

# The Delaware State Police Offers Safety Tips for Active Shooter Incidents

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

The Delaware State Police are truly saddened about the tragic shooting in Orlando, Florida. We would like to extend our hearts, thoughts and prayers to the victims and their families. We also like to express our sincere and deep appreciation for all of the first responders in Florida who willingly responded into harm's way to save others.

All of Delaware is reminded to stay vigilant and avoid the tendency to ignore what could be information critical to law enforcement efforts to prevent a crime or terrorist act. The Delaware State Police are consistently working to keep our state safe and are ready to act on information about suspicious circumstances. In the event of an emergency, people should still call 911.

The Delaware State Police, through our Fusion Center (Delaware Information and Analysis Center) are working closely with federal and state partners to assess any nexus or existing threats to Delaware. Currently, there are no known ties to Delaware regarding the tragedy in Orlando, Florida. There are also no known existing credible threats to Delaware.

Citizens are encouraged to be watchful with a sharp eye in paying very close attention to their surroundings. If something does not look or feel right, they should take action and notify the police. Prevention and disruption of an attack are the desired outcome. Planning and preparation play a vital key role in reducing one's likelihood of being a victim of violence.

Citizens will be much better prepared to react to an event when they have thought about what they should do in advance. Run, Hide, Fight provides a basic and effective plan and is endorsed by the homeland security community. The Delaware State Police supports the Run, Hide, Fight approach to responding to an active shooter event.

This link is to the FBI website which features a Run, Hide, Fight video:

<https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/office-of-partner-engagement/active-shooter-incidents/run-hide-fight-video>

This link is to the DHS website which published a pocket card explaining Run, Hide, Fight approach:

[https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/active\\_shooter\\_pocket\\_card\\_508.pdf](https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/active_shooter_pocket_card_508.pdf)

Although there is no known threat to Delaware, state officials are reminding people of Delaware, of the important role they have in helping to keep our state safe by reporting suspicious situations or circumstances that could be related to crime or possible acts of terrorism. The Delaware State Police encourage increased vigilance against criminals and terrorists. If you observe activity that appears suspicious, a threat to public safety or related to a potential terrorist event please report it to law enforcement by calling 9-1-1 or the Delaware's Anti-Terrorism Tip Line at **1-800-Force12**. The public can also submit a suspicious activity report through DIAC's website @ [www.dediac.org](http://www.dediac.org). We each have a vital and essential role to play to ensure the safety of our citizens and we deeply appreciate your assistance.

Please see the below attached on how you can help.

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# Troopers Investigate Serious Crash – Dagsboro



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**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 Stabbing – Dover

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**Dover, DE-** Delaware State Police have arrested a 25 year old woman after a stabbing incident which occurred at a Dover area apartment complex yesterday afternoon.

The investigation has determined that the incident happened at approximately 5:56 p.m. yesterday, Saturday, June 11, 2016, as Nineka Perkins-Hunt, 25, of Dover, was involved in a verbal altercation with a 24 year old female and a 22 year old female, both of Dover, in the parking lot of the Alder Park Apartments located at 51 Webbs Lane, Dover. During the

argument, Perkins-Hunt produced a steak knife and proceeded to stab the 24 year old female in her upper torso area. She then used the knife to puncture a hole in a tire of a vehicle belonging to the 22 year old female before fleeing to her apartment where she was taken into custody by responding troopers without incident.

The 24 year old victim was transported to the Kent General Hospital where she was treated for her non-life threatening injury. There were no other injuries.

Nineka Perkins-Hunt was arrested and transported to Troop 3 where she was charged with Assault 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Possession of a Deadly Weapon during the Commission of a Felony, and Criminal Mischief. She was arraigned at JP Court 7 and then committed to the Delores Baylor Correctional Institution for lack of \$25,100.00 secured bail.

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## **Troopers Seek Assistance in Identifying Shoplifting Suspect**

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**Lewes, DE**— Delaware State Police are currently investigating a shoplifting incident which occurred at a Lewes area Wawa and are seeking the public's assistance in identifying the





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**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](http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com) or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword "DSP."

**Daquan D. Stevenson, 22,** is a Tier 2 (Moderate Risk) sex offender who has registered homeless in Newark. Click or copy and paste to view profile and the community notice poster: <https://sexoffender.dsp.delaware.gov/Poster/00006005>

**David R. Distefano, 56,** 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/00003708>

**William J. Franks, 23,** is a Tier 2 (Moderate 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/00003709>

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# Troopers Investigate Serious Motor Vehicle Crash

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**New Castle, DE-** Delaware State Police are currently investigating a single vehicle crash which injured two people that occurred early this morning in New Castle.

The initial investigation has determined that the crash occurred this morning, Sunday, June 12, 2016 at approximately 12:15 a.m., as Matthew Mayer, 18, of Bear, was operating a 2002 Volkswagen Passat and was traveling in a southbound direction on SR1 just south of DE Rt. 273 (Christiana Road), New Castle. For an unknown reason, Mayer's vehicle drifted off of the roadway and onto the left hand shoulder where it then struck a guardrail. It then traveled across both southbound lanes of SR1 and off of the roadway where it came to rest in the tree line.

Both Matthew Mayer, and a female passenger, identified as a 17

year old Bear, DE teen, were trapped in the car until they could be extricated by responding emergency personnel. They were then treated at the scene by New Castle County Paramedics before being transported to the Christiana Hospital Trauma Center where they were admitted in serious condition.

Both Mayer and the female passenger were properly restrained at the time of the crash. It is unknown if alcohol use was a factor in the crash.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police. The right hand southbound lane of SR1 was closed for approximately 2.5 hours as the crash was investigated and cleared.

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# Traffic Stop Leads to Drug and Weapons Charges

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**Seaford, DE-** Delaware State Police have arrested two Seaford men after a traffic stop led to the discovery of marijuana and a handgun on Friday night.

The investigation began on Friday, June 10, 2016 at approximately 8:11 p.m., as troopers were on routine patrol in the area of Coverdale Road just south of Hastings Farm Road,

Seaford. It was at this time that they observed a white 2003 Acura TL traveling northbound on Coverdale Road above the posted speed limit. Troopers then conducted a traffic stop of the Acura, which had quickly turned onto Hastings Farm Road and then stopped in the yard of an abandoned property.

As troopers made contact with the operator of the car, later identified as a 29 year old Seaford, DE man, and the front seat passenger, later identified as Dominique Hall, 28, of Seaford, they detected the strong odor of marijuana coming from the interior of the car. The operator of the vehicle advised the troopers that he was in fact in possession of marijuana. Both occupants of the vehicle were then removed from the car at which time a search of them was conducted. Troopers located approximately 8.5 grams of marijuana in the pants pocket of the male operator. A consent search of the car was then conducted. During the search, Troopers located a Glock 40 caliber handgun, a fully loaded magazine, and approximately \$14,500.00 in suspected drug sale proceeds in the glove box of the car.

The male operator and Dominique Hall were both arrested and transported to Troop 5 where after further investigation, the operator of the vehicle was charged with Possession of Marijuana and Speeding. He was arraigned at JP Court 2 and released on \$275.00 unsecured bail. Dominique Hall was charged with Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon. He was also arraigned at JP Court 2 and released on \$500.00 unsecured bail.

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# Troopers Investigate Two Vehicle Crash – New Castle

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**New Castle, DE-** Delaware State Police are currently investigating a two vehicle crash in which two people were injured that occurred this morning in New Castle.

The initial investigation has determined that the crash occurred at approximately 4:30 a.m. this morning, Friday, June 10, 2016, as Eric Swanson, Jr., 23, of Bear, DE, was operating a 2016 Subaru WRX and was traveling in the left hand lane of I-95 southbound approaching the DE Rt. 141 (Basin Road) exit, New Castle. For an unknown reason, Swanson lost control of his vehicle and began to spin in a clockwise direction as he entered the center lane of the highway. His vehicle then came to a stop in the roadway, facing the right hand shoulder. It was at this point that Swanson's car was struck by a 2010 Honda Accord, which was traveling in a southbound direction on I-95 and which was being operated by Stephany Luna-Valdez, 24, of Wilmington, DE. Swanson's vehicle then spun in a clockwise direction before striking the right hand guardrail where it then came to rest. Luna-Valdez' vehicle also spun in a clockwise direction before coming to rest in the roadway.

Eric Swanson, who was not wearing a seatbelt 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 where he is being treated for his injuries. Troopers are investigating the possibility that Swanson was ejected from his vehicle prior to it coming to rest. He was cited for Careless Driving.

Stephany Luna-Valdez, who was properly restrained at the time of the crash, was also treated at the scene by New Castle County Paramedics. She was then transported to the Christiana Hospital where she was treated for her injuries.

The southbound lanes of I-95 were closed for approximately one hour as the crash was investigated and cleared.

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## **Troopers Investigate a Home Invasion – Woodside**

Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Gary Fournier

**Woodside, DE** – Troopers are investigating a home invasion that occurred outside of Woodside late Thursday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 11:35 p.m. Thursday June 9, 2016 in the unit block of Four Acre Drive, as three males forcefully entered the residence that was occupied by a 25-year-old male, 26-year-old female, and a 19-year-old female. The suspects, who were armed with unknown type handguns, demanded cash and their cell phones. The victims complied and turned over an undisclosed amount of cash and the victim's cell phones before the three suspects fled the house. The trio then entered a silver four door vehicle parked outside where a fourth suspect was waiting in the car. The vehicle then traveled northbound on Upper King Road. None of the victims were injured during this incident.

The three suspects were all described as a black males wearing masks over their faces (No further physical or clothing description available). They were all armed with unknown types of handguns. There was no description for the fourth suspect.

Detectives have determined through preliminary interviews and investigation that this was not a random act and believe the victims may have been targeted in the home invasion.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident, they are asked to contact Detective M. Weinstein at 302-698-8443. 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 – Krytzer Arrested\*\* Troopers Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash**

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*Little Heaven-* Detectives with the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit have arrested Zachary M. Krytzer.

Upon Krytzer's release from the hospital this afternoon, Thursday June 9, 2016, he was transported to Troop 3 in Camden where he was charged with Vehicular Homicide 1<sup>st</sup> and Driving Under the Influence of Drugs. He was video arraigned at JP2 and released after posting \$20,500.00 secured bond.

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

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## **Troopers Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash**

*Little Heaven-* The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash that occurred earlier this afternoon in Little Heaven.

The incident occurred around 1:55 p.m., Tuesday June 7, 2016, as Zachary M. Krytzer, 27 of Milton, was operating a 2002 Mitsubishi Montero southbound on Bay Road (SR1) just south of Clapham Road. Heath B. Janssen, 41 of Dover, a Verizon employee, had just completed a check of the phone lines under a manhole cover and was standing behind his work truck, a 2006 Ford F36 box truck, placing equipment in the back of the vehicle. The truck was stopped on the southbound shoulder surrounded by cones north of the entrance to the Valero gas station located at 7865 Bay Road. The Montero drifted onto the southbound shoulder and struck a mailbox and then a road reflector before striking and pinning Janssen to the rear of his work vehicle. The Verizon truck was pushed forward approximately 36' on the southbound shoulder while the Montero continued southbound an additional 23' and came to a stop.

Heath Janssen was pronounced dead at the scene.

Zachary Krytzer, who was properly restrained, was removed from the scene by EMS and transported to Bayhealth Kent General where he is currently admitted with non-life-threatening injuries.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident and charges are forthcoming. It should be noted that prior to the crash, the Montero was reported by witnesses to have been weaving between both southbound lanes of SR1. SR1 southbound was closed at Clapham Road for three and a half hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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