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## Dover's NASCAR race has new format, new questions

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## Local gun cases led to Lincoln U. suspects

Officials say message referenced the killing

**Esteban Parra**  
 Delaware News Journal  
 USA TODAY NETWORK

A trail of gunfire incidents in Wilmington helped investigators unravel last year's fatal shooting of a Claymont man at Lincoln University, according to arrest histories of two teens now charged in the case.

Less than two months after the Oct. 25 mass shooting at Lincoln University that killed 20-year-old Ju' Juan Jeffers, court records show that Makaveli Valera, 19, and then-16-year-old Karon Rollins were tied to gun violence in Wilmington. Police say the teens

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## Fuel prices drive inflation above forecast

**Rachel Barber**  
 USA TODAY

Americans already struggling with affordability saw prices rise again in April as surging oil costs stemming from the Iran war kept driving up prices at the gas pump and affected supply chains for other goods.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index, its measure of inflation, revealed prices rose 0.6% from March to April and were up 3.8% from a year ago. Those readings came in above forecasters' expectations and mark inflation's highest level in nearly three years.

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# ICE ARRESTS IN DELAWARE SURGED IN 2025

## Organization questions reliability of released data

Shannon Marvel McNaught | Delaware News Journal | USA TODAY NETWORK

**A**fter settling a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit against U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the nonprofit Deportation Data Project has released the most up-to-date information on ICE arrests since President Donald Trump took office.

Despite filing a FOIA request for ICE data in March 2025, a Deportation Data Project fellow had to file a complaint in a federal court before ICE complied, the complaint said, and it wasn't the first time.

"ICE's repeated failure to respond within the deadlines imposed by Congress has impeded the public's right to know," the complaint said.

The Deportation Data Project continues "to have questions about the reliability of the encounters and removals data," an email blast from the organization said.

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ICE IN DELAWARE 2024 vs. 2025	
220	→ 687
Apprehensions	
14	→ 491
Street arrests	
0	→ 11
Minors apprehended	

The data also shows Delaware street apprehensions, or apprehensions made outside of prisons and other corrections facilities, skyrocketed in 2025.

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