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DELAWARE CITY POLICE IS ASKING FOR THE PUBLIC'S ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING A STOLEN FIREARM

Delaware City, DE – The Delaware City Police Department is asking for the public's assistance in locating a stolen firearm. Sometime early Sunday morning, March 31, 2019, a firearm was stolen out of a vehicle parked near the Delaware City Marina.

Shortly before 3:00 a.m. Sunday morning, an area resident heard a noise coming from outside his residence. As he went to investigate the noise, he observed two individuals inside his vehicle. The resident gave chase and was able to apprehend one of the suspects, a 14 year old Delaware City teen. The other suspect was able to flee the area. The 14 year old teen was turned over to the New Castle County Police Department and charged with theft and conspiracy. He was video arraigned and released to his parents.

The Delaware City Police assumed the investigation and began searching for the second suspect. During the investigation, it was learned that other vehicles had items stolen from them. One item that was stolen was a semi-automatic handgun. It is believed the handgun was discarded by one of the teens earlier that morning. However, at the time of this release, we have not been able to locate the stolen handgun.

The Delaware City Police is advising anyone who may come in contact with this firearm to treat it as a loaded firearm and not to handle the firearm but to call 911 immediately. We are also asking parents to speak with their children about this important matter. The investigation is continuing. We are asking anyone who may have had any items stolen from their vehicle this past weekend to contact the Delaware City Police Department at (302)836-6344. We would also like to remind everyone to make sure they lock the doors to their vehicles and not to leave valuables visible inside the vehicles.

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