Joint Investigation Leads to the Arrest of a Smyrna Man Following a String of Burglaries

Thomas Norris

Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

New Castle, DE – Delaware State Police and the Smyrna Police Department have arrested a Smyrna, DE man following a string of burglaries and attempted burglaries he had committed since this past April.

On Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at approximately 7:30 a.m., State Troopers, with the assistance of officers from the Smyrna Police Department, apprehended Thomas Norris, 54, as he was exiting the Delasoft business, located at 92 Reads Way, New Castle, which he had just burglarized. Norris, who was in possession of a stolen laptop computer when he was apprehended, is suspected in the burglary or attempted burglary of nine businesses located throughout New Castle County and northern Kent County in both State Police and Smyrna Police jurisdictions. In each case, Norris would enter an unsecured office building and then force his way into separate businesses inside. He would then remove electronic items from the businesses before fleeing. State Police Burglary Unit detectives and the Smyrna Police Department began a joint investigation after noticing a trend in the style of burglaries, which began in April of 2016 in both

State Police and Smyrna Police Department jurisdictions.

Through the course of the investigation, which included the review of video surveillance footage, investigators were able to identify Thomas Norris as the suspect. Norris was arrested and transported to Troop 2, Glasgow, where he was charged with 6 counts of Burglary 3rd Degree, 2 counts of Attempted Burglary 3rd degree, Possession of Burglary Tools, 4 counts of Theft over $1500.00, Criminal Mischief, and Theft under $1500.00. He was arraigned at JP Court 2 and committed to the Howard Young Correctional Institution for lack of $29,500 secured bail.

Detectives linked Norris to the following burglaries:

1. Gary Spritz, Esq., 3511 Silverside Road, Wilmington, Wednesday, April 20, 2016.
2. Dover Downs, 3411 Silverside Road, Wilmington, Wednesday, April 20, 2016.
3. Dr. Azarcon and Associates, 3411 Silverside Road, Wilmington, Thursday, April 21, 2016.
4. Psychiatry Delaware, 1415 Foulk Road, Wilmington, Tuesday, April 26, 2016.
5. Air Gas, 1521 Concord Pike, Wilmington, Wednesday, April 27, 2016.
6. Fedele Office Building, 3101 Limestone Road, Wilmington, Friday, May 6, 2016.
7. Spinal Health and Wellness, 3105 Limestone Road, Wilmington, Monday, May 9, 2016.
8. Delasoft, 92 Reads Way, New Castle, Wednesday, June 8, 2016.

*Please contact the Smyrna Police Department for information regarding their charges.

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Troopers Investigate Robbery of New Castle Pharmacy

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New Castle, DE- Delaware State Police are currently investigating the armed robbery of a New Castle area pharmacy that occurred early yesterday afternoon.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident occurred on Wednesday, June 9, 2016 at approximately 1:13 p.m., as a male suspect entered the Rite Aid pharmacy, located at 501 E. Basin Road, New Castle. The suspect displayed a knife, confronted a female employee, and demanded money from the cash registers. The employee complied with the suspect's demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of money to him. He then exited the business and was last seen fleeing toward the William Penn Village Apartments. The clerk was not injured.

The suspect was described as a white male. He was 5'03"-5'06"

tall, weighed 130-145 lbs., and was last seen wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, dark colored sweat pants, dark boots, and had a bandanna covering part of his face.

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.tipsubmit.com, or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword “DSP.”

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Troopers Investigate Royal Farms Robbery

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Wilmington, DE- Delaware State Police are currently investigating the robbery of a Wilmington area Royal Farms store which occurred early yesterday morning.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident occurred at approximately 5:08 a.m. yesterday, Tuesday, June 7, 2016, as a male suspect entered the Royal Farms located at 3701 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington. The suspect then approached the sales counter and requested several cartons of cigarettes from the female clerk. The clerk complied with the suspect's request. It was at this time that the suspect implied that he was armed and grabbed the cigarettes from the clerk which had been placed in a bag. The clerk briefly resisted by holding on to the bag, however, the suspect was able to obtain the cigarettes before exiting the store. He then fled in an unknown direction. The clerk was not injured.

The suspect was described as a black male. He was 35-45 years of age, 5'11"-6'01" tall, and was last seen wearing a white t-shirt, black shorts, black sneakers, and glasses. 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 at 302-365-8655. 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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Milford Man Charged with 5th Offense DUI

Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Gary E. Fournier

Milford, DE- The Delaware State Police arrested a Milford man for his 5th offense DUI after he was found passed out behind the wheel of his car.

The incident occurred around 8:40 p.m. Tuesday June 7, 2016, after a concerned citizen contacted the Sussex County Emergency Operations Center (9-1-1) to report a subject unconscious behind the wheel of a brown Ford Taurus stopped in the area of the 7000 block of North Union Church Road. Just prior to that, a caller advised the Ford Taurus was traveling southbound all over the road. Upon the arrival of troopers and EMS, **Jeffrey A. Bradley**, 29 of Milford, was located in the driver's seat passed out and was revived by EMS performing a sternum rub. He immediately became disorderly with the emergency responders on the scene and was taken into custody without further incident and transported to Bayhealth Milford Memorial Hospital where he was evaluated by hospital staff. While in the emergency room, Bradley once again became combative with the staff and attempted to flee the hospital, but was unsuccessful and was once again placed in custody by a trooper.

Jeffrey Bradley was eventually released and transported to Troop 5 in Bridgeville where a computer check revealed he had four previous DUI convictions (06/30/06, 05/01/07, 04/21/08, and 04/21/10) this arrest would make number five. He was charged with 5th Offense Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Resisting Arrest, Failure to Have Insurance in Possession, and Failure to Have Registration in Possession.

He was arraigned a JP3 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on $7,500.00 cash bond.

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DelDot Traffic Information

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The Delaware State Police would like to share this information on road closures and expected traffic delays provided by the Delaware Department of Transportation.

A message from DELDOT Press Release – June 7, 2016 Oversized Loads To Travel Kent and New Castle Roads Dover – The Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) announces their contractor, Mumford & Miller Concrete Inc. will be receiving multiple shipments of pre-cast beams starting tomorrow, June 8, to erect a new bridge over Puncheon Run Creek and Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks for the West Dover Connector Project. Shipment of the beams from Pottsville, PA to Dover will take place over multiple days and require the temporary daytime closures of the northbound and southbound lanes of the Roth Bridge on Delaware Route 1 in the form of rolling roadblocks. These closures are a permit requirement by the US Army Corps of Engineers and will occur for short periods of time during non-rush hour traffic from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. beginning on Wednesday, June 8; Monday, June 13; Tuesday, June 14; Monday, June 20 through Thursday, June 23; Monday, June 27 through Thursday, June 30; Tuesday, July 5; and Wednesday, July 6. Other portions of the route – the I-495 bridges over the Christina River and Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks – will require speed reductions to 15 mph in one southbound lane. Traffic delays are expected. The following roadways will experience temporary road closures or delays: -I-495 southbound to I-95 southbound – including 15 mph speed limits on the Christina River Bridge and the bridge over the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks -SR 1 southbound to Dover -Roth Bridge northbound and southbound will be completely closed with rolling road blocks -Exit 104/Scarborough Road -Delaware Route 15 southbound to Wyoming Mill Road Delaware State Police

and DelDOT personnel will accompany the oversized loads with temporary road blocks and provide intersection control along the routes. The shipments will typically include the use of two tractor-trailers. The maximum load length will be 190 feet and the heaviest load will be 234,500 pounds. The beams are being shipped from Northeast Prestressed Products, LLC in Pottsville, Pennsylvania to Dover. DelDOT and the US Army Corps of Engineers have previously approved the movement of similar loads through the state, including over the Roth Bridge. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for the Roth Bridge. The state of Pennsylvania does not allow superloads to occur at night and temporary storage of the beams on the roadside until night hours in Delaware is not safe. The load is not weather dependent and no loads will be permitted on Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays and during the Firefly Festival on June 15 through June 19. View full press release at: http://deldot.gov/home/newsroom/release.shtml?id=6083

Troopers Seek Public's Help Identifying Subject

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Cheswold – The Delaware State Police is asking the public's assistance in attempting to identify a male subject that inappropriately touched two females.

The incident took place around 3:30 a.m. on Thursday June 2, 2016 as a 54-year-old female had just checked out at a register at the Walmart located at 36 Jerome Drive. A male subject began following the female out of the store and began

a conversation with her. At one point, as the female is facing away from the male, he reached into his pants and pulled out his penis, pressing up against her and startling her. The male then flees the area in a tan/gold colored SUV with possible Delaware registration. Further investigation revealed that the same subject had placed his hand on the back of a 31-year-old female as she was checking out approximately 20 minutes earlier. The female was offended by his actions and informed the subject to keep his hands to himself before the two went their separate ways.

The suspect depicted in the surveillance images is described as a white male between the ages of 30-40 years old, standing approximately 5’05″-5’11” tall, wearing a black and white head cover, blue/green shirt, dark pants, and sneakers. He may be operating a tan/gold colored SUV with possible Delaware registration.

If anyone has any information on this incident or the suspect, they are asked to contact Sergeant J. Lloyd at 302-698-8434. 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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Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash

Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Gary Fournier

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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Traffic Advisory Troopers Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash

Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Little Heaven- The Delaware State Police are currently on the scene of a fatal motor vehicle crash on Bay Road (SR1) southbound, just south of Clapham Road that occurred around 1:55 p.m. this afternoon.

Preliminary investigation indicates the crash involved an SUV and a van and one person has died at the scene. The State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is currently on scene and will assume the investigation.

SR1 southbound south of Clapham Road is closed at this time. Commuters are advised to seek alternate routes of travel.

Further details will be released upon the conclusion of the investigation.

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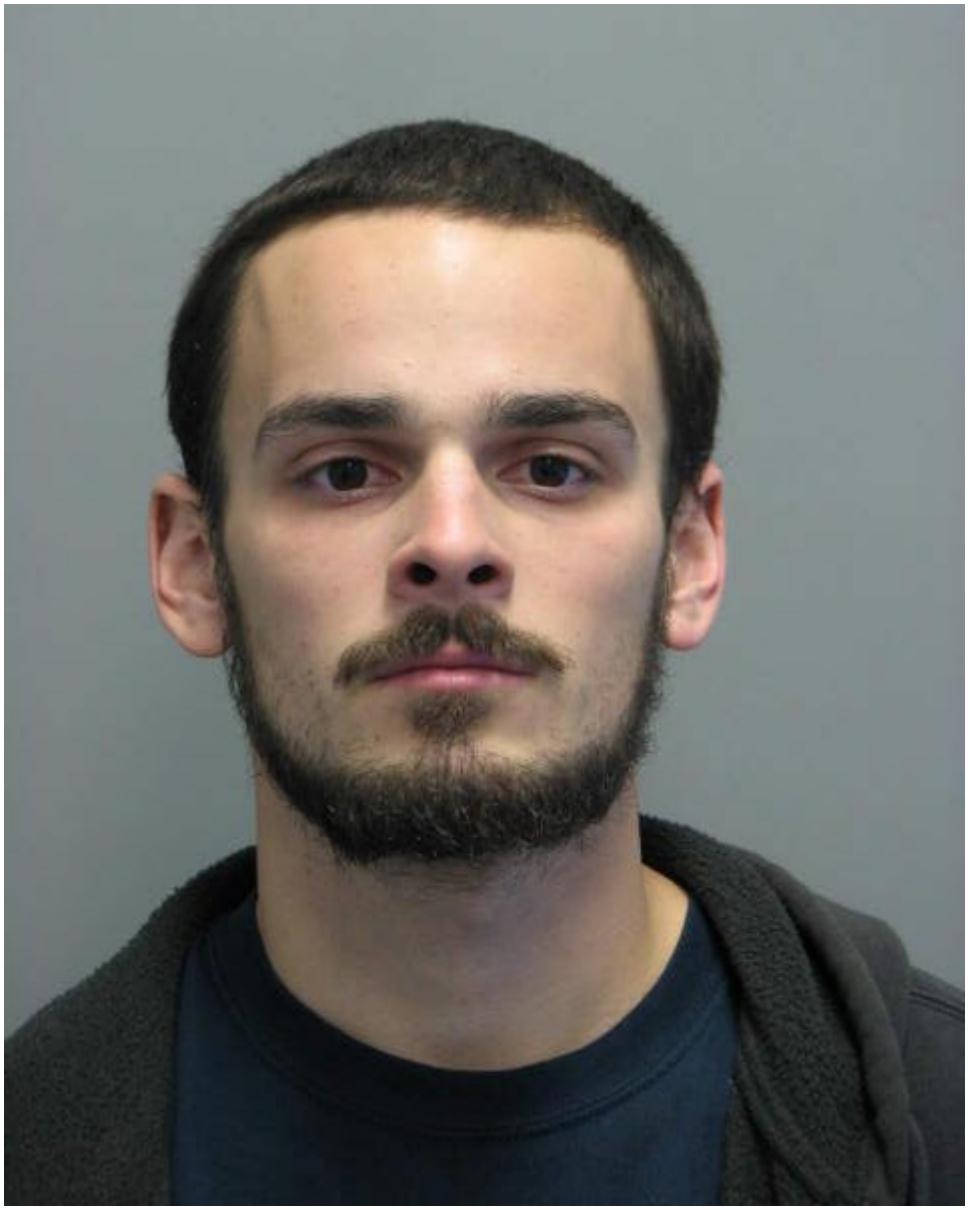
Troopers Arrest Man Following String of Robberies



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Wilmington, DE- Delaware State Police Robbery Unit Detectives have arrested a Wilmington man following a string of robberies he had committed since late last month.

On Monday, June 6, 2016, detectives arrested Joseph A. Rosado, 21, of Wilmington, and charged him in connection with five armed robberies which he had committed in New Castle County beginning on May 20, 2016. At approximately 1:50 p.m. yesterday, Rosado entered the Artisan's bank branch located at 4901 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington. He then approached two female tellers, displayed a handgun, and demanded money from their cash drawers. Both tellers complied with Rosado's demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of money to him. He then exited the bank where he fled to a waiting car, however, Rosado had locked himself out of the car, and was unable to gain entry. He then fled on foot and was apprehended a short time later after being involved in a foot pursuit with an officer of the New Castle County Police Department in the development of Limestone Acres. Evidence was located on Rosado linking him to the robbery of the bank.

Joseph Rosado was arrested transported to Troop 2 where he was charged with 6 counts of Robbery 1st Degree, 6 counts of Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, 6 counts of Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony, and Criminal Mischief. He was arraigned at JP Court 11 and then committed to the Howard Young Correctional Institution for lack of $501,100.00 secured bail.

Detectives also linked Rosado to the following armed robberies:

1. BP, 601 N. DuPont Highway, New Castle, on Friday, May 20, 2016.
2. Cigarette Outlet, 757 Pulaski Highway, Bear, on Saturday, May 21, 2016 and Tuesday, May 25, 2016.
3. Shell, 2501 Newport Gap Pike, Wilmington, Thursday, May 26, 2016.

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Troopers Investigate Dollar Tree Robbery

Claymont, DE- Delaware State Police are investigating the armed robbery of a Claymont area Dollar Tree store that occurred last night.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident occurred on Sunday, June 5, 2016, at approximately 9:06 p.m., as two suspects entered the Dollar Tree store, located at 2099 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont. The suspects, who were both armed with unknown make and model handguns, then confronted two female employees of the store and demanded money from the cash registers and the store safe. The employees complied with the suspect's demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of money to them. They then fled from the store in an unknown direction. There were no injuries.

The first suspect was described as a white female. She was 5'05" tall, had a heavy build, and was last seen wearing a black shirt, black pants, black sneakers, and had a scarf covering her face and head. There is no further physical or clothing description available.

The second suspect was described as a black male. He was 5'08" tall, had a heavy build, and was last seen wearing a black hat, grey hooded sweatshirt, and black sweatpants. There is no further clothing or physical description available.

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 302-365-8655. 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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