



County Police Ink

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New Castle County Police Department

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Introducing the 34th New Castle County Recruit Academy Graduates



Officers stand at attention after receiving their badges at graduation

The New Castle County Police Department Proudly presents the 34th Recruit Class, a diverse group of fine young men and women. Recently, they have successfully completed seven grueling months of academy training in topics (to name a few) such as: physical fitness, patrol procedures, domestic violence, diversity training, use of force, criminal and traffic codes, weaponless defense, defensive driving, firearms training, officer survival training and much, much more. During the officers' survival training, staff from the Delaware Army National Guard conducted "FATS" (Fire Arms Training Simulator) training which provided real life shoot/no shoot scenarios. According to drill instructor Officer John Weglarz, "Each academy class continues to improve as the staff is committed to adding more contemporary policing exercises." Although he commented on the successes of the recruit class, he went on to say this academy did have it's fair share of struggles at the onset as a number of recruits were unable to adjust to the rigors of the training. In fact, the first resignation occurred within four hours of the first day. Despite the early personnel losses, the academy class quickly bonded together and learned that they needed to work as a team. The "34th" graduated on July, 23, 2009. As in the past, several other police agencies have recognized the high quality officers who have completed our training, and have elected to send their officers through our academy. This class consisted of one officer from Elsmere Police Department, three officers from Middletown Police Department, six officers from the University of Delaware and ten New Castle County Police Officers.

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Although overall crime is down this year, County Police regrettably investigated at least six shootings during the month of July. In most cases, the suspects were identified and arrests swiftly were made. In one case (a homicide), detectives worked diligently to identify and arrest two suspects for the murder of an 18 year old male who was slain in the Georgetown Village Apartments. In this incident, the 18 year old male victim willingly relinquished his money but was senselessly shot and killed before the suspects fled on foot. The majority of the other cases involved street robberies and disputes between feuding thugs who resorted to gunfire. According to Colonel Gregory, "We have done an excellent job with investigating these crimes—with many arrests. Our challenge is to prosecute these cases and prevent future crimes through our continued outreach to the community."



Citizen's Tip Leads to Graffiti Arrest in Fox Run

Bear, DE —New Castle County Police have arrested a 17 year old Fox Run youth for graffiti and conspiracy after a concerned citizen phoned 911 and reported that several subjects were spray painting benches and the grassy area in the court yard near the 2300 block of Squirrel Drive. On Monday (7/13) at 10:03 p.m., County Police responded to the area of the Fox Run Apartments for a report of a "graffiti in progress complaint." When police arrived, they contacted a concerned citizen who reported seeing four young men spray painting the park benches and lawn in the area of the courtyard on Squirrel Drive. The caller stated she confronted the young men who fled on foot toward Route 40. The officers then conducted a property check on foot and located one male subject walking along Route 40 who was later linked to the crime. He has been charged with conspiracy and graffiti. A second suspect was also identified, however, he ran off before police arrived. Arrest warrants have been issued for the second 17 year old suspect. The teen, who was arrested, resides in the 300 block of Skeet Circle in Bear. He has been arraigned and released on \$1,000 unsecured bail and issued a curfew. The other teen resides in the 200 block of Antler's Lane in Bear. Police also recovered the discarded (nearly full) spray paint cans in the bushes near the area where the suspects fled.

Robbery Victim, 75, Dies in Hospital

Bear, DE —New Castle County Detectives are currently investigating a robbery of an elderly man who was assaulted by two gunmen and later died at the Christiana Hospital. On Wednesday (7/15) at 1:41 a.m., County Police and Paramedics responded to the Christiana Meadows Apartment complex (265 Bear Christiana Road) for a report of a robbery that just occurred. When police arrived, they contacted the elderly male victim who was lying on the ground and unable to sit up. He indicated that he was out for his daily early morning walk when two male subjects approached him from behind. The victim indicated that one of the suspects brandished a handgun and attempted to rob him. The victim advised he told the suspects he had no valuables to relinquish (as he was wearing workout style clothing) at which time the suspects assaulted him and fled on foot. The victim, whose condition began to worsen, was immediately rushed to the Christiana Hospital. A witness at the scene observed a late 80's model grey/blue colored sedan fleeing from the area during the same time of the reported robbery. The vehicle was last seen speeding off toward Route 40. The subject with the gun was described as a white male, 5'9", with blond hair. The other suspect was described as a black male, 5'10" to 6'.

Unfortunately, the victim died a few days later at the hospital due to complications from the assault. What began as a robbery investigation has not been classified as a homicide according to the Delaware Medical Examiner's office. Detectives are continuing to follow up on leads, however, arrest warrants are still pending.

Three Men Charged with Trafficking in Cocaine

New Castle, DE —Three men were arrested by the Mobile Enforcement Team (MET) after an officer observed them traveling in a car and noted the front passenger not wearing his seatbelt. Cocaine and cash was seized after a search of the vehicle. On Tuesday, (6/30) at 7:30 p.m. MET Officers were addressing quality of life issues in the area of Holloway Terrace when they observed a white sedan on Sixth Avenue in Holloway Terrace (New Castle). The front male passenger was not wearing his seatbelt, and as a result officers conducted a traffic stop. The passenger was later identified as Quinton Turner (24) was unable to provide any identification and was asked to exit the vehicle in order for officers to safely identify him. Turner was found to be in possession of a large amount of money and taken into custody after it was determined he was wanted by the Court of Common Pleas. The driver of the vehicle, Lamar Tann (30) was also asked to exit the vehicle. Officers checked the area and located 12 grams of cocaine under the drivers' seat. The rear passenger, Clyde Holmes, (28) exited the vehicle and officers observed a large bulge in Holmes' pocket. The pocket was so full of cocaine, it could not be closed which permitted the officers to observe the cocaine in plain sight. Holmes was carrying 56 grams of cocaine. The officers also found other miscellaneous drug paraphernalia after a further search of the vehicle. A total of \$695.00 was seized as well as 12 grams from the drivers' seat and 56 grams from Holmes.



Canine Team Apprehends Fleeing Theft Suspect

Newark, DE —A 22 year old Newark man made a few bad decisions one afternoon in July. The first, was to break into a car and steal items from within. The second, was to break into a car and steal items from within while less than a mile away from a team of police canines that were training in the area. The last poor decision was to try to outrun and evade a veteran New Castle County Canine and handler. On Monday (7/20) at 12:40 pm., a county police officer was dispatched to the first block of East Stephen Drive, in Chestnut Hill Estates, for a report of a suspicious male subject seen hiding a bag behind some shrubbery. The arriving officer determined that a theft from a vehicle had just occurred and quickly disseminated a description of the suspect, a black male wearing a white tank top and red/black shorts. A second county police officer responded to the scene and observed the suspect on Diminish Drive who fled after the officer attempted to stop him. The suspect was then chased through multiple back yards and over many fences. Coincidentally, the New Castle County Police Canine Coordinator, Corporal Mark Tobin, was conducting a multi-agency canine training program approximately one mile from the incident. He, his partner "Nike" and a total of seven police canines and their handlers heard the dispatch and responded to assist in the incident. Additionally, assets from the Delaware State Police Aviation, canine and patrol sections assisted with the pursuit. The pursuit continued through Harmony Woods to the 300 block of Ruthar Drive where the fleeing suspect ran into the front offices of a manufacturing facility (Rath Incorporated) with Corporal Tobin and Nike right behind him. Several office workers, who were frightened by the desperate fleeing suspect, directed the officers to the rear of the building where the suspect barricaded himself in an office supply closet. Officers broke the door down as Nike entered the closet and apprehended the suspect after a brief struggle as he kicked and punched the determined canine. The suspect, 22 year old Elijah Pressley was treated at the Christiana Hospital for his injuries resulting in the canine apprehension. He was later released to the custody of the New Castle County Police. Pressley has been charged with theft, resisting arrest (felony and misdemeanor), burglary, and harassment of a law enforcement animal. He has been arraigned and committed to the Howard Young Prison after failing to post \$6,500 secured bail. Canine Nike was not injured during the apprehension.



Corporal Tobin and Canine Nike

Teens Linked to 12 Residential Burglaries in Pike Creek

Pike Creek, DE —Austin Peters (18) and two other 17 year old males were arrested after they fled from two residential burglaries that just occurred in Pike Creek. On Thursday (7/23) 12:49 p.m., County Police responded to two simultaneous burglaries that just occurred in the 400 block of Upper Pike Creek Road and in the unit block of Grey Fox Ridge (in the community of Foxfire). A female victim reported seeing a white male subject attempt to enter her home through the "bilco doors" that lead to her basement at the Upper Pike Creek Road address. Several officers responded to the area and set up a perimeter. Within moments, officers located one male walking on Upper Pike Road within 20 feet of the victim's driveway. The subject immediately ran off when he saw the officers approaching him. He was taken into custody after a brief chase and found to be in possession of a book bag that had a laptop inside that had just been stolen from the Grey Fox Ridge address. Meanwhile, additional officers responded to the other Fox Fire address and located two additional white males who were walking in the area carrying a book bag. The subjects were detained after police found burglar's tools inside the bag. All three subjects were taken into custody and linked to multiple burglaries that have occurred over the past month in the Pike Creek community. One of the subjects, Austin Peters (18), was linked to a total of 12 residential burglaries where more than \$20,000 worth of property was stolen as well as prescription drugs. Austin Peters was charged with a total of 32 crimes. The other two subjects have been linked to a total of six burglaries. The charges and subsequent arraignments are pending for the juveniles. The investigation is on-going as investigators believe the subjects were responsible for additional crimes in the Pike Creek area.

Domestic Related Homicide

Newark, DE —Detectives have arrested Michael Kolesar and charged him with manslaughter after he stabbed his girlfriend with a four foot long Samurai sword during a domestic altercation inside his apartment. On Sunday (7/26) at 1:07 a.m., County Police responded to Kolesar's apartment for a report of a cutting involving a sword. When the officers arrived, they immediately took the two male occupants into custody and found a female victim deceased in a rear bedroom. The victim had sustained a stab wound to her upper torso. The investigation has revealed Kolesar and girlfriend (age 21) had engaged in a verbal altercation while patronizing a local bar. When they returned home, the argument continued and turned physical. During the altercation, the female victim armed herself with the Samurai sword and menaced Kolesar. He then removed the weapon from the victim and stabbed her during the struggle. Kolesar has been charged with manslaughter and possession of a deadly weapon during the commission of a felony. The other male subject, who was originally arrested, was released from custody and not charged with a crime.



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Colonel Gregory and the police academy staff proudly presents the graduates of the 34th New Castle County Police Academy. Hopefully, this illustration will help the senior officers recognize the "new" faces walking around the public safety building.

Police Arrest Armed Robbery Suspect

Hockessin, DE –Theodore Sammons, a 41 year old Hockessin man, has been charged with robbery related offenses after police linked him to an armed robbery of a liquor store. On Tuesday (7/28) at 6:43 p.m. County Police responded to the Hockessin Wine and Spirits package store for a report of a robbery that just occurred. When police arrived, they contacted the manager who advised the store clerk was just robbed at gunpoint by a masked man who was armed with a silver handgun. The investigation has revealed the male suspect entered the store (wearing a ski mask and gloves) and ordered two employees to get on the ground at gunpoint. He then proceeded to remove cash from the register and make his way toward the front door as a female patron was approaching the entrance. The suspect exited the door and ordered the female to get on the ground as well. An employee then ran out of the store and observed a maroon sedan leaving the parking lot at a high rate of speed. The employee was able to obtain a tag number of the car and pass on the information to the responding officers. Senior Corporal Anthony Scelsi completed a computer inquiry and discovered the car was registered to a female who resides in the 6600 block of Lancaster Pike in Hockessin. Scelsi responded to the area and parked his car several houses away. While approaching the residence on foot, he observed a male subject exit the home and walk out toward the street. Scelsi confronted the man and arrested him after he was able to determine the subject was responsible for robbing the liquor store. A search warrant was obtained for the residence where investigators recovered the cash, gun, ski mask, and jacket that was worn during the robbery. Sammons, was charged with robbery related offenses and committed to prison.



Corporal Anthony Scelsi

Significant Crime Recap July 2009

Derr's Market

Wednesday 7/1/09 1855

District 7-Smile

Summary: (Shooting investigation) A 22 year old male victim had engaged in a verbal altercation with two known subjects earlier in the evening in the Kimberton community. A second confrontation occurred later in the 100 block of Troubadour Way that lead to a shooting involving the same suspects. The victim was not injured. Detectives have identified the shooters and an arrest warrant was signed.

Maple Hill T.H.

Friday 7/3/09 0123

District 7-Smile

Summary: (Shooting Investigation) An 18 to 20 year old male suspect, who was driving an older model vehicle, exited his vehicle in the unit block of Revelle Street and fired four gunshots. Three male victims were in the area at the time. No one was injured; however, police recovered two 9mm casings.

Woodland Apts.

Friday 7/3/09 1500

District 9-Sheldon

Summary: (Robbery Investigation) A 64 year old female victim was sitting outside of her residence in the unit block of Caleb Terrace, when she was approached by two male suspects. The two male suspects were described as being between the age of 17 and 20. One of the suspects placed a gun against the victim's chest and demanded her jewelry. The victim turned over two necklaces and two bracelets before both suspects fled on foot.

Penn Acres

Friday 7/3/09 2300

District 7-Smile

Summary: (Reported attempted robbery) A 26 year old female had responded to a home in the unit block of Silsbee Road to deliver of a food order. The resident at the home answered the door and advised they did not place an order. The victim was accosted at gunpoint as she walked back to her car by a male subject who was armed with a black handgun. The victim dropped the food and ran back toward the home. The suspect fled on foot empty handed.

Hampton Walk Apts.

Friday 7/3/09 2330

District 7-Smile

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 42 year old female victim had just parked her vehicle in the parking lot of 109 McMullen Avenue when she observed a male subject approaching her. The victim attempted to close the door, but the subject pulled her out of the car and pointed a handgun at her. A second 41 year old male victim attempted to help the female but he too was robbed by the suspect who took cash from each of them.

Windermere

Sunday 7/5/09 0030

District 1-Reda

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 54 year old male attempted to make a pizza delivery to a residence in the 1800 block of Windermere Avenue when he was approached by a male subject who made a motioned toward him as if he had placed the order. The suspect then withdrew a handgun and demanded the victim's money. During the robbery, the suspect struck the victim about the head with the gun before fleeing on foot.

Scotch Hills Apts.

Sunday 7/5/09 0300

District 7-Smiley

Summary: (Shooting investigation) A 40 year old male was attempting to visit a relative in the 200 block of Highland Blvd. when he was approached by a male subject who pointed a silver handgun at him. The victim attempted to fight off the attacker at which time he fired several gunshot rounds striking the victim twice. He then got into his car and drove to the nearby 7-11 store to get help.

Hampton Walk Apts.

Sunday 7/5/09 0355

District 7-Smiley

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 29 year old male victim, his wife and infant son had just returned home (1500 block of New Jersey Avenue). As the entered the apartment building, a male subject approached and pointed a handgun at them. The suspect made the victim relinquish his cash before he fled on foot.

Hampton Walk Apts.

Sunday 7/5/09 0405

District 7-Smiley

Summary: (Reported home invasion robbery) A 40 year old female victim was awakened by the sound of loud bangs coming from the front of her apartment, located in the 1600 block of New Jersey Avenue. The victim sat up in bed to find a male subject standing over her pointing a handgun at her body. The suspect demanded money from the victim who gave up an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect fled from the home through a rear, spare bedroom window

Newtown Green TH

Sunday 7/5/09 1140

District 11-Tackett

Summary: (Shooting investigation) A 31 year old male had an argument with a second male subject in the unit block of Whitburn Place. During the altercation, the second male subject withdrew a handgun and fired several shots at the victim striking the nearby occupied homes. The suspect was later identified and charged with felony violations. The weapon was also recovered.

Fox Chase

Monday 7/6/09 0315

District 11-Tackett

Summary: (Reported robbery) Two male subjects entered the 7-11 on S. Gerald Drive and propped the door open with a landscaping rock. One displayed a silver handgun and demanded money from the clerk as the other stood by the door while armed with a metal

pipe. The suspects stole cash and cigarettes from the store before fleeing in a black colored sedan.

The Cedars

Tuesday 7/7/09 2115

District 9-Sheldon

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 16 year old victim was walking along the 2400 block of Cedar Avenue when two male subjects started to chase him in an attempted robbery. The suspects eventually caught the victim, assaulted him and took his cell phone. The victim sustained a minor shoulder injury during the assault. Police identified and arrested one of the suspects.

Prestwick

Friday 7/10/09 1710

District 7-Smiley

Summary: (Shooting investigation) A 45 year old male, who lives in the unit block of Prestwick Drive, advised that he heard a knock on his inside garage door and exited out the front of his house to see who was outside. Here, the victim encountered a male subject who brandished a handgun and told the victim to get back into the house. The victim was able to wrestle the gun away from the suspect, however, a second male accomplice withdrew another gun and fired one shot at the victim prior to both suspects fleeing the area. The victim, who was not injured, turned over the handgun to police.

Governors Square

Saturday 7/11/09 1515

District 7-Smiley

Summary: (Reported robbery) The victim was walking behind the Governor's Square Shopping Center when he was approached by a large group of male subjects, one of which displayed a black handgun. The victim was forced to turn over \$10.00 in U.S. currency, a black folding knife and a T-Mobile Cell phone. Police were contacted after the victim responded home and advised his mother of the incident.

Hampton Walk Apts.

Saturday 7/11/09 2300

District 7-Smiley

Summary: (Reported robbery) Three adult male victims were walking along Bassett Avenue, from the area of the Wawa Store, when they observed a green colored Cadillac Catera approach them. Two suspects armed with a handgun exited the vehicle quickly and approached the group. The suspects pointed the gun at the victims and stole cash and other items before fleeing in the car. The suspects were later identified and arrested.

William Penn Village

Saturday 7/11/09 2330

District 12-Bell

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 25 year old male victim advised that he was standing outside of his apartment building next to his truck when he was approached by a male suspect who pointed a gun at him. The suspect robbed the victim of his cash, hat, and keys before fleeing the area.

Penn Acres South

Saturday 7/11/09 2335

District 12-Bell

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 29 year old male victim advised that he was walking on Bunker Hill Road when he observed a green colored Cadillac stop in the area of Shenandoah Valley Lane and Bunker Hill Road. A male suspect exited the vehicle from the front passenger side and approached him while displaying a black handgun. The victim turned over his wallet before the suspect returned to the car and fled.

Castle Hills

Sunday 7/12/09 0005

District 7-Smiley

Summary: (Reported robbery) Two adult male victims were walking in the unit block of 26 Arden Avenue when they observed a green Cadillac Catera park a few houses away from them. The two suspects exited the vehicle and approached the victims while armed with a handgun. The suspects assaulted and robbed the victims of cash, sneakers, and cell phone before fleeing in the car. The suspects were later identified and arrested.

Ashton Condos

Monday 7/13/09 1300

District 7-Smiley

Summary: (Attempted Robbery) A 24 year old female was returning to her home from the ATM machine located at the TD Bank on Limestone Road, when she was approached by a male subject (5'7" – 5'9" tall, 154-170 pounds, thin build, wearing a black baseball hat, black t-shirt with white underneath, blue denim jeans). The subject attempted to take her purse. A struggle ensued and the female victim sustained minor injuries. The suspect fled in a maroon sedan, possibly an early 1990's model Ford Escort. There was another subject driving the car, although no description was available.

Cobblestone TH

Wednesday 7/15/09 0015

District 7-Smiley

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 20 year old male victim advised that he arrived home on Cervantes Court and parked his car in front of his residence. After he exited the vehicle, a male subject approached him and robbed him at gunpoint. After stealing the victim's property, the suspect fled toward the Village of Windover Apartments. Shortly after the robbery, the victim observed a gray colored Chevy Impala flee the complex without its lights on.

Christiana Meadows Apts. Wednesday 7/15/09 0135

District 7-Smiley

Summary: (Homicide Investigation) A 75 year old male victim, who routinely walks in the complex late at night, reported he had been assaulted by two male subjects who attempted to rob him. At approximately 0135 hours, the victim responded to the security guard shack at the entrance of the complex and advised the security guard that he had been out walking when he was robbed by the two male subjects. While waiting for emergency personnel to arrive, he collapsed and fell to the ground. Officers arrived on scene and were able to get a statement from the victim prior to him going unconscious. The victim has since passed away from his injuries at the Christiana Hospital. The suspects in this case have not yet been identified.

Village of Windover

Thursday 7/16/09 1500

District 7-Smiley

Summary: (Reported attempted robbery) A 60 year old male victim advised that he was walking from his car to his (Sandburg Place) apartment when he was approached by a male suspect who displayed a handgun in his waistband and demanded money. The suspect instructed the victim to open his wallet and fled empty handed when the victim only had a fake million dollar bill.

Village of Kent Apts.

Thursday 7/16/09 1505

District 7-Smiley

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 33 year old male victim advised he was while pushing his son in the stroller in the 3000 block of Stone Place when he was approached by a male subject who displayed a handgun. The suspect stole cash from the victim and then fled on foot with another male who acted as a lookout.

Belltowne Terrace

Thursday 7/16/09 2230

District 7-Smiley

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 15 year old male victim was walking along River's End Drive from the carnival at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton church located on Route 7 when he was approached by a male subject. The suspect pointed a black in color handgun at the victim and then shoved him to the ground while keeping the gun pointed at his face. The suspect removed the victim's cell phone and money from his pockets before fleeing.

Christiana Crossing TH

Thursday 7/16/09 2245

District 7-Smiley

Summary: (Attempted Robbery) A 20 year old male victim advised that he was walking from the carnival at the church on Route 7 when he was approached by the suspects who shouted at him to get his attention. The suspects approached the victim and demanded money. When the victim pushed one suspect's hand away from him, another brandished a handgun and "pistol whipped" him about the face. They then fled on foot.

Fox Run Apts.

Friday 7/17/09 0102

District 6-Powers

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 19 year old male victim advised that he was going to pick up a friend in the 2800 block of Squirrel Drive so that they could go out. When the victim arrived, he was approached by a group of several suspects who implied that they had a gun. One of the suspects removed his keys from the ignition and ordered him out of the car. The suspects got in the car and drove away. The vehicle was later recovered in the area of 201 Auckland Drive unoccupied.

Lancaster Court Apts.

Friday 7/17/09 2157

District 1-Reda

Summary: (Reported Robbery) A 32 year old male advised that he was assaulted by four male subjects and knocked unconscious in the unit block of Court Drive. The victim stated he had an argument with a male subject earlier in the day because the victim would not purchase crack from him. The victim was forced to turn over two silver chains, a cell

phone and his wallet. Two of the four suspects may have been identified through a photograph taken by a security guard in the complex. Case is being followed up by patrol.

Cobblestones Townhouses Friday 7/17/09 2200

District 7-Smiley

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 20 year old food delivery driver responded to a home in the 2100 block of Pasternak Place to deliver an order. When he arrived, he contacted one male subject who was standing in the street in front of the residence. The victim delivered the food to the subject and then walked to the car to retrieve the rest of the order. When he turned around, he was accosted by the same male subject and two other assailants. The subjects pointed a gun at the victim and stole the food, his wallet and cash before fleeing on foot.

First State Bowling Lanes Saturday 7/18/09 0115

District 8-Cartier

Synopsis: (Shooting Investigation) Patrol officers responded to First State Bowling for a complaint of several shots being fired in the area. The officers found eight .40 cal. casings in the parking lot of the bowling alley and an individual's vehicle windshield had been damaged by a projectile. EDU responded to process the scene. No suspects were developed.

Naamans Apts.

Monday 7/20/09 0150

District 8-Cartier

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 37 year old male victim was standing outside his apartment building (700 block of Montclair Drive) when he was approached by three male subjects. One of the suspects pulled out a handgun and struck victim twice in the face with the weapon. The suspects then took the victim's wallet and fled in a small dark colored vehicle. The vehicle was later stopped by police and all five of the suspects were arrested.

Maryland Park Apts.

Wednesday 7/22/09 2130

District 1-Reda

Summary: (Reported attempted robbery) A 39 year old male was walking to his vehicle that was parked in the 700 block of Robinson Court when he was approached by 10 teenage suspects. Suspects began punching victim and grabbing for his wallet. Victim was able to fight the suspects off and they fled empty handed. Victim refused medical treatment.

Longview Court Apts.

Wednesday 7/22/09 2230

District 8-Cartier

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 25 year old male victim was delivering a food order to an address in the 900 block of Longview Court when he was approached by two suspects. The subjects told the victim to drop the food and give him all of his money and he would not get hurt as they implied they had a gun. Victim then retreated to his vehicle and retrieved a metal pole. Both suspects then fled the area on foot.

Village of Kent**Thursday 7/23/09 2325****District 7-Smiley**

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 26 year old male victim stated that he was sitting inside his work vehicle (in the parking lot of building 3600) and observed a shadow of a person on passenger side of his vehicle. He indicated that before he had time to react, he heard a tap on driver side window. When he turned around he was confronted by a male subject who was pointing a shotgun at him. The suspect stole cash from the victim before fleeing on foot.

Hunters Crossing Apts.**Friday 7/24/09 0005****District 5-Diller**

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 27 year old male victim had walked out the rear of the building (3) and was approached by two male suspect who pointed a shotgun at his head and demanded his money. After stealing his wallet and phone, the suspects walked away. The victim then walked back inside his building and observed the same suspect to be robbing two other male victims at gunpoint. The suspects fled in a dark colored sedan.

Claymont Manor**Friday 7/24/09 2200****District 8-Cartier**

Summary: (Attempted robbery) Two adult male victims were walking along Riverview Road when they were approached by a passing vehicle. The victims advised that the front passenger pointed and "racked" a shotgun out the window and told them to give up their valuables. Both victims ran in different directions as the suspects followed them. The one victim hid in some tall grass/weeds to hide from the suspects. The victims later spotted a County Police vehicle and flagged it down. The victim's advise that they observed the suspect vehicle speeding up and down Philadelphia Pike after the attempted robbery.

Richardson Park**Friday 7/24/09 2205****District 1-Reda**

Summary: (Reported attempted robbery) Five adult male victims were sitting outside their home in the unit block of Norway Avenue drinking beer when they where approached by five suspects. One pulled out the gun from his waistband and pointed it at one of the victims and demanded property. The victims believed the gun to be fake and began physically fighting with the suspect. The suspects then fled on foot to a dark brown Dodge Shadow and drove off.

Woodstream Garden Apts. Friday 7/24/09 2300**District 8-Cartier**

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 45 year old female victim was visiting her boyfriend in the 800 block of Peachtree Road when she observed a black car pass her as she parked her car. While walking toward the building, a single male subject approached her and pointed a shotgun at her face. The suspect stole the victim's purse and fled. She believed the suspect may have been one of the multiple occupants inside the car that passed her after she parked.

Hunters Crossing Apts. Saturday 7/25/09, 0150

District 5-Diller

Summary: (Reported attempted robbery) A 27 year old male victim arrived at his home in the unit block of Fairway Road and parked his car. While walking into his apartment building, he was approached by a male subject who was armed with a handgun. The victim ran toward his apartment, however, the suspect was able to catch up to him and knock him to the ground. The suspect fled empty handed after the victim started shouting for help.

Glen Eagle Village Apts. Sunday 7/26/09 0107

District 7-Smiley

Summary: (Manslaughter investigation) A 21 year old female victim and her 22 year old boyfriend had engaged in a verbal domestic earlier in the evening at a local bar. When they returned home to their apartment, the dispute continued. During the altercation, the victim armed herself with a Samurai sword and confronted her boyfriend. A physical altercation ensued that led to the stabbing of the female. She died at the scene. The boyfriend was arrested without incident and charged with manslaughter.

Barrington

Monday 07/27/09 0342

District 11-Tackett

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 38 year old female victim advised that prior to going home she had pulled into the Perch Creek Wawa store to buy milk. While in the parking lot, she observed a small black pick up truck pull erratically into the parking space next to her, almost striking her vehicle. The victim proceeded home (500 block of Laurel Lane) and parked her car in her driveway. When she exited her vehicle, she was confronted by a suspect who pointed a handgun at her and began to demand that she give him her cash. The victim began screaming for help and kicked the suspect who ran off with a second subject running away as well. The two fled in a small dark pick up truck which was believed to be the same vehicle she observed at the Wawa.

Chelsea on the Square Monday 07/27/09 2245

District 7-Tackett

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 53 year old male was riding his bicycle home from work on Four Seasons Parkway. As many as eight subjects approached him and pushed him from his bicycle causing him to fall to the ground. The suspects began punching and kicking the victim causing injuries to his left and eye and left leg. The suspect took his bicycle and attempted to take money from his pockets before fleeing on foot.

Chelsea on the Square Monday 07/27/09 2315

District 7-Tackett

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 25 year old male was walking home from work along Four Seasons Parkway when he was approached by four teenage male subjects. One of the suspects displayed a handgun and removed the victim's wallet. They then removed his cash and tossed his wallet into the grass before casually walking away.

Hunters Crossing**Tuesday 7/28/09 1558****District 5-Diller**

Summary: (Shooting) It was determined that a single projectile had been fired through the bathroom wall of an apartment in the unit block of Fairway Road. The round traveled into the bathroom wall of the apartment where the bullet passed through the wall, a laundry basket, and the hallway. A single projectile was located on the hallway floor outside of the bathroom. No one was injured.

Hockessin**Tuesday 7/28/09 1840****District 3-Tansey**

Summary: (Reported robbery) A male subject entered the Hockessin Wine and Spirits store while armed with a handgun and forced the employees to lie on the floor. He then removed cash from the register and fled in his car. An employee was able to obtain a tag number which was relayed to responding officers. Corporal Anthony Scelsi responded to the suspect's home and arrested him as he walked out the home. He was linked to the crime through interviews and evidence recovered from the home.

Castlebrook Apts.**Tuesday 7/28/09 2110****District 12-Bell**

Summary: (Robbery investigation) A 45 year old male was attempting to make a pizza delivery at an apartment in Building 46 when he was approached by male suspects who were armed with a handgun. The victim was pushed to the ground and struck in the face by one of the suspects. The suspects stole a medium pepperoni pizza, three large cheese steaks, cheese fries, a 2 liter bottle of sprite, V's cell phone and car keys, and cash. They then fled in an unknown direction.

Georgetown Village Apts. Tuesday 7/28/09 2210**District 7-Smiley**

Summary: (Homicide investigation) An 18 year old male was located in the first floor hallway of building H in front of apartment 12. The victim, who had sustained a gun shot wound to his abdomen area, indicated he had been shot by three male subjects who had just robbed him. He was able to provide a description of three black male approx. 18 years of age wearing all dark clothing. He was transported to the Christiana Hospital where he later died. Two of the three suspects have been identified and arrested.

Hidden Valley Apts.**Wednesday 7/29/09 2235****District 1-Reda**

Summary: (Reported robbery) An adult couple and his two children had just returned to the Homestead Road home and were followed into the building by two male subjects. Once inside, the suspects produced two handguns and robbed the victims of their diaper bag. The suspects may have fled in a white Acura TSX.

Hampton Walk Apts.**Thursday 07/30/09 1630****District 7-Smiley**

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 45 year old male reported he was cutting through the neighborhood on New Jersey Avenue to avoid traffic on Route 13 when he was flagged

down by the two suspects. They then entered the victim's car and directed him to drive to a nearby cul-de-sac. The suspects displayed a handgun and took cash from him before fleeing on foot.

Garfield Park

Friday 7/31/09 1733

District 10-Street

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 47 year old male was making a food delivery when he was approached by six male subjects who asked if he could make change for a \$100 bill. As the victim was getting out change the suspects grabbed the cash and food order before fleeing on foot.

Manor Park

Friday 7/31/09 2218

District 7-Smiley

Summary: (Home invasion) An adult couple and their two children were inside the McMullin Avenue home when they heard a knock at the door. Two male subjects then forced open the door and pointed a handgun at the victim's head while demanding money. They stole a small amount of cash from the victim before fleeing on foot.

Hampton Walk Apt.

Friday 7/31/09 2219

District 7-Smiley

Summary: (Reported robbery, burglary) Two adult males were returning home (unit block of McMullin Avenue) when they were confronted by two subjects in the hallway of the building. The subjects brandished a handgun and robbed the victims of their cash. After the suspects fled, the victims noticed the door to their apartment had been forced open and jewelry removed from a bedroom. A white vehicle was seen fleeing the scene, but was not known if the operators were involved in the crime.