

# Delaware State Police Announce the Retirement of Colonel Melissa A. Zebley

After more than 32 years of dedicated and faithful service, Colonel Melissa A. Zebley will officially retire on November 1, 2024. Throughout her distinguished career, her commitment to the citizens and visitors of Delaware, coupled with her exceptional leadership, has significantly shaped and enriched the agency.

Her calling to public service began as a participant in the State Police Explorer Program, an experience that inspired her lifelong devotion to law enforcement. Col. Zebley joined the DSP on July 16, 1992, completing the 61st Delaware State Police Academy Recruit Class. Following graduation, she began her career as a trooper at Troop 6.

Col. Zebley's early years showcased her determination and versatility. In September 1997, she served as a drill instructor officer at the DSP Training Academy, where she shaped the future of law enforcement by mentoring recruits from numerous law enforcement agencies. This role set the stage for her to build the foundation of safety and integrity that has defined her career. Promoted to Sergeant in 2002, she served as a shift commander at Troop 1 and became a member of the Critical Incident Stress Management Team, supporting the wellbeing of her colleagues.

Her professional journey was characterized by her passion for personal and organizational growth. She earned a Master of Science from Wilmington University in 2003, and in 2005, she took on the responsibility of Public Information Officer, eventually becoming the unit's Director. After being promoted to Lieutenant in December 2006, she was assigned to

Headquarters as staff support. During that time, she graduated from the prestigious 235th Session of the FBI National Academy, raising the bar for professional standards.

Col. Zebley continued to excel through multiple leadership roles, demonstrating her remarkable ability to adapt and lead in different areas of the agency. In August 2009, she was promoted to Captain and assigned to Troop 1. While serving as Troop 1's Commander, she was selected as Officer in Charge of the DSP Honor Guard. Her promotion to Major in 2010 brought new challenges, where she oversaw the DSP budget, training academy, and human resources.

In 2012, she was appointed New Castle County Operations Major, where she led critical sections of the DSP, such as the statewide Traffic Section, Criminal Investigations, and Patrol, ensuring the efficiency and effectiveness of county operations. By August 2019, she had ascended to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, overseeing Internal Affairs, Information Technology, and the Office of Strategic Development. In July 2020, she made history as the agency's 26th Superintendent—the first woman to hold the position in DSP's 101-year history.

Col. Zebley's tenure as Superintendent has been marked by innovation and progress. She co-led the Delaware State Police Leadership Development Program, one of the state's premier leadership initiatives, which has benefited over 600 participants to date. Under her leadership, the DSP's first Highway Safety Unit was established, a major step in enhancing safety on Delaware's roads through strategic enforcement and public education.

Her dedication to public safety and advocacy for traffic safety were recognized when she received the AAMVA Lifetime Achievement in Roadway Safety in Law Enforcement Award. Additionally, she was inducted into the 2024 Delaware Women's Hall of Fame for her broader contributions to Delaware's communities.

Prioritizing the well-being of the DSP family, she was instrumental in the creation of the agency's first-ever Wellness Unit, which includes a confidential peer support team. She also introduced a wellness app to support the mental health and overall well-being of DSP employees, their families, and retirees. Her deep understanding of the challenges faced by law enforcement officers drove these groundbreaking initiatives.

During her tenure as Superintendent in the Centennial year, Col. Zebley honored the legacy of those who served throughout the agency's rich history. She paid tribute to the generations of public servants who built and expanded the DSP's legacy, ensuring it continues to thrive and inspire those who follow.

Under her leadership, the DSP brand underwent a significant transformation, including modernizing the agency's public image, as showcased during the 100th anniversary celebration. DSP's social media platforms were also expanded to be more engaging under Col. Zebley's leadership, thereby strengthening the connection with the communities served by the Delaware State Police.

**Governor John Carney** highlighted her impact, stating, *"Throughout her more than 32-year career with the Delaware State Police, Col. Zebley has made a profound impact on our state. She's a trailblazer who worked to not only protect our residents, but also her fellow officers—always striving to make the Delaware State Police stronger while supporting officer well-being. I want to thank her for taking on the challenge four years ago of leading our largest police agency and serving this state with distinction. I wish her all the best in retirement."*

**Secretary of Safety and Homeland Security Nathaniel McQueen Jr.** echoed these sentiments, adding, *"Colonel Zebley has excelled at every rank and exemplifies what it means to be a Delaware State Trooper. Her countless impactful contributions*

*and accomplishments are sure to leave an indelible mark on the enduring history of the Delaware State Police. She leaves a legacy illustrated by her commitment to leadership, her strength of character, and her empathy and compassion for others. It has been a privilege to serve with Colonel Zebley throughout her career, and I wish her and her family all the best as she enters the next chapter of her life."*

Additionally, she led the celebration of Camp Barnes' 75th anniversary, recognizing its long-standing role in shaping young lives and fostering leadership, friendship, and confidence for generations of Delaware's youth.

Colonel Melissa Zebley's retirement is not only the conclusion of a career defined by extraordinary achievement but also the closing of a chapter for an agency profoundly impacted by her leadership. The Delaware State Police will greatly miss her wisdom, compassion, and unwavering dedication, and we wish her the best in her well-deserved retirement.

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## **\*Update – Victim Identified\*** **State Police Investigating** **Fatal Two-Vehicle Crash in** **Newark**

Delaware State Police have identified 82-year-old **Frank Wolf** of Newark, Delaware, as the man who died in the [two-vehicle fatal crash](#) on October 17, 2024, in Newark.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction

Unit continues to investigate this incident. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this crash or might have more information to contact Master Corporal R. Kunicki by calling (302) 660-4267. 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 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.

## COURTNEY , JOHN A



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### Registration Information (Homeless)

<b>Risk Level:</b>	Tier 2 (Moderate Risk)
<b>Verified On:</b>	August 15, 2024
<b>Registered Since:</b>	January 18, 2014
<b>In Prison:</b>	No
<b>Convicted Out of State:</b>	No
<b>Repeat Offender:</b>	No

### Police Agency of Jurisdiction

<b>Police Agency:</b>	DSP HEADQUARTER
<b>Address:</b>	PO BOX 430 Dover , DE 19903
<b>Phone:</b>	3026592341

## DAILEY , DONALD L



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### Registration Information

<b>Risk Level:</b>	Tier 3 (High Risk)
<b>Verified On:</b>	June 10, 2024
<b>Registered Since:</b>	August 21, 2009
<b>In Prison:</b>	No
<b>Convicted Out of State:</b>	No
<b>Repeat Offender:</b>	No

### Police Agency of Jurisdiction

<b>Police Agency:</b>	TROOP 4 STATE POLICE
<b>Address:</b>	23652 SHORTLY ROAD GEORGETOWN , DE 19947
<b>Phone:</b>	3028565850

## HOLMES II, DAVID D



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### Registration Information

<b>Risk Level:</b>	Tier 2 (Moderate Risk)
<b>Verified On:</b>	December 22, 2023
<b>Registered Since:</b>	June 2, 2010
<b>In Prison:</b>	No
<b>Convicted Out of State:</b>	No
<b>Repeat Offender:</b>	No

### Police Agency of Jurisdiction

<b>Police Agency:</b>	TROOP 4 STATE POLICE
<b>Address:</b>	23652 SHORTLY ROAD GEORGETOWN , DE 19947
<b>Phone:</b>	3028565850

JOHNSON , ERIC J



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#### Registration Information

Risk Level:	Tier 2 (Moderate Risk)
Verified On:	December 28, 2023
Registered Since:	December 5, 2001
In Prison:	No
Convicted Out of State:	No
Repeat Offender:	No

#### Police Agency of Jurisdiction

Police Agency:	TROOP 4 STATE POLICE
Address:	23652 SHORTLY ROAD GEORGETOWN , DE 19947
Phone:	3028565850

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# Homeless Sex Offender Notification

The following individuals are **not wanted**. This is a Homeless [Sex Offender](#) Public Notification. If you have information that the listed individuals are occupying a residence, please call 302-672-5306. Information may also be provided by contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

## BURGOS , LUIS X



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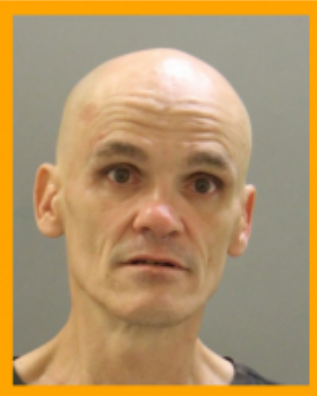
### Registration Information (Homeless)

<b>Risk Level:</b>	Tier 3 (High Risk)
<b>Verified On:</b>	October 17, 2024
<b>Registered Since:</b>	November 12, 2010
<b>In Prison:</b>	No
<b>Convicted Out of State:</b>	No
<b>Repeat Offender:</b>	No

### Police Agency of Jurisdiction

<b>Police Agency:</b>	DSP HEADQUARTERS
<b>Address:</b>	PO BOX 430 Dover , DE 19903
<b>Phone:</b>	3026592341

## MONTGOMERY , RAYMOND



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### Registration Information (Homeless)

<b>Risk Level:</b>	Tier 2 (Moderate Risk)
<b>Verified On:</b>	October 14, 2024
<b>Registered Since:</b>	April 29, 1997
<b>In Prison:</b>	No
<b>Convicted Out of State:</b>	No
<b>Repeat Offender:</b>	No

### Police Agency of Jurisdiction

<b>Police Agency:</b>	DSP HEADQUARTERS
<b>Address:</b>	PO BOX 430 Dover , DE 19903
<b>Phone:</b>	3026592341

## PUPILLO , ANTHONY



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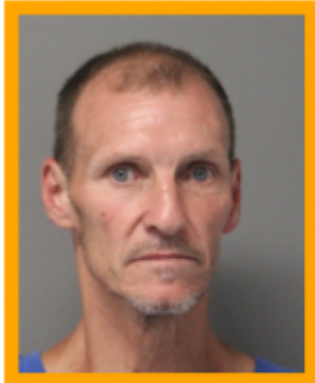
### Registration Information (Homeless)

<b>Risk Level:</b>	Tier 2 (Moderate Risk)
<b>Verified On:</b>	October 15, 2024
<b>Registered Since:</b>	April 7, 2000
<b>In Prison:</b>	No
<b>Convicted Out of State:</b>	No
<b>Repeat Offender:</b>	No

### Police Agency of Jurisdiction

<b>Police Agency:</b>	DSP HEADQUARTERS
<b>Address:</b>	PO BOX 430 Dover , DE 19903
<b>Phone:</b>	3026592341

WALLER , CHRISTOPHER



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#### Registration Information (Homeless)

Risk Level:	Tier 2 (Moderate Risk)
Verified On:	June 24, 2024
Registered Since:	December 2, 1996
In Prison:	Yes
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

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# State Police Investigating Fatal Two-Vehicle Crash in Newark

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal two-vehicle crash that occurred in Newark last night that left one man dead.

On October 17, 2024, at approximately 7:11 p.m., a Toyota Avalon was traveling southbound, in the left turn lane, on Paper Mill Road approaching the intersection of Polly Drummond Hill Road. At the same time, a Nissan Rogue was traveling northbound on Paper Mill Road approaching Polly Drummond Hill Road. For reasons still under investigation, while the Toyota began making a left turn for Polly Drummond Hill Road, the Nissan also entered the intersection. As a result, the front of the Nissan struck the front of the Toyota. After the collision, the Nissan struck a curb causing it to overturn and hit a traffic signal pole.

The driver of the Toyota, an 82-year-old man from Newark, Delaware, was taken to an area hospital where he died. His name is being withheld until his family is notified.

The driver of the Nissan, a 25-year-old woman from Newark, Delaware, and a 3-year-old child were taken to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The roadway was closed for approximately six hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.



The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this incident. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this crash or might have more information to contact Master Corporal R. Kunicki by calling (302) 660-4267. 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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# **\*Attempt to Identify\* Delaware State Police Detectives Investigating a Homicide in Laurel**

The Delaware State Police Homicide Unit is asking for the public's help in identifying suspects in a [homicide](#) that occurred in Laurel last year.

On October 29, 2023, at approximately 2:47 p.m., Laurel Police Department and Delaware State Troopers responded to a reported shooting on the 500 block of West 7th Street in the town limits of Laurel. When officers arrived, they located [18-year-old Kylee Robinson](#) suffering from multiple gunshot wounds on the porch of a residence. He was transported to an area hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Two additional victims, a 15-year-old male and a 13-year-old male, were located on the porch, suffering from gunshot wounds to the lower extremities and taken to an area hospital for non-life-threatening injuries.

Due to the nature of the investigation, the Laurel Police Department requested that the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit assume the investigation. The investigation revealed two unknown black male suspects approached the victims on foot and started shooting. After numerous rounds were fired, the suspects fled on foot in a western direction.



The Homicide Unit continues to investigate this incident. Detectives are asking anyone with information about the identity of the suspects to contact Detective M. Csapo by calling 302-741-2729. 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 – Victim Identified\***

## **State Police Investigating Single-Vehicle Fatal Collision in Greenwood**

Delaware State Police have identified 28-year-old **Joshua Reynoso-Velasquez** of Seaford, Delaware, as the man who died in the [single-vehicle fatal crash](#) on October 16, 2024, in Greenwood.

The Delaware State Police Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this incident. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this crash to contact Master Corporal R. Albert by calling (302) 703-3266. 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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# Troopers Investigating Robbery in Newark

The Delaware State Police are investigating a robbery that occurred at a Walgreen's in Newark.

On October 15, 2024, at approximately 9:20 a.m., troopers responded to Walgreen's, located at 4114 Ogletown-Stanton Road in Newark, for a late report of a robbery. The preliminary investigation revealed that on October 9, 2024, at approximately 3:32 p.m., an unknown white male suspect entered the business, broke the glass on a display case, and removed merchandise. When an employee attempted to contact the suspect as he was fleeing the store, he threatened to shoot the employee. No weapon was displayed, and no one was hurt.

The suspect is described as an unknown white male, last seen wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt, a black knit hat, gray sweatpants, and black and white sneakers.

The Delaware State Police Troop 6 continues to investigate this incident. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this incident or has relevant information to contact Senior Corporal A. Wingate at (302) 633-5000. 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 – Victim Identified\*** **State Police Investigating** **Fatal Pedestrian Hit and Run** **Crash in Newark**

Delaware State Police have identified 37-year-old **Terry Milbourne** of Newark, Delaware, as the man who died in a [fatal pedestrian hit-and-run crash](#) on October 11, 2024, in Newark.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this incident. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this crash or might have more information to contact Master Corporal R. Kunicki by calling (302) 365-8488. 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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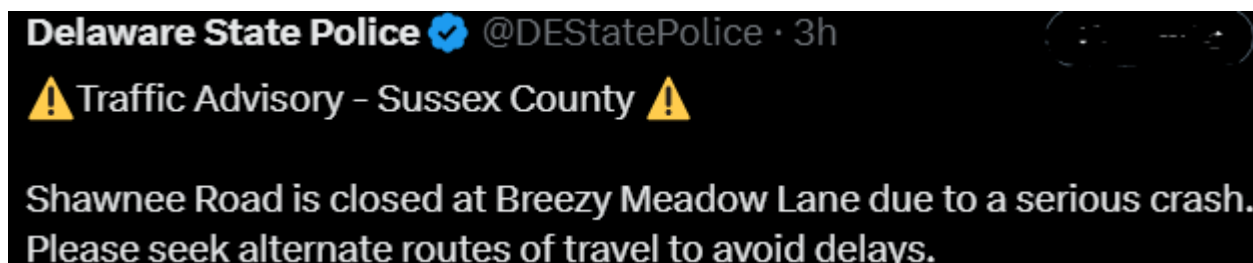
# State Police Investigating Single-Vehicle Fatal Collision in Greenwood

Delaware State Police are investigating a single-vehicle fatal crash that occurred early this morning in Greenwood.

On October 16, 2024, at approximately 4:51 a.m., a Kia Sorento was travelling eastbound on Shawnee Road west of Memory Road. The preliminary investigation revealed that the Kia failed to negotiate a curve, left the north side of the road, striking a telephone box and a gas line. The Kia re-entered Shawnee Road then left the south side of the road and struck a tree.

The driver, a 28-year-old man from Seaford, Delaware, was not properly restrained and was pronounced dead at the scene. His name is being withheld until his family is notified.

Shawnee Road was closed for approximately three hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.



The Delaware State Police Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this incident. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this crash to contact Master

Corporal R. Albert by calling (302) 703-3266. 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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