



# May Highlights

2008

New Castle County Police Department

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Officer Pete Stewart named patrol officer of the year



Officer Pete Stewart receives award and congratulations from Colonel



Congratulations to the seven New Castle County Police Officers who rode in the 2008 Police Unity Tour. The tour generated more than \$3,000,000 for the National Police Memorial in Washington, DC. (see page 4)

During the Department of Public Safety semi-annual awards ceremony on May 29, 2008, Colonel Gregory announced the first annual patrol officer of the year award. Officer Pete Stewart, a three year veteran of the police department, was honored during the service as the following biography was read: During the year of 2007, one officer has demonstrated a true commitment to this department, evidenced by his outstanding work ethic and perfect attendance. He is a law enforcement professional in one of the busiest districts in New Castle County; central district. He continually receives praise from members of the department and the communities he serves. Criminal intelligence he developed has led to several significant arrests as well as removing violent criminals from our communities. The amount of work this officer has generated in 2007 is amongst the highest levels on the department. He has made 593 criminal arrests, issued 212 traffic citations, generated 37 crime prevention checks and has written 374 police reports. This officer has developed an innovative community policing strategy to address the violent crime and quality of life issues in the community of Lexington Green. He has developed a trusting relationship with the management staff and by doing so has full time access to their camera surveillance system. He has maintained a list of criminals who have been banned from the property and will make the arrest for trespassing. He will follow-up with having a no contact order with Lexington Green as a part of the defendant's bail conditions. He reviews the video footage on a daily to weekly basis and will seek arrest warrants for defendants violating the conditions of their release. Throughout the year, this officer has consistently shared his gathered Intel and informants with other units within our department, with no concern of who gets the credit, but rather, getting the job completed. His resources and his services have been utilized by the Criminal Investigations Unit, Mobile Enforcement Team, Drug Control Unit, Special Operations Unit and the Patrol Division. He has worked with CIU, MET and DCU a combined 30-35 times either on operations and/or providing critical and timely intelligence. He has assisted the New Castle County SWAT team with real time intelligence during operations. His efforts in this capacity, assisted in the safe passage and tactical intelligence during those events. In 2007 and prior, this officer has consistently been adaptable to various shift schedules and last minute schedule adjustments in order to assist other officers and other units within the department. He has devoted a great deal of his own time, energy and resources to get bad guys off of the streets. One of this officer's most impressive accomplishment is his willingness to develop his peers. He makes it a point to include other less experienced officers in his special assignments with the hope of passing along his experience. For his outstanding efforts, Officer Pete Stewart was named officer of the year for 2007.

*Innovative—Community Minded—Integrity Driven*

### Running a Stop Sign leads to felony drug charges

New Castle County Police arrested **Christopher Shanklin**, a 21 year old male who resides in the unit block of Nieole Avenue in New Castle. He has been charged with several felony drug charges including possession of drugs within 1000 feet of a school zone, possession with the intent to deliver marijuana and issued a summons for disregarding a stop sign.

On Tuesday (5/06) members of the County Police Mobile Enforcement Team (M.E.T.) were patrolling the area of **Leedom Estates, New Castle, DE** as part of the department's continuing work with the community to address quality of life concerns. At 4:25 p.m. M.E.T. officers observed a tan colored vehicle fail to stop at a stop sign on Pennewill Drive and then drive within 1000 feet of a local Head Start school in the area.

When officers stopped the vehicle, Christopher Shanklin was found to be the driver. Investigation revealed that Shanklin was wanted on a *capias* issued by the Court of Common Pleas for failing to appear. A subsequent search of the vehicle lead to the discovery of 57 grams of marijuana. Shanklin was arraigned via video at J.P. Court 2. Bail was set at \$8,000 unsecured bond on the criminal and traffic charges; however, he was committed to the Howard Young Prison after failing to post \$500 secured bail on the Court of Common Pleas *capias*. A passenger in the vehicle, 49 year old **Debrah Butler**, who resides in the unit block of Lambson Lane in New Castle, was arrested after being found in possession of a small amount of marijuana. She was arrested for possession of marijuana and scheduled to appear in court at a later date.

In addition, while M.E.T. officers were patrolling the Leedom Estates area, they also stopped a female who was loitering on **Bacon Avenue**. It was discovered that **Susan Robertson**, a 38 year old female who resides in the 100 block of Christiana Road, New Castle, was wanted by New Castle County Family Court for failing to pay a fine. Further investigation revealed that Robertson was also in violation of an active court order not to be in the area of Leedom Estates or Wilmington Manor. Robertson was arrested by County Police for Breach of Release. She was arraigned via video at J.P. Court 2 and later transported to the Baylor Prison in lieu of \$500 secured bond.



Mobile Enforcement Team

### Police Address Quality of Life Issues in the Lancaster Court Apartments

On Thursday (5/15), a team of officers from patrol, the community services unit, and the mobile enforcement unit conducted a joint operation in the Lancaster Court Apartments. The premise of the venture was to target quality of life issues and traffic violations in the complex.

At the conclusion of the several hour operation, police made seven criminal arrests, issued 62 traffic tickets, issued eight warnings and one crime prevention check. The highlight of the assignment resulted in the arrest of a 24 year old male subject who resides in the complex. Officers stopped the subject (**Russell Flowers**) for a traffic violation on Lancaster Avenue after he failed to use a turn signal. A subsequent computer inquiry revealed Flowers was a fugitive from the Pennsylvania authorities who had issued a warrant for drug related offenses.

Flowers was taken into custody without incident and later found to have 20 bags of marijuana stashed inside the car. After finding the drugs inside the car, a search warrant was issued for his home which netted an additional 88 grams of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Flowers was charged with two counts of possession of marijuana with the intent to deliver, two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia, maintaining a dwelling and a car for keeping marijuana, and possession of drugs within 1,000 feet of a school zone. Flowers was arraigned and committed to the Howard Young Prison after failing to post \$55,500 secured bail.

### Officer Saves Elderly Woman's Life, Uses Automated External Defibrillator

New Castle County Police Officer Gregory Meyer has been credited with saving the life of a 70 year old woman who was found in cardiac arrest inside her home.

On Saturday (5/17) at 4:06 p.m., Officer Meyer was assigned to an unrelated investigation when a radio transmission regarding a reported "CPR-in-progress" was broadcasted for any officer in the area. Officer Meyer and assisting officers responded to a residence in the 700 block of Kilgor Court, in the community of Glasgow Pines to assist paramedics and a responding ambulance. Meyer arrived at the home within just a few minutes and found the victim's son performing CPR. Despite several family canines jumping on the officer, he was able to quickly assess the victim's condition and deploy his police issued AED. The automated system delivered one shock to the victim and continued to (audibly) give additional CPR instructions until paramedics and an ambulance crew arrived. The victim was transported to the Christiana Hospital where she was listed in critical condition.



Officer Gregory Meyer

### Murder Suspect Arrested

New Castle County Police arrested **Victor Landy**, a 26 year old male who resides in the 1600 block of W. 6th Street in the City of Wilmington. He has been charged with murder and possession of a deadly weapon during the commission of a felony after he fatally stabbed a male victim in the Hampton Walk Apartments.

On Friday, 05/16/08 at approximately 9:18 p.m., patrol officers were dispatched to the area of New Jersey Avenue and Carvel Avenue for a report of a cutting. Upon arrival, officers located Christopher Snow (26) lying unresponsive with several stab wounds on the sidewalk. Snow was transported to the Christiana Hospital where he later died from his injuries. Police learned that Snow and his sister's boyfriend, Victor Landy, were involved in a verbal altercation.

The altercation became physical at which time Landy stabbed Snow several times with a knife about the upper torso before fleeing in his black Acura vehicle. A joint effort between detectives, patrol officers and the 911 Center revealed Landy had fled to a residence in the 1600 block of W. 6th Street in the City of Wilmington. Surveillance was initiated with the assistance of the WPD and after a couple of hours, Landy was seen exiting the residence. After being tasered twice and a brief foot pursuit, he was taken into custody.

### Murder Suspect Arrested in Gloucester Township

New Castle County Police, with the assistance of the Gloucester Township Police Department, arrested Ricky Lamar Wiley (30) and charged him with murder in the first degree.

(Talleyville, DE) On Saturday (5/17) at 10:05 a.m., County police responded to a home in the 100 block of Cleveland Avenue, in the community of McDaniel Heights, for a report of an unconscious female. When police and paramedics arrived, they discovered the lifeless body of Karin Clayton, a 45 year old female resident.

The investigation has revealed the victim was located on the floor of the home by a family member Saturday morning who immediately called 911. Police discovered the victim most likely died from unnatural causes and began investigating the death as a murder. Ricky Lamar Wiley was quickly determined to be a "person of interest" in the homicide as evidence was mounting against him. Detectives were able to determine Wiley was most likely traveling to a location in Gloucester Township in New Jersey. Authorities from the Gloucester Township Police Department were notified of the suspect and vehicle believed to be en route to a residence in their community. On Sunday (5/18) at 1:00 a.m., officers from the township located the car and suspect as they pulled into the driveway of a known associate. The township officers quickly moved in and arrested Wiley. He is presently being held at the Camden County Jail awaiting extradition.



On Wednesday, May 7, 2008, the New Castle County Police Department celebrated the second police memorial day held at the new Paul J. Sweeney Public Safety Building. As in previous years, the ceremony was dedicated to the fallen officers who died while in service to New Castle County. As evidenced by these photographs, the ceremony was well attended by current and retired officers.



Officers standing at attention



Fallen Officers



Loved ones place roses near memorial



Retired New Castle County Police Officers



Public Safety Pipe and Drum Band



Police Escort for Tour

**2008 Police Unity Tour**



Police Unity Tour Riders



Christian, Jeanette, and little Stamm

## **Significant Crime Recap May 2008**

### **Hampton Walk Apts**

**Thursday 5/1/08 2325**

**District 7-Smiley**

**Synopsis:** (Reported robbery) A 33 year old male victim was standing outside of his apartment (in the 1500 block of New Jersey Avenue) talking on the phone when he was approached by four subjects. One punched the victim in the face as the others jumped in. The victim's cell phone was taken during the dispute.

### **Sparrow Run**

**Saturday 5/3/08 2000**

**District 6-Powers**

**Synopsis:** V1 (Reported robbery) A 36 year old female victim reported she was robbed by three men while walking home on Brookmont Drive. The victim advised that she was attacked from behind by three unknown males who were hiding in the bushes. The suspects knocked the victim to the ground and removed cash, a personal check and jewelry from the victim before fleeing on foot. The victim did not report the crime until well after the incident occurred.

### **Brandywine Apts.**

**Sunday 5/4/08 2135**

**District 8-Cartier**

**Synopsis:** (Reported robbery) A 50 year old male parked his car in the 2500 block of Jacqueline Drive and exited his vehicle. As he was walking to his apartment, he was approached by two males who were holding a gun. The subjects demanded the victim's money and then stole his cell phone from his hand and cash from his pockets. They then pistol whipped the victim (caused no injury) and fled on foot.

### **Cambridge Gardens**

**Friday 5/9/08 2128**

**District 7-Smiley**

**Synopsis:** (Reported robbery) A 36 year old male responded to a residence in the unit block of Berkley Way to deliver a food order. After parking his car in the front of the residence, one suspect approached his driver side door, opening same armed with a gun. The suspect then pulled him from the vehicle to the ground and demanded money. The suspect then "ran" his pockets stealing a small amount of cash as a second suspect opened the passenger side door and removed the food and hot food bag from the seat.

### **Arundel Apartments**

**Saturday 5/10/08 0150**

**District 9-Sheldon**

**Synopsis:** (Reported robbery) A 36 year old female reported she was attacked from behind while she was walking from her vehicle up the stairway to her apartment building in the 2900 block of Crossfork Drive. The victim advised that she heard subjects running behind her from across the parking lot but continued to hurry into the building. The victim was then grabbed from behind and pulled her down the stairways where one suspect put a gun to her side and another suspect grabbed her purse and cell phone from her hand before fleeing.

**Amberfield Town Homes    Saturday 5/10/08 1400**

**District 6-Powers**

**Synopsis:** (Reported stranger rape) A 40 year old female victim advised that she was walking home from the bus stop on Wellington Drive when she was approached by a male subject who forced her into a residence. The man ordered the victim to disrobe and then forcibly raped her. Police recovered evidence from the scene and have named a suspect who has not yet been charged.

**Chelsea Estates**

**Tuesday 5/13/08 2129**

**District 7-Smiley**

**Synopsis:** (Reported robbery) A 23 year old male victim was walking to a friend's home on Jackson Avenue when he was approached by a male subject who assaulted him. The suspect then choked the victim while going through his pockets and stealing cash. The victim was able to defend himself by assaulting the suspect prompting him to flee on foot with the victim's property.

**Edgemoor Gardens**

**Wednesday 5/14/08 1630**

**District 8-Cartier**

**Synopsis:** (Reported robbery) A 20 year old male victim reported he was inside his home in the unit block of S. Cannon Drive when two males entered through the unsecured front door. One subject produced a silver revolver and ordered the victim to get on the floor before striking him in the head with the weapon. The suspects stole cash, a cell phone and jewelry from the victim's person and searched the rest of the home leaving other valuables behind.

**Red Mill Farms**

**Wednesday 5/14/08 2115**

**District 5-McClellan**

**Synopsis:** (Reported robbery) Two teenage victims were sitting in a car in front of the residence in the unit block of Andries Road when they were approached by two men who displayed handguns. The suspects stole the victim's keys before fleeing on foot. This case was late reported.

**Georgetown Village**

**Friday 5/16/08 2008**

**District 7-Smiley**

**Synopsis:** (Reported robbery) A 26 year old male parked his car near building "K" and was standing behind checking his tail lights when a male subject approached him and displayed a silver pistol. The victim was robbed of his keys, cell phone, and gold bracelet as he was knocked to the ground. The subject and another male then walked away.

**Hampton Walk Apts**

**Friday 5/16/08 2100**

**District 7-Smiley**

**Synopsis:** (Murder investigation) Officers were dispatched to the area of New Jersey Ave and Carvel Ave in Hampton Walk Apartments for a report of a "cutting." When police arrived, they located the victim lying on the sidewalk unresponsive bleeding from apparent stab wounds. The 26 year old victim was transported to Christiana Hospital

were he later died from his injuries. The investigation has revealed the victim engaged in an argument with another male (Bruce Landy) which led to the stabbing. Landy was later arrested in the City of Wilmington in the 1600 block of W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. He has been charged with murder and related offenses.

**Brandywine Apts**

**Friday 5/16/08 2332**

**District 8-Cartier**

**Synopsis:** (Reported robbery) Two adult victims reported they were in the parking lot of the 2500 block of Jacqueline Drive lighting sparklers when two subjects approached them and asked for a light. As the male victim removed his lighter, one of the suspects placed a gun to his head and demanded money. The suspects stole the victim's wallet and fled on foot. A male subject was later detained and releases after the victim could not conclusively identify him.

**McDaniel Heights**

**Saturday 5/17/08 1005**

**District 2-Weiner**

**Synopsis:** (Murder investigation) Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 100 block of Cleveland Avenue for an unconscious female lying on the floor with blood on her face. When emergency personnel arrived, they found the victim had been killed inside the home. Ricky Wiley was identified as the victim's new boyfriend and the primary suspect in the murder. Wiley was arrested later by the Gloucester Township Police Department at approximately 1:00 a.m. on May 18, after the victim's vehicle was spotted pulling into the driveway of a known associate. He was taken into custody without incident. He will be charged with murder when returned to Delaware.

**Dunleith**

**Saturday 5/17/08 2145**

**District 10-Street**

**Synopsis:** (Reported robbery) A 29 year old male was delivering pizzas to a residence in the 400 block of Robinson Drive when he was approached by two male subjects who were armed with a handgun. The suspects stole the victim's cash, pizzas, and sodas before fleeing on foot.

**Woods Edge Apts**

**Sunday 5/18/08 2300**

**District 8-Cartier**

**Synopsis:** (Reported robbery) A 29 year old male had just arrived home (in the 1200 block of Westlawn Court) and was approached by four male subjects. They displayed a handgun and stole the victim's wallet and car keys before fleeing.

**Abbey Walk Apts**

**Wednesday 5/21/08 2210**

**District 9-Sheldon**

**Synopsis:** (Reported robbery) A 20 year old male victim advised that he was walking from his vehicle to his apartment building within the parking lot of the complex when he was approached by an unknown suspect armed with a gun. The subject placed the gun to victim's chest and demanded money. The victim gave the gunman an undisclosed amount of cash who then fled in a dark green Buick Century toward Kirkwood Hwy. The vehicle was believed to be driven by a female.

**Greenbridge**

**Wednesday 5/21/08 2215**

**District 5-McClellan**

**Synopsis:** (Reported robbery) A 23 year old male victim advised he was walking home from work on Greenbridge Drive when he was approached by two unknown males and heard what was believed to be a gun “cocking.” The men forced the victim to empty his pockets stealing his wallet and cash. After taking the victim’s property, they suspects fled on foot toward the Spring Run Apartments.

**Salem Village Apts**

**Saturday 5/24/08 0040**

**District 11-Tackett**

**Synopsis:** (Reported attempted robbery) A 32 year old cab driver picked up two men in the area of the 7-11 Store on Governors Printz Blvd. and dropped them off in the area of 521 Oakdale Road, but they refused to pay their fare. One of the subjects demanded the victim’s money and proceeded to reach through to the front seat and attack him. The victim fought back and continued to blow the vehicle’s horn to draw attention to his cab. The men damaged the taxi cab upon exiting the vehicle when the victim refused to give them their bags out of the trunk until they paid their fare.

**Brandywine Apts**

**Saturday 5/24/08 2150**

**District 8-Cartier**

**Synopsis:** (Reported robbery) A 35 year old male advised that as he was walking from his apartment on Jacqueline Drive to the trash dumpsters to take out his trash when he was approached by two men. One of the subjects brandished a handgun and stole the victim’s cell phone before walking off.

**Overlook Colony**

**Monday 5/26/08 0020**

**District 8-Cartier**

**Synopsis:** (Reported robbery) A 54 year old male advised that he was walking from the rear of his residence in the alleyway between 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue when he was approached by three unknown males who struck him from behind with blunt object causing him to lose consciousness. When he woke up, he discovered his money missing from his front jeans pocket.

**Oakmont**

**Monday 5/26/08 0112**

**District 10-Street**

**Synopsis:** (Reported attempted robbery, shooting) A 19 year old male victim advised that he was walking to his girlfriend’s residence (unit block of Kingston Drive) from his vehicle when he was approached by three unknown teenage males. The victim stated two subjects were riding on a green bicycle and the third was on foot. He ran toward his girlfriend’s home when he observed all three subjects pull their shirts over their heads fearing he was about to be robbed. The victim advised that he overheard one of the suspects yell “give it up.” Once inside, he observed that he had been shot in the arm and his girlfriend’s front door was shot out and shattered. Witnesses observed hearing a vehicle’s tires squeal after hearing a single gun shot. A green bicycle was recovered at the scene. The victim was later taken to the hospital by a friend.

**Landers Park**

**Monday 5/26/08 2119**

**District 7-Smiley**

**Synopsis:** (Reported robbery) A 42 year old male was walking in the area of Russell Road when he was “jumped” by two males who he had earlier seen at Dave’s Liquors. The victim advised that the suspects physically assaulted him removing his cigarettes and wallet from his person. Witnesses advised the victim was assaulted by approx. five unknown subjects who fled in an unknown green car.

**Village of Kent**

**Tuesday 5/27/08 2120**

**District 7-Smiley**

**Synopsis:** (Reported home invasion) A male and female victim reported they were inside of their residence in the 3200 block of Stone Place when they heard a knock at the door. The male victim answered the door as four males entered the residence who were armed with handguns and a shotgun. The suspects held the victims on the ground as they stole electronic equipment and cash. The male was “pistol-whipped” before the suspects fled on foot.

**Lancaster Court Apts**

**Wednesday 5/28/08 2200**

**District 1-Reda**

**Synopsis:** (Reported robbery) A 36 year old male advised that he was attempting to make a food delivery at 23 Court Drive when he was approached by three men who were wearing masks. He reported he was pushed over by the suspects in the doorway to Building 23 at which time the suspects forcibly removed his wallet and food from his possession. One suspect then struck the victim in the head several times with a small black handgun. There were no words exchanged in the robbery and all three suspects fled on foot out of the building in unknown direction of travel.

**Knollwood**

**Thursday 5/29/08 1000**

**District 8-Cartier**

**Synopsis:** (Reported home invasion) Two victims reported they were sleeping in the living room of their Denham Avenue residence when three men entered the home through an unsecured front door. The men, who were armed with handguns, began stealing a number of items from the home before fleeing in a silver mid-sized sedan.

**Georgetown Village Apts**

**Saturday 5/31/08 1645**

**District 7-Smiley**

**Synopsis:** (Reported robbery) The 26 year old male victim parked his vehicle between building M & F and was approached by three male subjects who were armed with a handgun. The suspects then went through the victim’s pockets and stole a cell phone and keys. All three suspects were wearing masks over their faces.

**Brennan Estates**

**Saturday 5/31/08 2330**

**District 6-Powers**

**Synopsis:** (Reported robbery) The 44 year old male victim returned to his Forsythia Lane home from work (he owns the National Liquor Store located at 1301 Vandever Avenue) at approx 11:30 p.m. Upon entering his garage, he was struck by a subject with a

handgun. He was then bound around his legs and head and carried into his house as his wife opened the interior garage door. She too was bound as the four suspects entered the home and began stealing items from inside. They also took the keys to the business. Wilmington officers were asked to check the liquor store and found at least two suspects trying to get inside. One man was arrested at the scene and one escaped. The investigation continues.