

Troopers Investigating Serious Motor Vehicle Crash- Update #1



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Wilmington- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing the investigation of a two vehicle crash which has claimed the life of a 66 year old Wilmington man that occurred this afternoon.

The investigation thus far has determined that the crash occurred today, Saturday, March 11, 2017, at approximately 2:41 p.m., as a 66 year old Wilmington, DE man was operating a 2005 Buick Lacrosse and was attempting to make a left hand turn from westbound DE SR 2 (Kirkwood Highway) onto Woodlawn Avenue. As the operator of the Lacrosse began to make the turn, he entered directly into the path of a 2012 Honda Accord, which was traveling in the center lane of eastbound SR 2, and which was being operated by Ellen Salcedo, 47, of

Wilmington. The front of the Honda then struck the right hand side of the Buick which caused it to rotate in a counterclockwise direction. It then traveled in a southeasterly direction before coming to rest in a grassy area off of the roadway. The Honda rotated in a clockwise direction and traveled in a southeasterly direction before coming to rest on the sidewalk south of the roadway.

The male operator of the Buick Lacrosse was not properly restrained at the time of the crash and was pronounced dead at the scene. His name is being withheld pending the notification of his next of kin.

Ellen Salcedo was properly restrained at the time of the crash. She was treated at the scene by New Castle County Paramedics before being transported by ambulance to the Christiana Hospital where she was treated for her non-life threatening injuries.

Neither alcohol, drug use, or excessive speed appear to be a factors in this crash.

The eastbound lanes of SR 2 were closed for approximately 3 hours as the crash was investigated and cleared.

The crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police.

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