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MINQUADALE —The annual New Castle County Police Memorial Day celebration was, once again, well attended by both sworn and retired officers, family and friends. As in the past, the families of our fallen officers aided with honoring the dedicated officers who passed away while in service as a county police officer. The following is an excerpt from Colonel McGowan's speech on Police Memorial Day: *"Every year - we come together, to take a moment, slow down, and remember those officers that died in the line of duty or while serving as active duty New Castle County Police officers. We honor their memories with our memorial service and, in the process, offer their families the comfort of knowing that their loved ones are not forgotten. It is often said that funerals are for the living and the same can be said for memorial services. We gather to share our memories, to visit, to ease the pain of loss and to honor the lives of those that died while serving New Castle County. On Monday of this week, many of us traveled to Dover for the commemoration of the Delaware law enforcement memorial wall and today we will again travel to Dover to honor those officers throughout the state that gave their lives in the line of duty. But these memorial services serve a purpose which is more than just evoking memories of our loved ones. The greater purpose is to remind us - as active duty officers - that we willingly chose a dangerous profession and there is no room for complacency in this career. Our survival and the survival of our families depend on our vigilance."*

After our ceremony was completed, a large contingent of county officers traveled to Dover, DE, for the statewide ceremony. According to many, "New Castle County Police had more officers present than any other agency in the State of Delaware." —Thank you.



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Traffic Stops Leads to Drug Bust, Two Arrested

County Police have arrested **Marsaan Newman**, a 30 year old male who resides in Holloway Terrace. He has been charged with felony drug violations after his vehicle was stopped for a traffic offense and he was found to have an outstanding capias. After his arrest, police found he was in possession of 15 bags of crack cocaine and \$849 in suspected drug proceeds. Newman's girlfriend was arrested after she was dropped off in the area by another motorist and became disorderly with the officers who were searching her car. On Monday (5/3), officers from the Mobile Enforcement Team were assigned to patrol the communities along the Route 9 corridor to address quality of life issues in the area. At 4:10 p.m., the officers observed a vehicle (black Mercury Grand Marquis) commit a traffic violation in the area of New Castle City. The officers stopped the car and found the driver (Newman) was wanted for an outstanding capias. Newman was arrested without incident and later found to be in possession of 15 bags of crack cocaine. While the officers were searching the car, they noticed a female subject who had been dropped off from another vehicle on the opposite side of the roadway. The female immediately became disorderly and refused several commands to stay away from the car as the officers searched it. She was taken into custody as she advanced toward the officers in a menacing manner. The female has been identified as **Catrina Garrett**, a 30 year old resident of the unit block of Dillon Drive in the Beaver Brook Crest community. She has been charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. Marsaan Newman has been charged with possession with the intent to deliver cocaine, maintaining a vehicle for keeping a controlled substance, and four traffic violations. He has been arraigned and committed to the Howard Young Prison after failing to post \$12,503 secured bail.

Safe Streets Officers Arrest Probationer, 29 Bags of Heroin Seized

The New Castle County Police Safe Streets Team has arrested **Angel Achuff**, a 25 year old female who resides in the 300 block of S. DuPont Highway in the Kelly Trailer Park. She has been charged with felony drug violations after probation officers arrested her for 10 outstanding capiases at her home and later found a supply of various drugs. On Tuesday (5/4), officers from Probation and Parole responded to Achuff's home to arrest her for violation of probation and ten other capiases that had been issued for her arrest. At 1:13 p.m., the officers located Achuff inside her home and found she was in possession of heroin and other assorted prescription drugs. County officers (assigned to Safe Streets) then took custody of the drugs and charged her with the following offenses: possession with the intent to deliver heroin, maintaining a dwelling for keeping a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, two counts of possession of a controlled substance (Suboxone and Clonazepam), possession of a hypodermic needle and possession of drug paraphernalia. Achuff was later arraigned and committed to the Howard Young Prison after failing to post \$16,500 secured bail.

**Barricaded Suspect Surrenders to Crisis Negotiators**

PIKE CREEK, DE—A team of county Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) officers successfully convinced an armed man, who had already fired one gunshot, to release his hostage and later surrender without incident. The subject, Andre Choury (34) of Newark, was charged with kidnapping and related offenses after his arrest and subsequent evaluation at the Christiana Hospital. He was charged with 18 criminal offenses that include two counts of kidnapping, aggravated menacing, reckless endangering and multiple weapon offenses. On Monday (5/10) at 5:43 a.m., County Police responded to the Fox Woods Apartments for a report of a domestic dispute involving a weapon. When the officers arrived, they contacted a 31 year old female victim who reported her estranged husband had just grabbed and pulled her out of her car and pointed a handgun at her. She further advised her boyfriend overheard the sounds of her car horn (she sounded the horn) and came outside to see what was going on. Choury then turned the weapon on the 24 year old male victim and forced him back into the apartment at gunpoint. Once inside, Choury fortified the front door and barricaded the two of them inside. Police learned the gun discharged while he (Choury) was moving furniture around inside the apartment. No one was injured as a result of the shooting. Meanwhile, hostage negotiators contacted Choury by telephone and began a dialog with him. After approximately two hours of negotiation, Choury released his hostage at the request of the CNT. At 12:12 p.m., Choury surrendered as members of the SWAT team were standing by. Although, CNT members convinced him to surrender, this was a joint effort with patrol, SWAT and other specialized units.



Deputy Marshal and New Castle County Detective Receive National Recognition

On Wednesday, May 19, a deputy marshal from Delaware and a detective from New Castle County Police were honored by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® (NCMEC) for their extraordinary efforts to recover missing children and resolve child sexual exploitation cases. These awards are one of five presented at a Congressional Breakfast. Supervisory Deputy U. S. Marshal Bill David from Wilmington, Delaware and New Castle County Police Detective Jeff Shriner were honored for their work recovering three children who were abducted by their father, Dr. David Matusiewicz and grandmother, Eleanor Matusiewicz. Missing for more than a year and a half, the children were taken out of the country and were on the run from authorities. Investigators were forced to follow a trail of bank fraud and deception that required assistance from Interpol, the Diplomatic Security Service, and law enforcement agencies in seven U.S. states and nine foreign countries. The children were eventually found in Nicaragua and returned safely to their mother. The father pled guilty to international kidnapping and bank fraud and was sentenced to 41 months in federal prison. The grandmother pled guilty in state court and was sentenced to 18 months in prison. Law enforcement officials from Australia, California, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Oregon were recognized at the 15th Annual Congressional Breakfast held in Washington, DC on Capitol Hill. The event is held each year to commemorate National Missing Children's Day which is observed on May 25. It is hosted by NCMEC, in partnership with the National Fraternal Order of Police and the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and was well attended by members of Congress, as well as federal, state and local officials.



Corporal Jeff Shriner



Deputy U.S. Marshal Bill David

Shootout Suspect Arrested, Charged with Att. Murder

New Castle County Detectives have issued arrest warrants for Devon Reed, a 23 year old male who resides in the 100 block of Rose Lane in the community of Rosegate. He was arrested on May 18, 2010, in the City of Wilmington by members of the United States Marshal's Task Force. Reed has been linked to a daytime shootout that occurred on Monday (4/19) in the community of Rosegate. He and a conspirator, Dale McNeill (52), were involved in an altercation with a third male subject that led to the shootout. McNeill was arrested on May 7, 2010, by detectives as they were executing a search warrant at his home in the 100 block of Rose Lane. He was apprehended when he drove passed the scene to see "what was going on at his home." The investigation has revealed that Reed and McNeill had an altercation with another man which led to a shootout, but no one was injured. Reed and McNeill have both been charged with attempted murder and related weapon offenses. McNeill is currently being held on \$50,000 secured bail. Reed, who was found with three bundles of heroin at the time of his arrest, was also charged with new drug related offenses.

Officers Discover Loaded Handgun during Traffic Stop

New Castle County Police have arrested two men for felony weapon violations after they were stopped for failure to use a turn signal. On Wednesday (5/26), officers from the Mobile Enforcement Team were assigned to the Alban Park community in an effort to address quality of life issues. At 8:57 p.m., the officers observed a gold Nissan Maxima fail to signal a turn from Ashley Place onto Maryland Avenue. They then pulled the car over for the violation. As the officers approached the vehicle on foot, they immediately smelled the odor of marijuana emanating from the interior of the car. The driver and his passenger were removed from the vehicle at which time the officers located a fully loaded .40 caliber handgun hidden under the center console. The driver, Emilio Burgos, a 26 year old male who resides in the 500 block of S. Franklin Street in Wilmington, was arrested and charged with two counts of possession of a firearm by a person prohibited (one charge for the gun, one charge for the ammunition), carrying a concealed deadly weapon and failure to use a turn signal. He has been arraigned and released from prison after posting an \$8,000 secured bail. The passenger, Muhammad Stevens, a 25 year old male who resides in the 1700 block of W. 8th Street in Wilmington, was arrested and charged with carrying a concealed deadly weapon. He too was released from prison after posting a \$2,000 secured bail.





Congratulations to our latest retirees.



Congratulations to Senior Corporal Andrew Ryan who announced his intention to retire on June 2nd. Andy was hired on May 15, 1989, and was assigned to the patrol division (D Squad) after completing the police academy. He was later transferred to the Human Resources Office where he specialized in the following areas: coordinating training for the department, tracking the hiring process and as a background investigator. Andy was also a member of the motorcycle squad. He indicated he was enjoying the summer and might look for a new job sometime in the fall. "I am adjusting well to retirement, but I miss the 'peeps' from the department the most."

Congratulations to Senior Corporal David Burns who announced his intention to retire on May 14, 2010. David was hired on April 2, 1990, and was assigned to the patrol division (B Squad) after completing the police academy. He was later transferred to the Southern Patrol Unit and then to the Traffic Services Unit where was a specialist in traffic collision reconstruction. David was also temporarily assigned to the public information office where he worked as a spokesman for the police department. He said he is currently taking time off with his kids, enjoying the summer months and waiting for his first pension check. He indicated he did not miss the shift work, but did miss some of the people he used to work with. "Sleeping is becoming a lot easier now."



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Significant Crime Recap May 2010

Holloway Terrace

Sunday 5/2/10 1915

District 10-Street

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 15 year old male victim was riding his bike on West Avenue when he was “jumped” by a group of approximately five male subjects. The victim suffered a concussion and was not able to remember the incident except for the fact that they stole his bike. The victim was treated at Wilmington Hospital for his injuries.

Salem Woods

Sunday 05/2/10 2140

District 11-Tackett

Summary: (Stabbing investigation) A female caller advised the 911 Center that her friend (18) was stabbed on Tinsley Court and she was driving the victim to the Christiana Hospital. The victim arrived with a life threatening stab wound to his chest and was rushed into surgery where a wound to his heart was closed. The suspect, Abu Boir, was identified and taken into custody by units on scene at Tinsley Court.

University Village Apts.

Tuesday 5/4/10 1400

District 11-Tackett

Summary: (Reported attempted robbery) A 26 year old male victim advised that he had exited his apartment on Mederia Circle and was approached by two suspects, who came from the rear of the apartment building. The suspect brandished a handgun and shotgun while demanding money from the victim. The victim stated that he punched the suspect with the handgun in the face and fled out of the building yelling for help. The suspects fled in a teal colored vehicle.

Penn Acres

Wednesday 5/5/10 1500

District 7-Smiley

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 13 year old male victim advised that he was walking home from school on Yeates Drive with his iPod on when he was approached from behind by the three suspects. The suspects began assaulting him and took his iPod and cell phone from him. They then fled on foot.

Alban Park

Saturday 5/8/10 1040

District 1-Reda

Summary: (Carjacking, assault) A 24 year old male victim was washing his car in the rear of the 500 block of Homestead Road when he was approached by two subjects who were riding bicycles. The subjects engaged in a conversation and distracted the victim at which time he was struck in the back of the head with a hammer. After he was knocked out, the suspects stole his car and fled. The vehicle was later recovered on Coleman Street and was impounded.

Bayview Manor II**Sunday 5/9/10 1900****District 12-Bell**

Summary: (Reported robbery) The victim stated that he was walking from the Wawa to his residence on Malcolm Forest Drive when he observed the suspect vehicle drive past him slowly. Three suspects exited the car and asked him if he had change for \$20.00. One suspect displayed a handgun while the other suspects took the above listed property from the victim after going through his pockets.

Overview Gardens**Monday 5/10/10 0230****District 10-Street**

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 24 year old female victim was walking home along Memorial Drive from the Gulf Station after attempting to purchase cigarettes there (store closed) when she observed two male suspects acting suspiciously. The victim pulled out her cell phone and pretended to be talking on it so that they would not bother her. The suspects approached her anyway, threw her to the ground and took her phone and cash. The suspects then fled on foot.

Harmony Woods**Tuesday 5/11/10 0001****District 11-Tackett**

Summary: (Stabbing investigation) A 21 year old male victim advised that he responded to the area of Melodic Drive and Diminish Drive to purchase drugs from "Mikey." Upon arrival to the location, a confrontation ensued where "Mikey" stabbed the victim a number of times into his arms and chest, puncturing his lung. Detectives were able to obtain enough information to link two subjects to the crime. One was arrested and warrants were issued for the other.

Murray Manor**Tuesday 5/11/10 0220****District 1-Reda**

Summary: (Home invasion, kidnapping, Amber Alert) A 25 year old male victim reported he was sleeping on the couch and his son on a futon in the living room of the trailer when he awoke to an unknown male choking him. The victim, who lives in the 500 block of Sixth Avenue, advised that another male in the trailer was armed with a handgun. The victim was assaulted and significantly injured. The victim's son and ex-girlfriend (child's mother) went missing following the incident and an Amber Alert was issued. The mother and child were located in the City of Wilmington following an intense search. The child was later reunited with his father as the investigation continues.

Willow Run**Wednesday 5/12/10 0310****District 1-Reda**

Summary: (Reported robbery) Two adult victims were walking home on Montgomery Road, from the Elsmere Wawa, when a suspicious vehicle drove by. The car suddenly stopped and four suspects exited the vehicle and one displayed a handgun ordering them to the ground. Both victims were pistol whipped and items were taken from them. Responding patrol units stopped the vehicle and took all four into custody as it was attempting to leave the development. The gun, discovered to be an Airsoft BB gun, was

observed in plain view in the vehicle along with a wallet later determined to be the victim's.

Sparrow Run TH

Wednesday 5/12/10 2045

District 6-Powers

Summary: (Reported attempted robbery) A 53 year old male victim, who lives in the unit block of Egret Court, advised that he was taking his trash out when he observed a group of subjects "cutting" through along the fence line that separates Glasgow Court MHP and Sparrow Run. When the victim turned his back, he was struck in the face by one of the suspects, knocking him to the ground. While on the ground, one suspect displayed a silver revolver and demanded his money. The victim began yelling that he had no money, alerting his girlfriend inside the residence, who called 911. A subject was taken into custody, but the victim was unable to identify him.

Longview Court Apts.

Friday 5/14/10 0245

District 8-Cartier

Summary: (Reported home invasion) A 21 year old female was sleeping in bed at her apartment in the 900 block of Longview Drive when two suspects entered the dwelling. One subject went into her room and displayed a handgun while the other rifled through her belongings taking cash and credit cards.

Claymont Addition

Friday 5/14/10 2030

District 8-Cartier

Summary: (Attempted robbery) A 28 year old male victim advised that he was out jogging when he was approached by two suspects. One of the suspects pointed an unknown type handgun at this chest and demanded that the victim "give him everything." The victim advised the suspects that he did not have anything on him and the two fled into the wooded area. The victim also observed two other males standing in the wooded area near the now vacant Children's Home, acting as lookouts.

Forest Glen

Saturday 5/15/10 2300

District 6-Powers

Summary: (Homicide Investigation) Two adult males and a female juvenile were inside a home in the 900 block of Rue Madora Drive when they received a knock on the front door. Two male subjects then forced their way inside the home and began assaulting one of the male occupants. During the altercation, the subjects shot the victim and fled out of the front door. The victim died at the scene from a single gunshot wound. Detectives have interviewed a number of potential witnesses and suspects, but have not yet made an arrest.

William Penn Village

Tuesday 5/18/10 1450

District 12-Bell

Summary: (Reported robbery) An 18 year old male victim advised that he was approached by a male subject who he knew as John Marcus Fryer while walking in the parking lot of Tulip Lane. Fryer, who was driving a blue colored sedan, approached him

and showed the victim a handgun. He then robbed the victim of cash before fleeing in the car. Arrest warrants are on file for Fryer.

Fox Run Apts.

Thursday 5/20/10 1655

District 6-Powers

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 45 year old victim advised that he was delivering a food order to a residence in the 2300 block of Squire Drive when he was approached by a male subject who came from the third floor of the apartment building. A second suspect approached from another direction and they both demanded that the victim turn over the food and any money. The suspects stole the food and cash before fleeing on foot.

Fox Run Apts.

Friday 5/21/10 1250

District 6-Powers

Summary: (Shooting investigation) A 62 year old male reported he was changing his car battery in the parking lot on Reindeer Place when he heard a gunshot and felt his van "rock." The complex management then advised that they received a call from a male subject who advised that his sliding glass door had just shattered. The officers then responded to the apartment and contacted the 29 year old male resident who advised that he had been cleaning his rifle when it accidentally discharged. He was arrested and charged with Reckless 1st.

Hunter's Crossing

Friday 5/21/10 2350

District 5-Diller

Summary: (Shooting investigation) Officers were dispatched to the area of 46 Fairway Road after several witnesses observed a male subject firing an unknown handgun. Witnesses provided the dispatcher with a description of the fleeing vehicle which was later stopped by the responding officers. Three men were arrested after police found a .38 caliber handgun and marijuana inside the vehicle. All three suspects were charged accordingly.

Hidden Valley Apts.

Sunday 5/23/10 1520

District 1-Reda

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 61 year old male victim advised that he was urinating along side of Building B (500 Homestead Road) when he was approached by an unknown male who was described as having a muscular build. The suspect assaulted him and removed his wallet from his person before fleeing on foot.

Crofton TH

Tuesday 5/25/10 0030

District-Smiley

Summary: (Reported robbery) Two teenage male victims advised that they were sitting at the Dart bus stop at Rivers End Drive at Providence Drive when a vehicle approached them. The victims advised that the front passenger displayed a dark colored revolver, while the rear passenger displayed a shotgun. The suspects then proceeded to steal cash, cell phones and other items from the victims before they fled in a white Mercury Marquis.