State Police Detectives Investigating Armed Robbery in Laurel

The Delaware State Police are investigating an armed robbery that occurred yesterday at Hardee's in Laurel.

On May 12, 2025, at approximately 3:01 p.m., troopers responded to a report of an armed robbery at Hardee's, located at 30759 Sussex Highway in Laurel. The investigation revealed that an unknown black male suspect entered the drive through, displayed a gun at the employee, and demanded money from the register. The employee complied, and the suspect fled with an undisclosed amount of cash. The employee was not hurt.

The suspect is described as an unknown black male, operating a dark colored Honda passenger car displaying Maryland registration 6DA1892 with damage to the driver's side front.

Delaware State Police Troop 4 Criminal Investigations Unit continues to investigate this incident. Detectives are asking anyone who witnessed this incident or has relevant information to contact Detective K. Perry at (302) 752-3793. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the **Delaware State Police** or contacting **Delaware Crime Stoppers** at 1-800-847-3333.

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Delaware State Police Join Multi-State Effort to Promote Safe Driving on I-95

The Delaware State Police, in partnership with the Delaware Department of Transportation and the Delaware Office of Highway Safety, is joining forces with other law enforcement agencies along the I-95 corridor and across the First State in the “I-95 Drive to Save Lives” campaign. This coordinated, multi-jurisdictional effort aims to reduce serious crashes and promote safe driving habits throughout Delaware and the I-95 corridor.

From Tuesday, May 13 to Thursday, May 15, 2025, troopers will work alongside 8 other state police and highway patrol agencies to increase enforcement visibility and target dangerous driving behaviors. These include distracted driving, speed, and failure to wear seatbelts, which are leading factors in fatal crashes. The seatbelt usage rate in Delaware has remained consistently around 92% over the last five years; however, 58% of the fatalities in 2024 involved unrestrained individuals. There is still work to be done to get to the goal of zero fatalities on our roadways.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), it can take approximately 4.6 seconds to read a text message. At 55 mph, that is the equivalent of traveling the length of an entire football field blind. In 2023, speeding-related crashes accounted for 29% of traffic fatalities. There are numerous consequences to distracted driving and speeding that affect not only the driver but also everyone else on the road around them.

“Every life lost on our roadways is one too many,” stated **Colonel William D. Crotty, Superintendent of the Delaware State Police.** “As the First State, we are proud to stand with our public safety partners in support of the Drive to Save Lives Initiative. This campaign is not just about enforcement; it’s a reflection of the work we do every day to protect lives, promote safe driving practices, and prevent tragedies on our roadways.”

“We are proud to partner with the **Delaware State Police** and the **Office of Highway Safety** to help educate the community on the dangers of driving while under the influence, driving while distracted and failing to follow other imperative rules of the road like obeying posted speed limits,” shared **Secretary of Transportation Shanté Hastings**. “I would like to challenge every driver, rider, and pedestrian to do their part and stay alert, stay safe, and stay committed to protecting lives. I challenge everyone to **Be DelAWARE** and together we can achieve the goal of zero deaths on our roadways.”

“The Delaware Office of Highway Safety continues to support this collaborative initiative for enforcement along I-95. Working with multiple partners creates a broader enforcement that can help save lives in and around the First State” said **Sharon Bryson, Director of the Delaware Office of Highway Safety.** “We need to remind everyone on the road to put the phone down, slow down, and buckle up every trip, every time. The goal is to protect the lives of Delaware’s residents, visitors, and neighbors.”

Participating agencies include:

North Carolina Highway Patrol, Maryland State Police, Delaware State Police, Pennsylvania State Police, New Jersey State Police, New York State Police, Connecticut State Police, Rhode Island State Police, and Maine State Police.



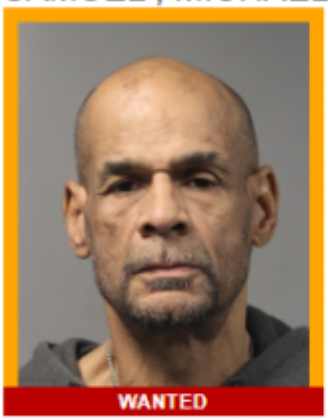
This year's "Drive to Save Lives" campaign is funded by the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), with continued support from the Delaware Office of Highway Safety and partnering law enforcement agencies. The initiative highlights a shared commitment to protecting all who travel throughout our state. Motorists can expect to see increased patrols and enforcement efforts during this collaborative campaign.

The Delaware Department of Transportation also encourages drivers to support safer roadways through the "Be DelAWARE" campaign. Created by DelDOT Leadership Academy participants in 2023, the initiative invites everyone to take the Be DelAWARE pledge at BeDelaware.deldot.gov, with the goal of reducing fatalities on Delaware roadways to zero.

Delaware State Police S.O.A.R. Searching for Wanted Sex Offenders

The Delaware State Police Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration Unit (S.O.A.R.) is currently looking for the following **wanted** sex offenders after they either failed to register or re-register at their current address. If anyone knows the location of these individuals, please call 302-672-5306. Information may also be provided by contacting **Delaware Crime Stoppers** at 1-800-847-3333.

SAMUEL , MICHAEL A



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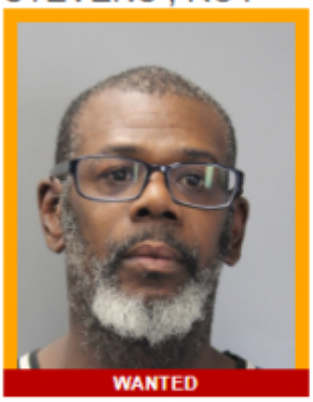
Registration Information **(Homeless)**

Risk Level:	Tier 2 (Moderate Risk)
Verified On:	December 30, 2024
Registered Since:	January 23, 2009
In Prison:	No
Convicted Out of State:	No
Repeat Offender:	No

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

Police Agency:	DSP HEADQUARTERS
Address:	PO BOX 430 Dover , DE 19903
Phone:	3026592341

STEVENS , ROY



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Registration Information

Risk Level:	Tier 2 (Moderate Risk)
Verified On:	September 19, 2023
Registered Since:	September 14, 2004
In Prison:	No
Convicted Out of State:	No
Repeat Offender:	No

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

Police Agency:	TROOP 3 STATE POLICE
Address:	3759 SOUTH STATE STREET CAMDEN , DE 19934
Phone:	3026974454

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HONTZ , JESSIE



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Registration Information **(Homeless)**

Risk Level:	Tier 3 (High Risk)
Verified On:	September 22, 2023
Registered Since:	December 14, 2005
In Prison:	No
Convicted Out of State:	No
Repeat Offender:	Yes

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

Police Agency:	DSP HEADQUARTERS
Address:	PO BOX 430 Dover , DE 19903
Phone:	3026592341

WILLIAMS , RICARDO L



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Registration Information **(Homeless)**

Risk Level:	Tier 3 (High Risk)
Verified On:	March 17, 2025
Registered Since:	May 23, 1997
In Prison:	No
Convicted Out of State:	No
Repeat Offender:	Yes

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

Police Agency:	DSP HEADQUARTERS
Address:	PO BOX 430 Dover , DE 19903
Phone:	3026592341

State Police Detectives Investigating Shooting in Smyrna

Delaware State Police are investigating a shooting that occurred in Smyrna early this morning that left one woman injured.

On May 10, 2025, at approximately 4:30 a.m., troopers responded to the 800 block of Clayton Avenue in Smyrna for a reported shooting. When troopers arrived, they learned that an unknown suspect fired an unknown number of shots that hit an occupied house. A 34-year-old woman inside was hit by gunfire and taken to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The incident remains under investigation.

Delaware State Police Troop 3 Criminal Investigations Unit continues to investigate this incident. Detectives are asking

anyone who witnessed or has information regarding this case to contact Detective R. Spanier by calling 302-698-8548. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the **Delaware State Police** or contacting **Delaware Crime Stoppers** at 1-800-847-3333.

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State Police Detectives Investigating Officer-Involved Shooting in Townsend

Delaware State Police are investigating an officer-involved shooting following a pursuit of a stolen vehicle that occurred in Townsend last night.

On May 9, 2025, at approximately 9:15 p.m., troopers responded to Dupont Highway in Camden for a report of a stolen white Infiniti QX6 traveling in the area. A trooper located the Infiniti at Walmart, located at 263 Walmart Drive in Camden, and a computer check confirmed the vehicle was stolen within the jurisdiction of New Castle County Police earlier this month. The trooper initiated a traffic stop, but the driver failed to stop. In the ensuing pursuit, the Infiniti traveled at a high rate of speed and in a reckless manner on Dupont Highway in Dover, but the pursuit was ultimately terminated

out of concern for the safety of pedestrians and other motorists. A short time later, a trooper saw the Infiniti traveling northbound on Dupont Highway near the Dover Mall and attempted to pull it over. The driver once again disregarded the police signal, and a second pursuit ensued. During the pursuit, the Infiniti exited Dupont Highway and traveled northbound on Route 1 as it continued traveling at a high rate of speed and in a reckless manner. The Infiniti then exited Route 1 and entered the city limits of Smyrna, where it collided with another vehicle. After the collision the Infiniti did not stop, and continued northbound on Dupont Highway, until it eventually came to a stop north of Fieldsboro Road after becoming disabled.

The preliminary investigation revealed that after the Infiniti came to a stop, the driver and 3 passengers began fleeing on foot from the stolen vehicle as a trooper was approaching them. While approaching the Infiniti, the trooper observed the black male driver drop a firearm in the roadway as he exited the Infiniti. The driver picked up the firearm and fled on foot towards a tree line with the firearm in his hand. During the foot chase with the suspect, the trooper gave verbal commands for the suspect to stop and drop the weapon, but the suspect did not comply. Subsequently, the trooper discharged his divisionally issued handgun, striking the suspect.

Troopers rendered first aid until emergency medical services arrived. The suspect, a 25-year-old man from Dover, Delaware, was transported to an area hospital with critical injuries.

The remaining 3 suspects were located in a nearby wooded area and taken into custody without incident. No one was hurt during the collision.

Per Delaware State Police standard operating procedures, the involved trooper has been placed on administrative leave pending a use of force investigation in conjunction with the Delaware Department of Justice.

The Delaware State Police Homicide Unit is actively investigating this incident. Detectives are asking anyone with information regarding this case to contact Sergeant S. Yeich by calling 302-741-2703. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the **Delaware State Police** or contacting **Delaware Crime Stoppers** at 1-800-847-3333.

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Update – Suspect Identified State Police Detectives Investigating Officer Involved Shooting in Milton

The Delaware State Police have identified 44-year-old **Gregory Painter** of Milford, Delaware, as the man who died in the officer-involved shooting that occurred in Milton on Thursday.

Per Delaware State Police standard operating procedures, the troopers involved have been placed on administrative leave while a use-of-force investigation is conducted in conjunction with the Delaware Department of Justice.

The Delaware State Police Homicide Unit is still actively

investigating this incident and asking anyone with information regarding this case to contact Detective B. McDerby by calling 302-741-2821. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the **Delaware State Police** or contacting **Delaware Crime Stoppers** at 1-800-847-3333.

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Detectives Investigating Parking Lot Shots Fired Incident at Dover Area Waffle House

The Delaware State Police are investigating a shots fired incident that occurred in the parking lot of the Waffle House in Dover earlier today.

On May 4, 2025, at approximately 1:00 a.m., troopers responded to the Waffle House, located at 4003 South Dupont Highway, Dover, for a report of shots fired in the parking lot. The preliminary investigation revealed that several subjects were arguing while in the restaurant’s parking lot when an unknown suspect fired several shots into the air. Subsequently, everyone in the parking lot, including the suspect, fled in an unknown direction. There are no reported injuries or property

damage at this time.

There is no further information available for the suspect. Surveillance video and images are not available.

The Troop 3 Criminal Investigations Unit continues to investigate this incident. Detectives are asking anyone who witnessed this incident or has information regarding this case to contact Detective P. Campbell by calling 302-698-8504. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the **Delaware State Police** or contacting **Delaware Crime Stoppers** at 1-800-847-3333.

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State Police Investigating Drive-By Shooting in Rodney Village

Delaware State Police are investigating a drive-by shooting that occurred early Saturday morning in the community of Rodney Village in Dover.

On May 3, 2025, at approximately 4:51 a.m., troopers responded to a residence on the 300 block of Samuel Paynter Drive for a report of shots fired. The preliminary investigation revealed

that a vehicle pulled up in front of the home and fired multiple gunshots before fleeing the area. No injuries were reported.

At this time, the motive for the shooting remains unclear. The Delaware State Police Troop 3 Criminal Investigations Unit is actively investigating the incident.

Anyone who may have witnessed the incident or has relevant information is asked to contact Detective S. Raza at (302) 698-8521. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the **Delaware State Police** or contacting **Delaware Crime Stoppers** at 1-800-847-3333.

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BELL , ANTHONY



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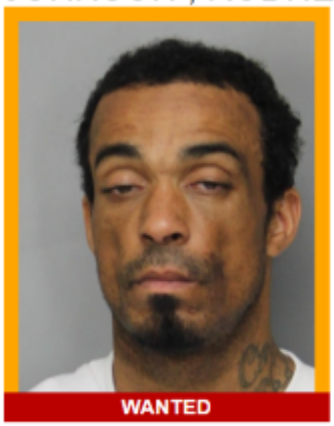
Registration Information **(Homeless)**

Risk Level:	Tier 3 (High Risk)
Verified On:	May 1, 2025
Registered Since:	December 15, 1995
In Prison:	No
Convicted Out of State:	No
Repeat Offender:	Yes

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

Police Agency:	DSP HEADQUARTERS
Address:	PO BOX 430 Dover , DE 19903
Phone:	3026592341

JOHNSON , RODNEY M



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Registration Information **(Homeless)**

Risk Level:	Tier 2 (Moderate Risk)
Verified On:	April 30, 2025
Registered Since:	January 16, 2003
In Prison:	No
Convicted Out of State:	No
Repeat Offender:	No

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

Police Agency:	DSP HEADQUARTERS
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LYDE , LAVERNE W



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Registration Information **(Homeless)**

Risk Level:	Tier 3 (High Risk)
Verified On:	April 28, 2025
Registered Since:	August 7, 2023
In Prison:	No
Convicted Out of State:	Yes
Repeat Offender:	No

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

Police Agency:	DSP HEADQUARTERS
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PURYEAR JR, ROBERT



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Registration Information

Risk Level:	Tier 3 (High Risk)
Verified On:	May 2, 2025
Registered Since:	June 28, 2018
In Prison:	No
Convicted Out of State:	No
Repeat Offender:	No

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

Police Agency:	DOVER PD
Address:	400 SOUTH QUEEN ST DOVER , DE 19904
Phone:	3027367111

WILLIAMS , ERIC B



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Registration Information **(Homeless)**

Risk Level:	Tier 3 (High Risk)
Verified On:	April 28, 2025
Registered Since:	March 1, 2021
In Prison:	No
Convicted Out of State:	No
Repeat Offender:	Yes

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

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