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### **State Police Investigate Parking Lot Robbery at Delaware Park**

**Released Saturday, September 06, 2008**

**Stanton** – The Delaware State Police are investigating an armed robbery that occurred last evening at approximately 10:10 pm in the parking lot of Delaware Park.

Investigators learned a 51 year old female from Lititz, PA was robbed while getting into her vehicle in the Kirkwood Parking Lot. The victim walked from the casino, through the tunnel and into the Kirkwood Parking Lot at Delaware Park. She entered her vehicle when a white male wearing a long sleeve flannel shirt, thin build, goatee, sideburns - possibly in his twenties - came up behind her vehicle on the drivers side.

The suspect was armed with a knife and put the knife near the victim's face while the drivers side door was still open. He yelled several times " you don't want to die give me your money." The victim handed him her purse containing over a large sum of cash and credit cards. The suspect then fled on foot in the same direction that he arrived running away from the casino. The victim was not injured.

Video surveillance is not available. Anyone with information on this crime is urged to call investigators at Troop #2 at 834.2620 ext 4. Tips may also be forwarded to law enforcement through tip lines maintained by Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-333 3 or on line at [www.tipsubmit.com](http://www.tipsubmit.com).

### **Troopers Probe Robbery with Shots Fired**

**Released Saturday, September 06, 2008**

**Bear** – The Delaware State Police are investigating a robbery after two restaurant employees were robbed after closing a business.

Last evening at approximately 9:10 pm, troopers responded to El Paso Tienda Mexicana, located at 1426 Pulaski Hwy reference to a robbery investigation. Investigators learned a 21 year old male and 21 year old female were closing the business for the evening. While they were exiting out the rear door of the business the victims were approached by two unknown suspects with handguns.

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One of the suspects, armed with a handgun, grabbed the female victim and stole her purse and the business drop bag containing a large sum of cash. The second suspect, also armed with a gun, grabbed the male's belongings and ransacked through them.

The suspects then fled westbound on foot through the rear parking lot and entered a vehicle. The male victim attempted to chase the suspects. Once in the front parking lot, while the male victim was chasing the suspects, one of the suspects fired three shots in his direction. The victim's were not injured.

The vehicle then fled eastbound on US 40. The first suspect is described as a Hispanic male, 5'6", heavy build,

approximately 24-27 years of age. The second suspect is described as white male, 6'00", thin build, approximately 22 years of age. Both suspects were wearing black long sleeve shirts, blue jeans and black bandannas over their faces. The vehicle was described as a Blue Chevy (Geo) Tracker, 2 door, black soft top and unknown registration.

A search of the area by troopers revealed three spent shell casings. Anyone with information on this crime is urged to call investigators at Troop 2 at 834.2620 ext. 4. Tips may also be forwarded to law enforcement through tip lines maintained by Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-333 3 [or on line at www.tipsubmit.com.](http://www.tipsubmit.com)

## **State Police Search for Rape Suspect**

**Released Sunday, September 07, 2008**

**Seaford** – The Delaware State Police are searching for a 25 year old Seaford man who is wanted in connection to a rape that occurred Friday evening at a residence in the 10000 block of Sourwood Drive, Seaford.

Investigators were notified Saturday morning of the incident after a 20 year old Seaford woman reported she was sexually assaulted by Carlton I. Hughes Jr., 25 of Seaford. Detectives learned the victim, Mr. Hughes and their three year old child were at Hughes' residence late Friday evening when a verbal argument ensued

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between the victim and Hughes. The two have been in a previous romantic relationship.

Police learned the victim had driven Hughes to his residence and upon arriving he removed the child from the vehicle and took the car keys from the victim preventing her from leaving. The victim stated she refused to exit the vehicle and attempted to lock the vehicle doors; however, suspect Carlton Hughes was able to unlock the vehicle door with the keys and he forced her from the vehicle and inside the residence where she was physically assaulted in the presence of their son.

Hughes then forced her into the bedroom where he sexually assaulted her. During the sexual assault, the victim attempted to resist his efforts

when he struck her head on a wall. The victim was able to leave the residence and get away with the child after the assault. She was later treated and released from Nanticoke Memorial Hospital for injuries sustained in the assault.

Arrest warrants are on file for Rape 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, Unlawful Imprisonment 1<sup>st</sup> degree, Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> degree and Endangering the Welfare of a Child. Police are currently searching for Carlton I. Hughes Jr. and are asking anyone with information on his whereabouts to contact investigators at Troop 4 at 302.856.5150. Tips may also be forwarded to law enforcement through tip lines maintained by Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or on line at [www.tipsubmit.com](http://www.tipsubmit.com).

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## **Dover Man Dies in Fatal Crash**

**Released Sunday, September 07, 2008**

**Clayton** – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit are investigating a fatal crash that claimed the life of a 29-year-old man Dover man.

Troopers responded to the two vehicle crash on Sudlersville Rd west of Downes Chapel Rd last night at approximately 10:06 pm. Investigators learned a 2002 Dodge Caravan, operated by Vaughn L. Harris, 29 of Dover, was westbound on Sudlersville Road traveling behind a 1996 Buick Roadmaster, operated by Terrance D. Brooks, 29 of Centerville, MD .

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For an unknown reason, the Caravan ran into the rear bumper of the Roadmaster with its front bumper causing the crash. As a result, the Caravan traveled off the north edge of the road striking a utility pole and eventually overturning several times in a field landing on its roof.

Mr. Harris was pronounced dead at the scene. Mr. Brooks was taken to Kent General Hospital for minor injuries and released. Both subjects were wearing seatbelts and alcohol use is currently unknown. The roadway was shut down for approximately 4 hours and has since been reopened.

The crash remains under investigation.

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### **Suspects Burglarize area Eatery**

**Released- Monday, September 08, 2008**

**Milltown-** The Delaware State Police Burglary Squad is investigating an incident that occurred at the Pats Pizza, 5603 Kirkwood Highway.

On Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 5:00 a.m., a male suspect rode a bicycle up to the rear of the pizzeria. The suspect forcefully opened the rear shed doors revealing the contents. He then spent the next several minutes removing items from within (paper products and other restaurant items). He staged these goods along the side of the shed and then walked to an adjacent business-Country Maid.

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The suspect entered the Country Maid and spoke to the clerk. Apparently, the doors to the Country Maid was open at this time because a clerk was there receiving an order from a delivery person. The suspect made small talk with the clerk, and at the same time, stood in plain view of the store's surveillance cameras. After a few minutes, the suspect left the store.

At approximately 6:20 a.m., a Ford F150 pulled up to the store and a second male suspect got out and loaded up the items from the shed. The Ford pulled away and the suspect on the bike rode off into the sunrise.

Investigators are hoping someone may recognize the suspect. A



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photograph is attached to this release.

Anyone who may recognize this suspect is asked to call investigators at 302-834-2630 ext. 211.

Tips may also be forwarded to law enforcement through tip lines maintained by Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-333 3 [or on line at www.tipsubmit.com](http://www.tipsubmit.com).

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**Victim Stabbed Outside Bar in Newark**

**Released- Monday, September 08, 2008**

**Ogletown-** On Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 12:30 a.m., a 22-year-old male subject was inside the Tailgates Bar, located at 4126 Stanton Ogletown Road. This subject

struck a conversation with a female whom he did not know. After several minutes of conversation, the male and the female walked outside. Once out in front of the business, without provocation, the male and female were accosted by a group of people.

The male was beaten and stabbed in his back several times with an unknown object. The female was also hit repeatedly. After the assault, the male (victim) got back to his feet. The suspects were gone as was the female he was talking to. The victim could not find his car keys, so he walked to a family member's home who lived nearby.

Once at this location, a family member noticed blood on the victim's back and called for medical and police services. The victim was

transported to Christiana Hospital where it was determined the victim was stabbed by an unknown object at least seven times.

Very little is known about this case, including the motive. The victim did not know the female he was speaking to in the bar well enough to give officers her name.

The suspects were only known to be several white males and females in their mid to late 20's.

Tips may be forwarded to law enforcement through tip lines maintained by Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-333 3 [or on line at www.tipsubmit.com](http://www.tipsubmit.com).

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**Del Tech Re-Opens After Temporary Evacuation**

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### **Released- Monday, September 08, 2008**

**Stanton-** On today's date, at approximately 7:30 a.m., a Delaware Tech Security Guard was on patrol of the school grounds when he was conducting routine sweeps with his K-9 partner. The K-9, which is trained in the area of explosives, alerted on a vehicle in the parking. A State Police K-9 was then called to the scene and this dog also alerted on the vehicle.

As a precautionary measure, at approximately 8:00 a.m., school officials elected to evacuate the college so the State Police Explosive Ordinance Disposal Unit could investigate. The vehicle in question, a van which belonged to a Wilmington

radio station, was thoroughly checked... as was the surrounding area and no explosives or hazardous materials were located.

It could not definitively be determined as to why the K-9's alerted on the van and these alerts could be attributed to any number of reasons.

After rendering the school safe, at approximately 10:00 a.m., the students were allowed back in and classes resumed.

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### **State Police Investigate Serious Crash**

### **Released Saturday, September 06, 2008**

**Delaware City –** The Delaware State Police are investigating a serious crash that has left a 21 year old female in serious condition at Christiana Hospital. Troopers responded to the crash today at 5:40 pm on Wrangle Hill Rd east of US 13 after it was reported a vehicle struck a tree.

Investigators learned a 2004 Honda Accord, operated by a 21 year old female from Delaware City, was travelling westbound on Wrangle Hill Rd when, for an unknown reason, it exited the east edge of the road and struck a tree. The driver sustained serious injuries and was taken by ambulance to Christiana Hospital where she has been admitted. A four year old boy who was seated in the rear of the car was also taken to Christiana Hospital for an evaluation.

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Preliminary investigation suggests that the vehicle may have hydroplaned on the roadway causing the crash. However, investigators are continuing the investigation to determine the exact cause. Seatbelt use and alcohol use are currently unknown. The roadway is currently closed as troopers examine the crash scene. It should be reopened within an hour.

The names of the persons involved are being withheld pending notification of family. When additional information is known it will be provided.

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### **Police Seek Assistance in Locating Runaway**

### **Released Monday, September 8, 2008**

**Dover** – The Delaware State Police is asking for assistance in locating a 17-year-old Dover girl who ran away from her Wycomb Drive home in Dover. Investigators report Brittany N. Owens had voluntarily left her residence on September 2, 2008 during the middle of the night and has not been seen since.

Detectives have learned from family members that Brittany has a medical condition that requires medication that she left behind. Because of this, there is some additional concern as to whether she is in good medical condition. Furthermore, she failed to report to a scheduled Doctor's appointment today.

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Police do not have a general area as to where they believe Brittany may be and are asking for the public's assistance in locating her. Brittany is described as a black female, 5'02", 120 lbs, brown hair and brown eyes. Anyone with information on her whereabouts is urged to call investigators at Troop 3 at 697.4454. Tips may also be forwarded to law enforcement through tip lines maintained by Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-333 3 or on line at [www.tipsubmit.com](http://www.tipsubmit.com).

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### **Patrol Officer Makes Burglary Apprehension**

### **Released- Monday, September 8, 2008**

**New Castle-** On Sunday, September 7th, at approximately 10:30 p.m.,



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Troopers responded to the Shell gas station, 3001 New Castle Ave, in reference to a burglary in progress. The store owner was viewing his establishment via a remote access surveillance video system, after receiving an alarm activation, and observed a male subject inside.

The store owner notified the State Police Dispatch center (RECOM) of the suspect's description and this information was relayed to responding units. Upon arriving to the area a witness also pointed out the suspect as he was running northbound on New Castle Avenue away from the crime scene. This suspect ran onto the property of Bowlerama where he was apprehended.

The suspect was identified as **Robert Dixon**, 44, of Rivanna Road in New Castle. The stolen property, which consisted of cigarettes and over counter medications, was recovered. Mr. Dixon was turned over to detectives who wrapped up the case.

Robert Dixon was formally charged with Burglary 3rd (felony), Criminal Mischief (felony) and Theft (misdemeanor). He was released on a \$5,500.00 unsecured bond.

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**Violent Domestic Assault  
Suspect Sought- Handicapped  
Victim Beaten**

**Released- Monday, September  
08, 2008**

**Wilmington-** On Wednesday,  
September 3<sup>rd</sup>, at approximately 2:00

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p.m., Troopers responded to a residence along the 2000 block of Marsh Road in reference to a domestic assault.

This investigation revealed a subject named **Chike Dowdy**, 30, of Memorial Drive in New Castle, responded to the aforementioned address where he confronted his step-father, a 59-year-old man, to be referred to hereinafter also as the victim. The victim in this case is disabled with only one leg. He was lying in bed when this confrontation occurred. Dowdy was allegedly upset that his step-father would not lend him any money.

Dowdy allegedly began to yell at the victim and then proceeded to punch him in the face. He was hit several times and then knocked to the floor.

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Dowdy then beat the victim with his (the victim's) own cane until the cane broke. Chike Dowdy took the phones from the house and left the victim with no way of calling for help.

After several minutes of recovering from the beating, the victim pulled himself to his wheelchair, located his cell phone and called 911.

The victim suffered serious, but non-life threatening, injury to his face, head and arms.

Troopers have been unable to locate Chike Dowdy and are asking for the public's help. He is wanted on the following charges: Assault 2<sup>nd</sup> (felony), Terroristic Threatening (misdemeanor), Theft (misdemeanor) and Interfering with a

911 Call (misdemeanor). Anyone who may know of his whereabouts is asked to call 302-762-6677. Tips may also be forwarded to law enforcement through tip lines maintained by Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-333 3 [or on line at www.tipsubmit.com](http://www.tipsubmit.com).

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### **Troopers Investigate Robbery**

**Released Tuesday, September 09, 2008**

**Bridgeville** – The Delaware State Police Criminal Investigation Unit are investigating an armed robbery that occurred on Friday, August 29, 2008 at the Shore Stop located on S. Main Street in Bridgeville. Police responded to the 911 call at 11:55 pm.

Investigators report a male subject, described as 5'05" to 5'06", 120 to 140 lbs, wearing a dark colored skullcap and bandanna over his face, entered the store via the side door. The suspect, armed with a handgun (no further description), pointed it at the lone clerk (59-year-old Bridgeville woman) and demanded money.

The clerk gave the robber an undisclosed amount of cash and cigarettes before he fled out the door. A store video camera was able to capture a photograph of the suspect.

Anyone with information pertaining to this crime is urged to call investigators at Troop 4 at 302.856.5850 ext. 255. Tips may also be forwarded to law enforcement through tip lines maintained by

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### **Armed Liquor Store Robbery in Edgemoor**

**Released- Tuesday, September 09, 2008**

**Edgemoor-** On Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 6:20 p.m., Troopers responded to Clifton Liquors, 304 Edgemoor Road, in reference to an armed robbery.

This investigation revealed two male subjects entered the store and approached the clerk. One subject displayed a handgun and demanded cash. The clerk complied opened the cash register. One of the suspects

reached over the counter and then removed the cash drawer from which he took an undisclosed amount of money. The robbers demanded the clerk give them the store telephone prior to fleeing the scene- to delay a call to 911. The robbers did, however, take 'one for the road' and grabbed a bottle of vodka on their way out.

The suspect descriptions are as follows:

- Black male, 16 years old, 5'09", 160 pounds, dark complexion, thin build, wearing a cloth across his face.
- Black male, unknown age, 5'05", average build, with his face covered.

Anyone with information pertaining to this case is asked to call

investigators at 302-834-2630 ext 6. Tips may also be forwarded to law enforcement through tip lines maintained by Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-333 3 [or on line at www.tipsubmit.com](http://www.tipsubmit.com).

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### **Dispute Amongst Workers Results in Stabbing**

**Released- Tuesday, September 09, 2008**

**Odessa-** On Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 1:00 a.m., Troopers responded to the Pleasant Hill Motel, located on Route 13 in Odessa, in reference to a stabbing.

This investigation revealed that a group of painters, hired by Walmart Inc. to paint several of their locations nationwide, were assigned to work at

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the new Middletown Walmart. Two of the workers argued throughout the week as one worker- a 39-year-old male (victim) - accused his co-worker- **Coacepcion Camacho**, 37, of Jackson North Carolina- of not pulling his weight at work.

This argument continued back at the hotel they were staying in, the Pleasant Hill Motel. As it turned out, the victim and Camacho were rooming together. Camacho apparently became very upset and obtained a 6" fixed blade knife with which he stabbed the victim a single time in the upper abdomen.

After the assault, a third party confronted Camacho, just prior to him fleeing the scene, and took the knife from him. This knife was eventually turned over to detectives.

Camacho fled the motel to an unknown location. The victim was transported to Christiana Hospital in reference to his wound which was determined to be non-life threatening.

Officers began to canvas the area; however, Camacho was not located. At approximately 2:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon, detectives learned that Camacho was at a bus stop in Dover. Troopers contacted Dover Police Officers who converged on the bus stop and apprehended Camacho.

He was transported to Troop 2 where he was formally charged with Assault 2<sup>nd</sup> (felony) and Possession of a Deadly Weapon during the Commission of a Felony (felony). Bail was set at \$11,000.00 secured

and Camacho was committed to the Howard Young Correctional Institute.

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**Oops... "I Forgot About the Crack"**

**Released- Tuesday, September 09, 2008**

**Wilmington-** On Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 5:30 a.m., a Troop 1 patrol officer conducted a traffic stop on a Honda Accord which was traveling at 32 mph in a 50 mph zone while failing to maintain its lane. This was in the area of Edgemoor Road and Governor Printz Boulevard.

The car pulled over without incident and the officer contacted the driver- Cordele Hazzard, 42, of Clyde Street in Wilmington. Hazzard was found to have been driving on a suspended

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license and a computer check also revealed he was wanted on two capias out of Court 20.

As the Trooper was taking Hazzard into custody, he asked him if he had any contraband on his person. Hazzard initially said, "No." When the Trooper went to check his front pants pocket, Hazzard said, "{expletive} I forgot about the crack."

The officer removed a clear plastic baggie from Hazzard's pocket in which was 19 smaller baggies of suspected crack cocaine. In another pocket, the officer located 45 small baggies commonly used to package narcotics.

Hazzard was transported back to Troop 1 where he was formally charged with Possession with the

Intent to Deliver Narcotics (felony), Maintaining a Vehicle for Keeping Narcotics (felony), Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (misdemeanor), Improper Lane Change and Driving While suspended. He was committed to the Howard Young Correctional Institute in lieu of \$12,000.00 secured bond.

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### **Attempted Robbery at Tracy's Gulf**

**Released- Wednesday, September 10, 2008**

**Claymont-** Investigators from the Delaware State Police are investigating the attempted robbery of the Tracey's Gulf- 698 Naamans Road- last evening at approximately 10:30 p.m.

In this case, two subjects ran into the store armed with a shotgun or rifle. The two clerks inside, immediately upon seeing the weapon, fled toward the back of the store and locked themselves in an office.

The bandits then fled out of the front door without any loot. The suspects are described as follows:

- Black male, 20-25 year old, 5'11" tall, 160 to 180 lbs, black t-shirt, black pants, blue bandana.
- Black male, black hoodie shirt, black pants.

Anyone with information pertaining to this case is asked to call 302.834-2630 ext 6. Tips may also be forwarded to law enforcement through tip lines maintained by Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-

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**Update #3- Fatal Crash on Route 4**

**Released- Wednesday, September 10, 2008**

**Five Points-** Investigators are still looking for the suspect vehicle involved in the below mentioned crash. Through the diligent work of the investigators, officers now believe they are looking for a **1991 green two-door Honda Civic hatchback with after market rims and a loud muffler.**

Anyone with information pertaining to this case is asked to call 302-477-8501. Tips may also be forwarded to law enforcement through tip lines maintained by Delaware Crime

Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-333 3 [or on line at www.tipsubmit.com.](http://www.tipsubmit.com)

**Update #2- Fatal Crash on Route 4**

**Released- Monday, July 7, 2008**

**Five Points-** The pedestrian in this case has been identified as **Robert Shum**, 76, of Wilmington. There are no additional updates in this case.

**Update #1- Fatal Crash on Route 4**

**Released- Sunday, July 6, 2008**

**Five Points-** This investigation revealed that the pedestrian, a 76-year-old Wilmington man, had parked his vehicle on the right

shoulder of Rt. 4 eastbound, west of the intersection with Fallon Avenue, and was walking in a northerly direction across Rt. 4. He was heading to the 11:30 a.m. mass at Saint Matthews Church. This subject entered the westbound lanes of Route 4 as a vehicle was traveling westbound past Fallon Avenue. The front end of this vehicle struck the pedestrian in the right thru lane. The pedestrian was thrown forward and landed in the roadway. The striking vehicle did not stop and fled the scene.

The pedestrian was transported to Christiana Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The fleeing vehicle is described as either a green Honda Civic or a green Chevrolet Malibu. The green might

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have a bluish tint. The driver might be a white or Hispanic male, late teens or early 20's, with light colored long hair.

Anyone with information pertaining to this crash is asked to call investigators at 302-477-8501.

The name of the deceased will be released tomorrow. His wife has been notified, however, he has some family living in the area that still needs to be made aware as to what had happened. The State Police and the wife of the deceased appreciates the media's consideration in this matter.

#### **Fatal Crash on Route 4**

#### **Released- Sunday, July 6, 2008**

**Five Points-** The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit (CRU) is currently on the scene of a fatal pedestrian crash which occurred on Route 4 at Fallon Avenue. This is in the area of Saint Matthew's Church.

The crash was reported at approximately 11:24 a.m. The striking vehicle fled the scene westbound on Route 4. The impact occurred in the westbound lanes.

Route 4 westbound is closed at this time, however, motorists are able to navigate around the crash scene by traveling through the adjacent neighborhood.

The suspect vehicle is believed to be

green in color. The pedestrian was an elderly male subject.

-More information will follow later this afternoon when the initial investigation is complete.

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#### **Subject Arrested Twice in One Night for Prostitution Related Offenses**

#### **Released- Thursday, September 11, 2008**

**New Castle-** Citizens living along the Route 9 corridor of New Castle Avenue have been notifying law enforcement about the ongoing issues of drug related crime and prostitution in there area. To combat this, the Troop 2 administration (the State Police barracks responsible for this vicinity) has been assigning several

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troopers to work together to address these citizens concerns.

On September 9<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 11:15 p.m., officers were working in the area of New Castle Avenue and West Avenue when they observed a subject, whom they later identified as **Clayton P. Peterson, Jr.**, 38, of the 600 block of Centerville Road in Wilmington, pick up a female who was known to have prior convictions for prostitution related offenses- Christine Moran, 26, of the 100 block of West 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Wilmington. These two subjects were stopped and each was issued a criminal summons for Loitering (misdemeanor). The Troopers advised Mr. Peterson and Ms. Moran to leave the area and not to come back.

On Wednesday morning, at approximately 1:10 a.m., less than two hours later, Troopers spotted Mr. Peterson's vehicle again exiting the Cornell Industrial Park. It was later confirmed that Mr. Peterson, nor the female with him, worked at any of the area businesses. Officers followed Peterson to the Star Shopping Center where the female exited the car and walked toward a liquor store.

Troopers stopped the female, who is not being identified as she was not charged. This female advised Peterson had solicited her for sex in exchange for money and that he wanted her to go home with him. She declined to go to his house at which point, she advised Peterson did not want her to get out of the car. The female said that she was then afraid of Peterson and asked him to take her

to the Star center so that she could buy alcohol. Peterson agreed and it was at this point that Troopers interceded.

Troopers moved in and took Clayton Peterson into custody- **again**. Troopers learned that the vehicle Peterson was driving, a Chevy Lumina, belonged to his family member and that he did not have permission to be driving it. A search of the vehicle yielded a black jack between the two front seats and in reach of Peterson. He was also in possession of a crack pipe.

Clayton Peterson was formally charged with the following misdemeanor offenses: Criminal Trespass 3<sup>rd</sup>, to additional counts of Loitering, Patronizing a Prostitute, Indecent Exposure, Carrying a

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Concealed Deadly Instrument,  
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia,  
Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle  
and Driving While Suspended. Bail  
was set at \$2,300.00 secured and he  
was committed to the Howard Young  
Correctional Institute.

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**Instead of Providing Care...  
Home Health Aid Steals From  
Infirm Adult**

**Released- Friday, September 12,  
2008**

**North Wilmington-** On August  
27<sup>th</sup>, Troopers were called to the  
Forwood Manor Assisted Living  
Center, in reference to a theft  
complaint.

The victim in the case, an 84-year-old  
female, advised officers that she was  
missing \$1,690.00 from her bank

account and that she suspected her  
care giver- Denise Commissiong, 44,  
of Cheswold Boulevard, of stealing  
her money. It was learned through  
the investigation that Commissiong  
that had access to the victim's check  
book while providing her home  
health aid duties. Apparently, Denise  
Commissiong owns a business called  
*Queen Elizabeth Senior Care.*

Suspicion arose on the 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> of  
August when the victim went to  
review her bank statement and  
noticed page two of the statement  
was missing. Additionally, it  
appeared that the envelope the  
statement came in had been opened  
and re-sealed. The victim confronted  
Commissiong about this who  
"shrugged it off." The victim then  
contacted the bank who confirmed  
that three suspicious checks, totaling

the \$1,690.00 was written against her  
account and these checks were made  
out to Commissiong. Bank  
surveillance video and an ID check  
confirmed that Commissiong had  
cashed the fraudulent checks.

Further investigation revealed Denise  
Commissiong had obtained a  
Delaware identification card with a  
fraudulent name and false social  
security number. This part of the  
investigation is ongoing and charges  
are pending.

In regards to the theft, Denis  
Commissiong was formally charged  
with Exploitation of an Infirm Adult  
(felony), three counts of Forgery 2<sup>nd</sup>  
(felony) and Theft (felony). She was  
arraigned and ordered held in default  
of a \$10,000.00 secured bond. She

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was also ordered not to have any contact with the victim.

Denise Commissiong is also known as Denise Hunter-Commission and Cynthia Commissiong.

Investigators are not sure if anyone else has been victimized. Anyone who believes that they too have been targeted by Denise Commissiong is asked to call investigators at 302-834-2630 ext. 259. Tips may also be forwarded to law enforcement through tip lines maintained by Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-333 3 or on line at [www.tipsubmit.com](http://www.tipsubmit.com).

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### **Three August School Burglaries Have Detectives Asking... Connected?**

### **Released- Friday, September 12, 2008**

**North Wilmington-** Detectives from the Delaware State Police have been looking into several school burglaries from August. What they are not sure of is if they are connected.

[It was originally reported to the media on September 2 that a burglary occurred at the Children's House Montessori School on August 16th.](#)

In this case, the suspects were caught on surveillance cameras (several of these photographs are attached).

Another incident occurred on Wednesday August 6<sup>th</sup> when unknown suspect(s) broke out a second floor stairway window to the Claymont Elementary School- 3401

Green Street- and gained entry. Again, as in the Children's House incident, it could not be determined if anything was stolen.

The third case happened on August 10<sup>th</sup> at the Darley Road Elementary School. In this case, unknown suspect(s) forced in a Plexiglas window to gain entry. Once in the school, a desk drawer was rifled through, however, nothing was stolen.

Detectives are seeking information in these cases. Anyone who may recognize the suspects depicted in the attached photographs is asked to call 302-834-2630 ext. 284. Tips may also be forwarded to law enforcement through tip lines maintained by Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-

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**This Suspect Didn't Care that Extra Pounds Reduces Gas Milage**

**Released- Friday, September 12, 2008**

**Newark**- On September 11<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 4:00 p.m., Troopers conducted a traffic stop on I-95 at Route 896. The vehicle in question, a Chrysler 300, was observed following too closely. The car pulled over without incident and the driver was identified as Marvin M. Desormeaux, 33, of Windsor Mill, Maryland.

A computer check revealed Desormeaux was wanted as a fugitive out of Maryland for Violation of Probation. He also did not have a

valid driver's license. He was taken into custody without incident. A search of his car yielded four (4) separate clear plastic zip-lock bags containing suspected marijuana. The substance was secured as evidence. Desormeaux and the suspect pot were transported back to Troop 2 for processing.

The suspected pot weighed in at four (4) pounds and tested positive for marijuana.

Marvin Desormeaux was formally charged with Possession with the Intent to Deliver Marijuana, Maintaining a Vehicle for Keeping Marijuana, Driving Without a License, Following Too Closely and Being a Fugitive from Another State. He was committed to the Howard

Young Correctional Institute in lieu of \$12,002.00 secured bail.

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**State Police Seek Assistance in Identifying Robbery Suspect**

**Released Friday, September 12, 2008**

**Dover** – The Delaware State Police is investigating a robbery that occurred on Sunday, September 7, 2008 at approximately 8:30 pm. During the investigation, detectives learned the victim, a 31 year old Dover man, met a female subject on Thursday, September 4, 2008. The victim met the female suspect at the Dover Downs Casino in Dover and after a brief conversation, phone numbers were exchanged and the parties went their separate ways.

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On Sunday, September 7, the victim received a text message from the female suspect asking if he wanted to meet with her. The message indicated she wanted the victim to pick her up on White Oak Rd in the area of US 13.

The victim arrived at the location and picked up the suspect. The female requested the victim drive her down to the end of Donas Landing Rd, east of Dover. When they arrived, an unknown large black male, exited a vehicle (described as a 2 door Acura dark in color), parked in the weeds, and robbed the victim at gun point. The male and female suspect, whom he picked up, took the victim's personal property and his 2008 Dodge Charger black in color, with tinted windows, bearing Delaware registration 149153. They fled area.

Investigators were able to obtain a photograph of the female suspect from surveillance cameras at Dover Downs. The victim in the case has positively identified the woman as the person who robbed him. Anyone with information on the identity of this woman or who has information on the crime is urged to call investigators at Troop 3 at 302.697.2104 ext. 224. Tips may also be forwarded to law enforcement through tip lines maintained by Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-333 3 [or on line at www.tipsubmit.com](http://www.tipsubmit.com).

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**Traffic Stop Yields Felony  
Assault Suspect Wanted from  
Georgia**

**Released- Friday, September 12,  
2008**

**Newark-** On Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 2:51 p.m., Troopers stopped a blue Jeep Cherokee on northbound I-95 in the area of the DE 273 for Aggressive Driving. The driver, Henry Rayborn, 54, of Atlanta, Georgia, was found to have been a fugitive wanted by the Clayton County Sheriff's Office (Georgia) for an Aggravated Assault (felony). Troopers learned that a warrant was made active on September 7<sup>th</sup> for Rayborn's arrest alleging that he severely bludgeoned a female in Georgia.

He was taken into custody without incident and charged as a Fugitive From Another State. He was arraigned committed to the Howard Young Correctional Institute where he is awaiting extradition back to Georgia.

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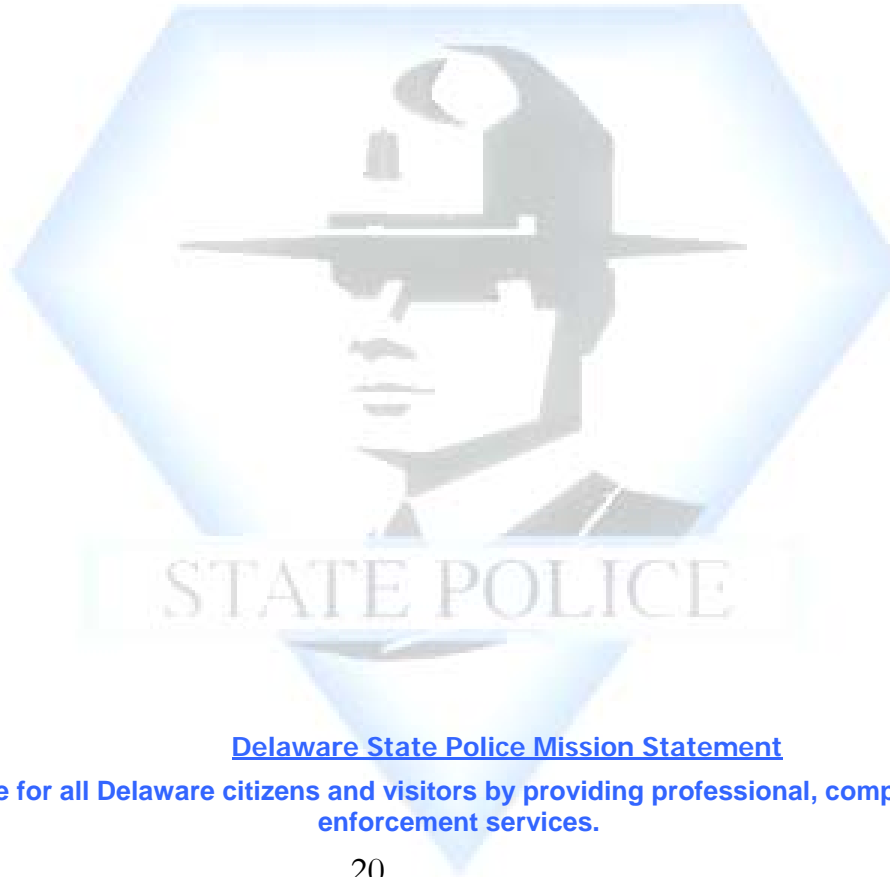
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