

Troopers Investigating Serious Motor Vehicle Crash – Update #2

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Newark, DE- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate a serious motor vehicle crash that occurred late last week in Newark.

The initial investigation has determined that the crash occurred on Friday, August 19, 2016 at approximately 2:00 a.m., as Charles Bolton, Jr., 33, of Washington, DC, was operating a 2010 Freightliner Tractor and trailer and was traveling in a northbound direction on DE Rt. 896 (South College Avenue) approaching the intersection of US40 (Pulaski Highway), Newark. For an unknown reason, Bolton failed to stop his vehicle as he neared the intersection on a red light. The front of Bolton's vehicle then struck the rear of a 2008 Ford F-150 pickup truck, which was stopped in the center lane of Rt. 896 northbound, and which was being operated by Clinton Peavy, 65, of Neptune, NJ. The force of the impact propelled the F-150 into the intersection of Rt. 896 and US40 where it then burst into flames. Clinton Peavy, as well as his 56-year-old wife, who was a front seat passenger in the truck, were able to exit the vehicle with the help of bystanders. A six-year-old male (nephew), who was a rear seat passenger in the pickup truck, was trapped in the vehicle and was subsequently freed with the assistance of bystanders and responding troopers.

The six-year-old male was treated at the scene by New Castle County Paramedics. He was then transported to the A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children before being transported to the Crozer

Chester Medical Center where he was admitted for his injuries.

Clinton Peavy, his 56-year-old wife, and Charles Bolton, who were all properly restrained at the time of the crash, were treated at the scene by New Castle County Paramedics. They were then transported to the Christiana Hospital where they were treated for their injuries. A male bystander who assisted in removing the child from the Ford suffered minor injuries and refused treatment at the scene.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit. No charges have been filed at this time.

The northbound lanes of DE Rt. 896 were closed for approximately 5 hours as the crash was investigated and cleared.

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Newark, DE – The northbound lanes of DE Rt. 896 at US40 have been re-opened to traffic.

This crash is still under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit. More information will be released at the conclusion of the investigation.

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Newark, DE – Delaware State Police are currently investigating a serious motor vehicle crash which occurred this morning in Newark.

The initial investigation has determined that the crash occurred this morning, Friday, August 19, 2016, at approximately 2:02 a.m. on northbound DE Rt. 896 at US40 (Pulaski Highway), Newark, and involved a tractor-trailer and a Ford F-150 pick-up truck. As a result of the crash, four people have been transported to local hospitals for treatment of their injuries.

Northbound Rt. 896 at US40 is closed to traffic at this time and northbound Rt. 896 traffic is being diverted onto Porter Road and then onto northbound DE Rt. 72 (Wrangle Hill Road).

The investigation into this crash is in its early stages. **More information will be released at the conclusion of the investigation.**

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