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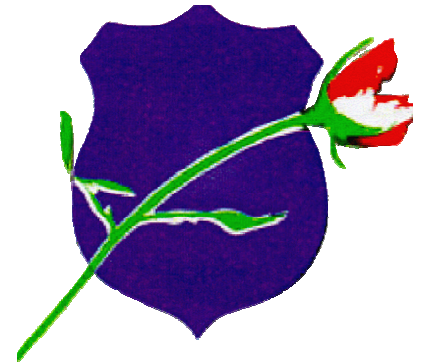
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Honor Guard Officers Presenting our Colors

Police Memorial



Day 2009

MINQUADALE —The following is an excerpt from Colonel Gregory’s speech on Police Memorial Day: “Each year, we gather as a family to remember our fallen officers and pay our respects for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our community. This past year was an especially troublesome time for law enforcement officers in the United States. We are reminded by the headlines detailing the multitude of officers who were killed in Oakland, California, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and just 35 miles to our north—in Philadelphia. Sadly, some of these officers died in vehicular crashes. Others were killed by desperate gunmen who cowardly ambushed the victims. Knowing that help was coming to aid the fallen officers, the gunshots continued as help arrived. These officers did not run away, they did what they always do – confront danger, stand up for those who cannot, and stay calm in a storm. This is the life of a police officer and this scene replays itself over and over. Most of the time, the public does not see it because it may be in the middle of the night or in a place where most do not normally travel. However, I have had the honor to serve in this profession for better than twenty-seven years and I can tell you definitively that the dedication and bravery are always present. There are approximately 870,000 women and men who choose a life in law enforcement. On average, we lose 145 of them and 16,000 more were injured annually. They died doing what they love and they died because they chose this job. On Police Memorial Day we come together and remember them. We remember that they chose lives as public servants. We remember that they chose to be leaders in their communities. We remember they chose to be loving mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters. And mostly we remember that they were the ones running toward the danger. So on this day, we pray for those we have lost and pray for those that continue the calling.”

Colonel Rick S. Gregory



Men Charged with Numerous Counts of Nighttime Burglaries

County Police have arrested three men in connection with multiple nighttime burglaries in the communities of St. Andrews and Ascot Landing. On Wednesday (5/6) at 3:30 a.m., officers responded to the community of Ascot Landing for a burglary in progress. When police arrived, they contacted the female victim and learned the subjects had already fled the scene after shattering her rear sliding glass window. Witnesses observed a white car leaving the area shortly after the victim reported the burglary. Officers then began a search of the community and received another call for a burglary in progress in the nearby development of St. Andrews. Officers then responded to the area of St. Andrews and learned from a male victim that the subjects had also shattered his rear sliding glass door. He then observed the subjects flee the area in a white car. Officers located a white car fitting the description on E. Scotland Drive and subsequently stopped the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed items that linked the occupants to multiple burglaries that were committed on Wednesday morning. The investigation has revealed the suspects were responsible for multiple burglaries that were committed that morning. Detectives have linked the subjects to three burglaries in the unit block of Barberry Court, two burglaries in the unit block of Banff Street, one in the unit block of Greenbridge Drive, and another in the unit block of Kildoon Drive.

Marijuana and Cocaine Seized During Traffic Stop

County Police have arrested **Khalif Freeman-Walton**, 23, of the unit block of Duncan Road, Wilmington, DE, **Joshua Thompson**, 24, of the unit block of Dean Street in New Castle, DE, and **Kendall Moon**, 25, of the unit block of Lancaster Avenue, Wilmington, DE. They have been charged with felony drug offenses and traffic offenses as a result of traffic violations. On Thursday (5/14) evening, officers from the Mobile Enforcement Team were assigned to the community of Lancaster Court to address quality of life issues. During their patrol the officers stopped Freeman-Walton for a violation. He then threw an object out the window which was later discovered to be a marijuana cigarette. A search of the vehicle yielded 40 grams of marijuana along with additional drug paraphernalia. Later that evening the team spotted another traffic violation and observed Thompson and Moon in the vehicle. Officers then discovered marijuana and took Thompson and Moon into custody. After a further search, Thompson was found to have 3 grams of cocaine. Thompson and Moon were taken into custody without incident. Thompson was charged with possession with intent to deliver cocaine, maintaining a vehicle, and tampering with evidence. Moon was charged with criminal impersonation. Walton and Thompson were arraigned and released after posting \$20,000 bail. Moon was arraigned and committed to Howard Young Correctional Facility in lieu of posting \$915 bail for a violation of probation capias.

Suspect Caught Breaking into Cars

New Castle County Police have arrested **Brandon Alford**, a 19 year old male who resides in the unit block of Florence Avenue in Wilmington, DE. He has been linked to multiple charges involving motor vehicles and was out on bail pending an arrest on 5/6 by Delaware State Police for similar crimes.

(Wilmington, DE) On Saturday (5/9) at 11:13 p.m., officers received a report of a white male suspect breaking into vehicles in the community of Green Acres. When Corporal Al Wysock



Corporal Al Wysock

did not know Alford, nor did she give him permission to be on her property. The victim then checked her vehicle and noticed that it had been ransacked with its contents strewn throughout. Officers then made contact with another male victim after finding items in Alford's possession that linked him to the theft. Contact was also made with the female caller that observed Alford going through her vehicles and she later positively identified him. Alford was taken into custody without incident. Police have charged Alford with the following offenses: three counts of tampering with a vehicle, three counts of criminal trespass, and theft under \$1,000.



Police Canine Apprehends Suspect

Jonathon S. Hall, a 24 year old male who resides in the 200 block of Fendwick Avenue in Wilmington, has been charged with multiple criminal offenses. He is accused of assaulting his girlfriend, later fleeing from police in his vehicle and causing at least four crashes. He was arrested after he was unable to out maneuver a four-legged officer who apprehended him after a very brief chase. On Tuesday (5/19) at 4:15 p.m., county officers responded to the Woodfield Apartments for a report of a domestic related assault in progress. When police arrived, they encountered a male subject who was physically assaulting a female victim in the parking lot. The male subject observed the officers approaching him and refused verbal commands to surrender as he ran to his car that was parked nearby. Officers were able to grab the male subject through the window, however, he was able to place the car into "drive" and flee at a high rate of speed. After fleeing the apartment complex, the driver (Hall) was involved in at least four crashes with other vehicles as he recklessly fled the area. Police learned Hall had assaulted his 28 year old estranged girlfriend and was attempting to force her into his car when police arrived. During the assault, Hall pulled a large amount of hair from the victim's scalp and repeatedly struck her about the head and face. Officers later located Hall on foot in the area of the Carousel Park near Skyline Drive. Hall again fled on foot (this time) and was last seen entering some heavy thicket. Canine "Bandit" was deployed into the area and was able to flush Hall from the bushes. A second canine "Tessa" was deployed (after Bandit was recalled) and apprehended Hall after a brief chase. He was later transported to the Christiana Hospital where he was treated and released for bite wounds to the chest, abdomen and forearm. Hall has been charged with unlawful imprisonment, assault, terroristic threatening, offensive touching, (2) counts of resisting arrest, and breach of release. The breach of release charge was levied against Hall after police discovered he had been arrested earlier this year for a serious assault involving the same female victim. After his arrest, he was ordered to have no contact with the victim.



Officer Purse and Tessa

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Crime Stoppers Investigator of the Year

Detective Thomas Orzechowski has received the honor of the Crime Stoppers Investigator of the Year Award. He was the lead investigator on many burglary and other property crimes that led to clearances of multiple cases. Some of those cases are highlighted in the narrative below. In March of 2008, during a three night period, approximately 65 vehicles were the targets of vandalism when subjects unknown drove through various residential communities and used a BB gun to shoot out windows of vehicles. Within a short period of time, Orzechowski received a tip during which he was informed a female subject had been bragging about her involvement in the vandalism cases. Detective Orzechowski made contact with the female subject and after an interview with her obtained a confession in reference to her involvement in the crimes. She additionally informed Detective Orzechowski of the names of the two male subjects who were later arrested. All three were charged with **65** counts of criminal mischief and **65** counts of conspiracy, successfully clearing all cases in this multiple investigation. Beginning in June 2008, New Castle County began to experience a series of burglaries in the Route 4 and Harmony Road area. Detective Orzechowski was assigned to the cases. The burglar was operating during daylight hours and investigation revealed that the suspect would randomly walk through neighborhoods and "case out" the location of his burglary. During his investigation, Detective Orzechowski spoke with a witness who observed a suspicious subject knocking on a neighbor's door and then walk to the rear of the residence. The witness took notice of the subject's description, but did not call 911 at that time. He later learned of a burglary to that residence. The witness later observed the subject he believed had been knocking on the neighbor's residence at a local convenience store. The witness did call 911 at that time, but by the time officers arrived, the subject had left the area. Detective Orzechowski obtained video footage of the subject at the convenience store and completed fliers asking for help in identifying the subject. A local merchant who had seen the flier observed the subject enter his store and was able to identify a vehicle and obtain a tag number on the vehicle. The merchant called Detective Orzechowski who was able to identify the owner of the vehicle. This information was developed in late August 2008. Detective Orzechowski organized a surveillance detail in the area of the Route 4 and Harmony Road in order to stop the burglaries. An off-duty officer familiar with the investigation observed the suspect in the area riding a bicycle and notified Orzechowski. After following the subject for a period of time, investigators lost sight of him for approximately 20 minutes, but then observed him emerge from a wooded area carrying a plastic bag. After a brief chase and struggle, the suspect was taken into custody and found in possession of jewelry linked to the burglary that just occurred. Detective Orzechowski was able to sign warrants for this burglary and three others. The suspect was placed in jail, but after a period of time, he was released on bail. A short time later, the burglaries began to occur again. Detective Orzechowski immediately suspected the same suspect of the new burglaries. Another surveillance detail was organized and the suspect was again taken into custody after committing another burglary, and after another foot pursuit and struggle. This time, with the assistance of the Attorney General's Office, the bail was set at a level which kept the suspect incarcerated until his court date during which time a plea agreement netted the suspect a mandatory sentence of 9 years at level 5 incarceration. (See Tommy "O"—page 4)

Moose Lodge ‘Officer of the Year Award’

The New Castle County Division of Police is proud to announce that Officer First Class Allen G. Herring was awarded Officer of the Year by the Loyal Order of the Moose for 2008. Officer First Class Herring received his award at the New Castle Moose Lodge on Saturday, May 9, 2009. He started his career with the New Castle County Police in December 2004. He has since demonstrated a true commitment to the department and the citizens of New Castle County. Officer First Class Herring is a proactive and community oriented individual who is willing to go above and beyond his basic assignment. His accomplishments for 2008 include:



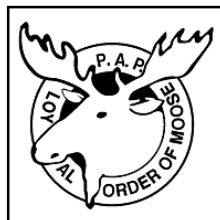
Allen G. Herring

In February 2008, Officer Herring investigated the reported abuse of an elderly person. He observed the victim was suffering from extreme dehydration and multiple bed sores. His investigation led to the arrest of the victim’s care taker.

In June 2008, Officer Herring attempted to stop a person of interest in a robbery of an ice cream truck. The suspect fled on foot and was later captured and found to be in possession of marijuana and cocaine.

Again, in June 2008, Officer Herring observed a known drug dealer operating a vehicle in the community of Edgemoor Gardens. The subject was stopped for a violation and a subsequent search of the vehicle yielded 56 Percocet pills and other drug paraphernalia.

During the Summer of 2008, North Graylyn Crest was plagued with a ‘peeping tom.’ In July of that year, a female victim called the police to report a suspect performing lewd acts. Her description of the suspect was provided and Officer Herring was able to capture the subject after a brief foot chase. Throughout the year of 2008, Officer Herring gathered valuable information through daily contacts and shared this information with other officers which led to numerous arrests. He had no concern for who received the credit, but rather that the arrests were made. Officer Herring’s accomplishments for 2008 were noted by Colonel Rick Gregory for which he was awarded the New Castle County “Officer of the Year” for 2008. County Executive Chris Coons and Colonel Rick Gregory presented Officer Herring the County’s award during the awards ceremony on Thursday, May 14, 2009.



Tommy “O” FROM PAGE 3

As a result of Detective Orzechowski’s investigation, it is believed that the subject had committed over 40 burglaries during his crime spree. As of now, he has cleared about 30 of those cases. During the months of August through November 2008, several apartment communities throughout New Castle County experienced burglaries. The burglaries were complicated in that they were occurring in all areas of the county. Detective Orzechowski was assigned to the case and very quickly was able to recognize a significant MO in all of the cases. Investigation also revealed that in addition to the incredibly large number of burglaries being committed, a like or larger number of burglaries were being attempted in the given communities. This burglar would steal anything that was not nailed down from jewelry to, in one case, a 56” flat screen television. In another, the suspect was confronted by a resident and he threatened the citizen with a knife in order to make his escape. The victim of that crime was able to assist with the completion of a composite sketch of the suspect. In another one of the cases, Detective Orzechowski was able to speak with a witness who identified a red colored Jeep Cherokee as being involved. A surveillance detail was organized consisting of 10-30 officers. Detective Orzechowski monitored the surveillance while still conducting his investigation. He later prepared fliers containing the composite sketch and a picture of a jeep similar to the one described. The fliers were distributed to apartment communities as he remained in constant contact with owners and managers. In late November 2008, a maintenance worker in one of the apartment communities observed a suspicious subject exiting an apartment. The worker believed the subject matched the composite sketch and was able to obtain the registration number and description of the vehicle the suspect entered. The information was broadcasted and a short time later, Detective Orzechowski stopped the vehicle and took the suspect into custody. A subsequent search of the suspect’s residence led to the discovery of \$30,000 in stolen property consisting of CD’s, various electronic items, a sawed off shotgun, and safes. Also recovered were 481 baggies of heroin with a combined weight of 144.3 grams. Detective Orzechowski also recovered photographs of the suspect holding the shotgun before it was altered. A search warrant of the vehicle revealed an additional 47 baggies of heroin with a total weight of 14.1 grams. Detective Orzechowski was able to link the suspect to a red Jeep which belonged to an acquaintance. As a result of his efforts in this investigation, Detective Orzechowski was able to return over \$20,000 in stolen property to victims of crimes. He was also able to clear a total of 76 burglaries which had occurred throughout New Castle County.



Detective Thomas Orzechowski

Significant Crime Recap May 2009

Rose Hill

Friday 5/1/09 1905

District 10-Street

Synopsis: (Reported shots-fired) Officers were dispatched to the area of the Rose Hill parkland for a report of four to five gunshots fired. Upon checking the area, officers recovered a shell casing in the area of the baseball field. No damaged property or injured persons were located.

Marshallton

Saturday 5/2/09 2130

District 1-Reda

Synopsis: (Reported robbery) A 21 year old male victim had gone out to his car which was parked in the rear parking lot of the night club, "Enyigma" to plug his cell phone in. The victim was approached by two male subjects, one of which pushed a silver in color handgun into his side and demanded his wallet. The victim turned over his wallet, then attempted to push the suspects away, at which time he was punched. Both suspects then fled over the fence into Cranston Hall Apartments.

Manor Park

Monday 5/4/09 2220

District 7-Smiley

Summary: (Attempted armed robbery) A 37 year old male victim reported that he had walked home from the Wawa store and noticed he was followed by a male suspect. Once at his apartment, he was confronted by the suspect who pointed a small silver handgun at him and yelled something in English at the Spanish-speaking only victim. The suspect then pointed the gun into the apartment where the victim's roommates were located. The suspect fled on foot towards the rear of the apartment complex without any proceeds.

Glen Eagle Village Apts.

Tuesday 5/5/09 1150

District 11-Tackett

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 56 year old male victim reported that he exited his apartment building, on Sandalwood Drive, to take the trash out and leave for work. While outside, he was approached by a male subject who the victim knew as a former co-worker named "Don." Don asked the victim for money and then assaulted him after he refused his request. Don stole cash from the victim before fleeing in gray Mercury Marquis. Don was later identified and arrested.

Fox Chase

Thursday 5/7/09 0230

District 11-Tackett

Summary: (Reported robbery) A male subject entered the 7-11 Store on S. Gerald Drive and pointed a revolver at the clerk and two customers inside. He then demanded cash and fled on foot with the proceeds. The video surveillance was collected.

Glasgow Court MHP

Sunday 5/10/09 2342

District 6-Powers

Synopsis: (Reported home invasion) A 29 year old male victim advised that he was home (200 block of Ingram Street) seated on his couch, drinking beer when he observed three unknown persons standing on his deck. At one point, one of the suspects entered the house and told the victim to empty his pockets as the other two suspects searched the home and assault the victim. Cash and prescription pills were stolen.

Colonial Village Apts.

Wednesday 5/13/09 2205

District 7-Smiley

Synopsis: (Reported robbery) A 16 year old male victim was walking home when he noticed he was being followed by two male subjects. When he arrived at his apartment building, one of the subjects pointed a gun at him and ordered him to empty his pockets. The victim initially refused believing the gun was fake at which time he was repeatedly punched about the face as the suspects stole his Ipod, earrings, and cash.

Dunleith

Thursday 5/14/09 2125

District 10-Street

Synopsis: (Reported robbery) A 44 year old male victim was walking to his residence from a nearby bus stop when he was approached from behind by a male subject who held a gun to the back of his head. The victim was pushed to the ground and assaulted as the male subject stole his wallet and food stamps.

Edgemoor Gardens

Saturday 5/16/09 2100

District 8-Cartier

Synopsis: (Reported robbery) A 24 year old male victim advised that he had just made a food delivery to a home located in the unit block of South Rodney Drive. Upon leaving the residence/area in his vehicle, he slowed for a bike that had been left in the roadway. As the victim stopped his vehicle, a light blue Oldsmobile Cutlass pulled out and cut him off. A male occupant tapped on the victim's window and pointed a handgun at him while demanding money. The victim turned over cash before the suspect fled in the Oldsmobile toward Rysing Drive.

Oakmont

Saturday 5/16/09 2300

District 10-Street

Synopsis: (Shooting investigation) A 22 year old male victim reported that he walked to a residence in the unit block of Kingston Drive to visit with an ex-girlfriend/baby's mother. While en route to the home, the victim was involved in an altercation with an unknown male subject which resulted in him being struck in the head with a bottle. The victim returned to his house and got his brother and another friend and returned to the area. Upon returning back to the area in his vehicle, the victims engaged in a physical altercation with a group of other male suspects. One of the suspects was observed grabbing at his waistband, although no firearm was observed. The group of victims fled in a vehicle and 2-3 shots were heard. Unknown caliber casings were located at the scene. The rear window of the victim's vehicle was broken out, possibly by the gun fire.

Sparrow Run**Saturday 5/16/09 2305****District 6-Powers**

Synopsis: (Home invasion) Three adult male victims advised that they were inside of their residence when there was a knock at the door. One of the victims proceeded to the door, but before he could open it, it was kicked in by three armed male suspects. One of the victims suffered a large laceration to his head that required 25 stitches. The suspects then fled the scene after taking cash and a cell phone.

Spring Mill**Monday 5/18/09 1500****District 7-Smiley**

Synopsis: (Reported robbery) A 17 year old male victim was walking to the library on Songsmith Drive when he was approached by 5 subjects. One of the subjects asked to see the victim's MP3 player and then struck him from behind. The victim dropped the MP3 player at which time the suspects picked it up and fled on foot.

McDaniel Crest**Wednesday 5/20/09 2230****District 2-Weiner**

Synopsis: (Reported robbery) A 17 year old male victim was walking on Delaware Avenue when a silver Toyota Celica approached him. The group of male occupants got out of the car and assaulted the victim while stealing his cell phone, wallet, cash, keys and Ipod. The victim was able to identify two of the suspects. Arrests are pending.

Cedar Pointe TH**Thursday 5/21/09 0100****District 7-Smiley**

Synopsis: The victim's advised that they were outside smoking cigarettes when the two suspects approached them from the "cut" between 36 and 38 Cathy Court. Both suspects were wearing masks, displayed handguns and demanded the victims' property. Both suspects fled on foot after taking two cell phones and cigarettes before fleeing toward Old Forge Road.

Hampton Walk Apts.**Saturday 5/23/09 1100****District 7-Smiley**

Synopsis: (Reported robbery) A 26 year old male was walking in the area of the 1600 block of New Jersey Avenue when he was approached by two male subjects. One of them suddenly punched the victim about the face causing him to fall to the ground at which time they removed money from his pockets. The suspects were last seen fleeing on foot.

Colonial Village Apts.**Saturday 5/23/09 2120****District 7-Smiley**

Synopsis: (Reported robbery) Two teenage victims were sitting on the rear steps of the building (#6) talking when they were approached by two subjects who implied they had a gun. The suspects stole clothing from the male victim, a backpack, cell phone and cash before fleeing on foot.

Woods Edge Apts.

Sunday 5/24/09 2300

District 8-Cartier

Synopsis: (Reported robbery) A 19 year old male was walking on Terra Hill Drive when he was approached by three male subjects who brandished handguns. One pointed the gun at the victim's face as they stole his wallet and cash.

Maple Hill T.H.

Thursday 5/28/09 0120

District 7-Smiley

Synopsis: (Reported robbery) A male and female adult victim reported they had gotten lost after a night of drinking at TGIFridays in Airport Plaza. According to the male victim, he stopped his vehicle in front of a home on Baylis Street to adjust his GPS. For unknown reasons, the victim exited the vehicle at which point two male subjects approached them, displayed a handgun and demanded property from both victims. After turning property over to the suspects, the male subject started fighting with both suspects after he had determined that the gun displayed was fake. The suspects then fled after taking cash and other valuables from the victims.

Maple Hill T.H.

Friday 5/29/09 2345

District 7-Smiley

Synopsis: (Homicide investigation) A husband and his wife were inside their home on Revelle Street when three male subjects forced their way in through the front door. The 27 year old male victim attempted to fight off the intruders at which time he was shot and killed in the foyer area of the home. Detectives worked around the clock for a few days before they arrested all three men involved in the homicide.

Brookside Park

Sunday 5/31/09 0240

District 5-Diller

Synopsis: (Reported home invasion) Seven adult males were visiting inside a home in the unit block of Kenmar Drive when three male subjects forced their way inside while armed with handguns. The suspects stole a large amount of cash and four cell phones from the victims after ransacking the home. They then fled on foot.

Sparrow Run

Sunday 5/31/09 0300

District 6-Powers

Synopsis: (Reported robbery) Three male victims were outside of a residence in the unit block of Egret Court when they were approached by three males who were armed with a handgun. The subjects held the victim at gunpoint while they stole cash, a cell phone, a digital camera and wallet before they fled on foot.

Hunter's Crossing Apts.

Sunday 5/31/09 2220

District 5-Diller

Synopsis: (Reported robbery) A 35 year old male victim was walking on Fairway Road talking on his cell phone when five male subjects wearing dark clothing confronted him. The group of male subjects started to assault him and steal his wallet, so he yelled for help. At this time, the victim's two brothers came outside and saw their sibling being

assaulted and approached the group. One of the suspects then pulled out a handgun and pointed it at the two additional victims before fleeing on foot with the stolen property.