

Troopers Investigate Robbery of Anemoni Jewelers, Hockessin

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

Hockessin, DE- Delaware State Police are investigating the robbery of an area jewelry store which occurred Tuesday afternoon.

The preliminary investigation revealed the incident occurred at approximately 3:50 p.m., Tuesday, June 21, 2016, as two male suspects, armed with unknown type handguns, entered the Anemoni Jewelers located at 6288 Limestone Road, Hockessin. The suspects approached a male and female employee at the counter and demanded money. The suspects then took both employees into the rear of the business where another female employee was located and ordered them to lay on the floor. Both suspects returned to the front of the store and removed an undisclosed amount of jewelry after breaking a glass display case. The suspects fled from the store after taking a cell phone, wallet, jewelry and purses from the employees. The employees were not injured.

The first suspect fled from the jewelry store and confronted a Starbucks customer, 53 year old female, waiting in the drive-thru of Starbucks located at 6280 Limestone Road, Hockessin, behind the jewelry store. The suspect approached her vehicle pointed a handgun at her and yelled in her direction however, she could not hear the suspect as her window was rolled up. The second suspect then ran out of the business towards the north side of the building and this suspect followed behind him. The customer was not injured.

The both suspects were described as black males approximately

5'08" – 5'10" tall, 160-180 lbs., with their faces covered. No further physical or clothing description is available at this time. Both armed with unknown type handguns.

This incident remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police. 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, 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 Robbery of Ellendale Dollar General

Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Gary E. Fournier

Ellendale, DE – Troopers are investigating a robbery of the Ellendale Dollar General store that occurred late Tuesday evening.

The incident occurred around 9:55 p.m. Tuesday June 21, 2016, when a male suspect entered the Dollar General store, located at 18036 Beach Highway, armed with an unknown type handgun. He approached a male and a female employee at the counter and

demanded cash. The clerks complied and turned over an undisclosed amount of currency. The subject then fled the business in a westerly direction. The employees were uninjured in this incident.

The suspect was described as a male, 6'00" tall, 150-160 lbs., wearing all dark colored clothing and mask over his face (No further physical or clothing description available). Armed with an unknown type handgun.

Surveillance photo attached.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact Detective M. Doughty at 302-752-3794. 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 - BOTH SUBJECTS
ARRESTED** Trooper Seek**

Public's Assistance in Locating Burglary Suspects

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****UPDATE 06/22/16 – KYLE BITLER HAS BEEN ARRESTED**** Kyle M. Bitler, 28 of Felton, is wanted in connection to a burglary that was committed on Wednesday June 15, 2016 when he illegally entered a residence on Woodenhawk Road, Greenwood and stole a 65-year-old resident's prescription medication. Bitler is also wanted for violation of probation.

****UPDATE 06/21/16 –LORENZO WILLIAMS HAS BEEN ARRESTED**** In separate incidents, Lorenzo Williams, 21 of Seaford, is wanted in connection to a series of burglaries that have been committed over the course of the last month east of Seaford on Concord Pond Road. Williams is alleged to have stolen cash and in one incident, a .22 caliber rifle. He is also wanted by Dover PD and various courts in Sussex County.

If anyone has any information in reference to these subjects, they are asked to contact Sgt. A. Wright at 302-752-3803. 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."

Troopers Investigate Robbery

of Ocean View Package Store

Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Gary E. Fournier

Ocean View, DE – Troopers are investigating a robbery of Hickman's Package Store that occurred late Monday evening.

The incident occurred around 10:10 p.m. Monday June 20, 2016, when two male suspects entered the package store located at 30447 Cedar Neck Road with at least one subject armed with an unknown type handgun. They approached a female employee at the counter and demanded cash. The clerk complied and turned over an undisclosed amount of currency. The subjects then fled the business in an unknown direction. The female employee was uninjured in this incident.

The suspects were described as white males, 5'08"-5'10" tall, wearing all dark colored clothing and dark colored masks over their faces. One of the suspects was armed with an unknown type handgun.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact Detective R. Truitt at 302-752-3813. 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 – Operator Dies From Injuries** Troopers Investigate Serious Crash - Dagsboro**

Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Dagsboro, DE- A 87-year-old female driver has died as a result of the injuries she sustained in a June 12, 2016 crash near Dagsboro.

Ruth N. Elvey, 87 of Dagsboro, was initially transported to Beebe Healthcare before being flown to Christiana Medical Center where she died Saturday June 18, 2016

The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident and no charges have been filed at this time.

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****Original Release****

Troopers Investigate Serious Crash – Dagsboro

Dagsboro, DE- Delaware State Police are currently investigating a serious motor vehicle crash which occurred this afternoon just east of Dagsboro.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident occurred at approximately 1:55 p.m. today, Sunday, June 12, 2016, as Mary E. Bradshaw, 88, of Dagsboro, was operating a 2008 Mercury Sable, and was traveling in an eastbound

direction on Vines Creek Road (SR 26), approaching the intersection of Falling Point Road (CR 341), Dagsboro. As Bradshaw reached the intersection, she failed to see a 2012 Kia Forte, which was stopped directly in front of her, and which was being operated by Ruth N. Elvey, 87, of Dagsboro. The front of Bradshaw's vehicle then struck the rear of the Kia. After the impact, both vehicles exited the south edge of the roadway where they came to rest.

Ruth Elvey, who was properly restrained at the time of the crash, was treated at the scene by Sussex County Paramedics. She was then transported by EMS to Beebe Healthcare before being air-lifted to the Christiana Hospital where she was admitted in critical condition.

Mary Bradshaw was also properly restrained at the time of the crash. She was treated at the scene by Sussex County Paramedics before being transported by EMS to Beebe Healthcare where she was admitted with non-life threatening injuries.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police.

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Troopers Investigate Robbery of Lampost Liquors, Newark

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

Newark, DE- Delaware State Police are investigating the robbery of an area liquor store which occurred Sunday evening.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident occurred at approximately 7:00 p.m., Sunday, June 19, 2016, as a male suspect, armed with an unknown type handgun, entered the Lampost Liquor store located at 1144 Christiana Road, Newark. The suspect approached a male employee at the counter and demanded money. The clerk complied with the suspect's demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect then exited the store and fled in an unknown direction. The employee was not injured.

The suspect was described as a white male, 6'00" – 6'03" tall, 200-220 lbs., with his face covered. No further physical or clothing description is available at this time. He was armed with unknown type handgun.

This incident remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police. 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, 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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****Update-Roadway Open****

Troopers at a Scene of a Stopped Train

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Wilmington, DE –The CSX train that was previously blocking the roadway has been moved. The roadway is now open.

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Wilmington, DE- Delaware State Police are currently on the scene in the area of the Walmart on Centerville Road for a stopped train. Currently, Newport gap pike and Centerville road are blocked because of a stopped train, owned by CSX Railroad. CSX crew is at the location and the Traffic Management Center (DelDOT) has been notified.

The locomotive is sitting on a partially opened railroad switch at SR-41 (Newport Gap Pike) just west of the railroad crossing. Traffic is stopped in both directions on SR-41 and Centerville Road. Traffic is being turned around at this location. The route to get clear of the tracks is to take either North or South SR-141. There is an onramp to SR-141 northbound on Centerville Road just north of the Centerville Road and Boxwood Road intersection. At the north side of the tracks traffic will U-turn and access SR-141 from SR-2 (Kirkwood Highway).

Please expect delays in the area and use caution.

For any questions:

Please call CSX Railroad at 1-800-232-0144

Please call Traffic Management Center (DelDOT) at 302-659-4600

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Suspicious Vehicle Leads to Heroin Arrests

Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Lincoln – The Delaware State Police have arrested two people for heroin possession after they were observed parked in the driveway of an abandoned house.

The incident occurred Saturday June 18, 2016 around 8:30 p.m. as a trooper on patrol in the area of Neal Road just west of Crooked Road observed a suspicious red Buick Le Sabre backed into a driveway of a known abandoned residence. Upon approaching the Buick, one of the subjects was observed sitting outside the vehicle in a chair, while another was seated inside the car. The trooper made contact with the two, who were later identified as **Christopher H. Thomas**, 21 of Lincoln, and **Leon T. Davis**, 22 of Greenwood, and a strong odor of marijuana was detected. Upon conducting a pat-down search of Thomas, 6 bags of heroin (0.09 grams) were located in his

pocket along with 4.7 grams of marijuana and over \$280.00 in suspected drug proceeds. As the trooper continued to search Thomas, an additional 35 bags of heroin (0.525 grams) was located in his shoe. A search was then conducted on Davis who was found to be in possession of 1.2 grams of marijuana as well as over \$1,400.00 in suspected drug proceeds. Both subjects were then placed in custody without incident and a search of the Le Sabre uncovered a Crown Royal bag containing 585 bags of heroin (8.775 grams) under the driver's side seat where Thomas was sitting.

Christopher Thomas and Leon Davis were transported back to Troop 7 in Lewes where they were both charged with Possession with Intent to Deliver Heroin, Possession of Heroin, Conspiracy 2nd, Conspiracy 3rd, two counts of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Possession of Marijuana. They were arraigned at JP3 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$4,600.00 secured bond.

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****Update-Names Released****

Troopers Investigating Single Vehicle Fatal Crash Northeast of Greenwood

Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Greenwood, DE- The Delaware State Police are releasing the names of the victims involved in the early Saturday morning fatal crash northeast of Greenwood as Wayne W. Foster, 21 of Milford (operator of the Neon) and James A. Powell Jr., 19 of Lincoln (left rear seat passenger in the Neon).

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****Original Release****

Troopers Investigate Single Vehicle Fatal Crash Northeast of Greenwood

Greenwood, DE – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a single vehicle crash that killed two people early this morning.

The incident occurred around 5:20 a.m., Saturday June 18, 2016, as a 21-year-old Milford man was operating a 2005 Dodge Neon northbound on Shawnee Road (SR36) negotiating a moderate right curve just south of the north end of Memory Road. For unknown reasons, the Neon exited the west side of the road and continued in a northerly direction along the edge of the road as it began to rotate clockwise. The driver's side door struck a tree which caused the car to rotate violently in a counter-clockwise direction and continue to slide in a northerly direction. As the vehicle spun, the operator, who was not properly restrained, was ejected from the vehicle onto the southbound shoulder. The Neon finally came to a stop in the front yard of a residence on the west side of the road facing in a south easterly direction.

Both the 21-year-old operator and a 19-year-old Lincoln man, who was not properly restrained in the left rear passenger seat, but not ejected, were pronounced dead at the scene.

A 21-year-old male from Milford, who was not properly

restrained in the front passenger's seat, was transported from the scene by EMS to Bayhealth Milford Memorial Hospital where he was admitted with serious injuries.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. Alcohol may have been a contributing factor in this collision. SR36 between the north end and south end of Memory Road was closed for approximately three and a half hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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****Final Update** Troopers Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash – North Dover**

Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Gary Fournier

North Dover – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash that occurred Saturday evening north of Dover.

The incident occurred around 6:23 p.m. Saturday June 18, 2016 as Rod Zarafshar, 20 of McLean, Virginia, was operating a 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee northbound on Lewis Drive approaching Dyke Branch Road. Robert J. Falcone, 37 of Dover was operating a 2008 Ford F250 pick-up truck westbound on Dyke Branch Road approaching the same intersection. The intersection is controlled by a stop sign for the north and southbound traffic

on Lewis Drive and Dyke Branch Road has the right of way. The Jeep failed to stop for the stop sign and entered into the intersection and into the path of the westbound pick-up truck which struck the Jeep on the passenger's side. Upon impact, both vehicles rotated in the roadway before coming to a stop on the northwest corner of the intersection.

A front seat passenger, Hunter B. Watson, 20 of McLean, Virginia, was properly restrained and pronounced dead at the scene.

Rod Zarafshar was properly restrained and airlifted to Christiana Medical Center where he was admitted with undetermined injuries.

Robert Falcone was properly restrained and transported by EMS to Bayhealth Kent General Hospital where he was treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. Alcohol does not appear to be a factor in this case. Dyke Branch Road at Lewis Drive was closed for approximately four hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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