Update #2 Troopers Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash Involving a Pedestrian

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Smyrna, DE- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit has identified the 64 year old male who was struck and killed on SR1 at Paddock Road, Smyrna, on Monday, October 17, 2016, as John Torlish, 64, of Laurel, DE.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police.

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Smyrna, DE- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a fatal motor vehicle crash which occurred early this afternoon in Smyrna.

The investigation has determined that the crash occurred at approximately 12:31 p.m. today, Monday, October 17, 2016, as James Leggett, 66, of Yeadon, PA, was operating a 2016 Kenworth tractor and flatbed trailer and was traveling in a southbound direction on Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway (SR1) at Paddock Road, Smyrna. For an unknown reason, the tractor trailer drifted slightly onto the right had shoulder of the roadway where it then struck a 64 year old Laurel, DE man, who had just exited the driver’s seat of a 2002 Ford

F-150, and was walking toward the front of the car. The tractor trailer then struck the left hand side of the Ford before stopping just south of the crash. The male pedestrian landed in the right hand southbound lane of SR1 where he came to rest.

The male victim was declared dead at the scene. His name is being withheld pending the notification of his next of kin. James Leggett, who was properly restrained at the time of the crash, was not injured.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit. Neither speed nor alcohol use appear to be a factor in the crash.

The southbound lanes of SR1 were closed for approximately 2 hours as the crash was investigated and cleared.

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****Original Release****

Smyrna, DE- Delaware State Police are currently investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash in which a male pedestrian has been killed that occurred early this afternoon.

The initial investigation has determined that the crash occurred today, Monday, October 17, 2016, at approximately 12:31 p.m., on southbound SR1 at Paddock Road, Smyrna, and involves a single vehicle which struck a male pedestrian. As a result of the crash the pedestrian has been pronounced dead. The operator of the vehicle did remain at the scene.

The southbound lanes of SR1 are currently closed in the area of the crash and commuters are asked to find alternate routes of travel.

The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is

responding to the crash scene and will assume the investigation. Further details will be released at the conclusion of the investigation.

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