird Landing Road onto southbound US Rt. 13 on a solid green light, and which was being operated by a 54 year old Townsend, DE man. The force of the impact pushed the Honda into the rear of a 2013 Chrysler 200, which was traveling in a southbound direction on US Rt. 13, and which was being operated by Norman M. Richards, 37, of Clementon, NJ.

The 54 year old operator of the Honda was treated at the scene by New Castle County Paramedics before being transported to the Christiana Hospital Trauma Center where he was subsequently pronounced dead. The victim's name is being withheld pending the notification of his next of kin.

A 54 year old female passenger and a 14 year old male passenger of the Honda were also treated at the scene by Paramedics. They were also transported to the Christiana Hospital where they were treated for their non-life threatening injuries. There were no other injuries.

Robert MacDonough was initially charged by Troopers with Failure to Stop at a Red Light; however, this crash remains under investigation.

Like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/DSPNewsroom/> or Twitter at <https://twitter.com/DEStatePolice>. To find out more about how to get your community involved in the Nextdoor application, please click on the following link: <https://nextdoor.com/>.

Released: 070216 0910

-End-

Troopers Investigating Fatal Motorcycle Crash



****Update****

Bear, DE- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate a fatal motor vehicle crash which has claimed the life of a 54 year old man that occurred last night in Bear.

The investigation has determined that the crash occurred on Friday, July 1, 2016 at approximately 8:14 p.m., as Elena J. Kirk, 58, of Bear, was operating a 2004 Toyota Camry and was stopped on Woods Road with the intention of making a left hand turn onto westbound Porter Road. As Kirk entered onto Porter Road, she pulled directly into the path of a 2014 BMW S10 motorcycle, which was being operated by Philip R. Hastings, 54, of Bear, and which was traveling in an eastbound direction on Porter Road. The front of the motorcycle then struck the left rear side of the Toyota. After the impact, Hastings was ejected from the motorcycle and traveled in an eastbound direction coming to rest on the south edge of Porter Road. The Toyota spun in a clockwise direction and came to a stop in the roadway.

Philip Hastings, who was wearing a helmet at the time of the

crash, was treated at the scene by New Castle County Paramedics. He was then removed from the scene by EMS and transported to the Christiana Hospital Trauma Center where he was pronounced dead.

Elena Kirk was wearing her seatbelt at the time of the crash and suffered minor injuries. She refused medical treatment at the scene.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit. It is unknown if speed, alcohol, or drugs on the part of Philip Hastings was a factor in this crash at this time. Alcohol was not a factor on the part of Elena Kirk.

Porter Road was closed in both directions for approximately 3 hours as the crash was investigated and cleared.

Released: 070216 0805

-End-

Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

****Traffic Advisory****

Bear, DE- Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is currently investigating a fatal motorcycle crash which occurred this evening in Bear.

The initial investigation has determined that the crash occurred at approximately 8:14 p.m. tonight, Friday, July 1, 2016 on Porter Road at Woods Drive, Bear, and involves a motorcycle and a passenger car. As a result of the crash, the male operator of the motorcycle was removed from the scene and transported to the Christiana Hospital Trauma Center where he was pronounced dead.

Porter Road in the area of Woods Drive has been closed to

traffic and commuters are asked to find alternate routes of travel.

The crash, which is in its early stages, remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit. More information will be released at the conclusion of the investigation.

Like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/DSPNewsroom/> or Twitter at <https://twitter.com/DEStatePolice>. To find out more about how to get your community involved in the Nextdoor application, please click on the following link: <https://nextdoor.com/>.

Released: 070116 2045

-End-

Safety Message for the 4th of July Weekend

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



The Delaware State Police would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday weekend as family and friends gather to enjoy summer activities.

As we take time this July 4th holiday to celebrate our Nation's freedoms, we must not forget the dangers that can arise from traveling on our roadways. The Delaware State Police will be patrolling the roadways this July 4th holiday weekend to ensure that everyone is safely driving with due care.

Troopers will be tasked with deterring, tracking, targeting and arresting impaired drivers to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries on our highways during this July 4th holiday weekend. Troopers will also be focusing on pedestrian safety and enforcement, distracted driving, motorists not wearing seat belts, unrestrained children in vehicles, and any

aggressive driving behaviors such as speeding, following too close, and especially, driving under the influence. By following these easy steps, a driver can enjoy a safe holiday weekend travel without jeopardizing their life or the lives of others who may be on the road:

- Ensure all occupants are properly restrained.
- Plan a safe way home before the festivities begin.
- Before drinking, please designate a sober driver and give that person your keys. If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation so you are sure to get home safely.
- If you see a drunk or aggressive driver on the road, immediately contact 911 as soon as safely possible.
- If you know someone who is about to drive while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to where they are going safely.

The state police would also like to remind motorists of the following safety tips:

- Plan your trip before you embark on your journey.
- Have your car checked by a mechanic. Make sure all fluid levels are checked and your vehicle is in top running condition.
- Take a break every two hours on long trips and take turns driving. Studies have shown that weary drivers are just as much a threat as drunk drivers are on our highways.
- Don't let your children go to a rest stop alone. When taking a break, always accompany your children to the rest area facilities.

As you begin your holiday weekend we would like cover a few safety tips to keep you and your family safe.

While Traveling

- **Be aware of current road conditions.**
- Park in well-lit and well-traveled areas
- Keep your car's doors locked at all times.
- Don't use cell phones or other electronic devices while driving.
- Don't place your baggage or other valuables in a place where criminals can easily see them.
- Park as close as you can to your destination and take notice of where you parked.
- When approaching or leaving your vehicle, be aware of your surroundings.
- Do not approach your car alone if there are suspicious people in the area.
- Don't drink and drive, and don't ride with anyone who has been drinking

While at your destination

- **Be aware of your surroundings**
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason.
- Be able to describe your exact location in an emergency situation.
- Teach your child to go and ask for help in case your child is separated from you.
- Teach children to stay close to you at all times.
- Never allow children to make unaccompanied trips to the restroom.
- Children should never be allowed to go to the car alone

or should never be left alone in a car.

- If you've had something stolen or have been the victim of a crime, it's important to report the details to the police immediately by calling 911.

The Delaware State Police would like to wish everyone an enjoyable and safe July 4th holiday weekend.

Released: 070116 1801

- -End-