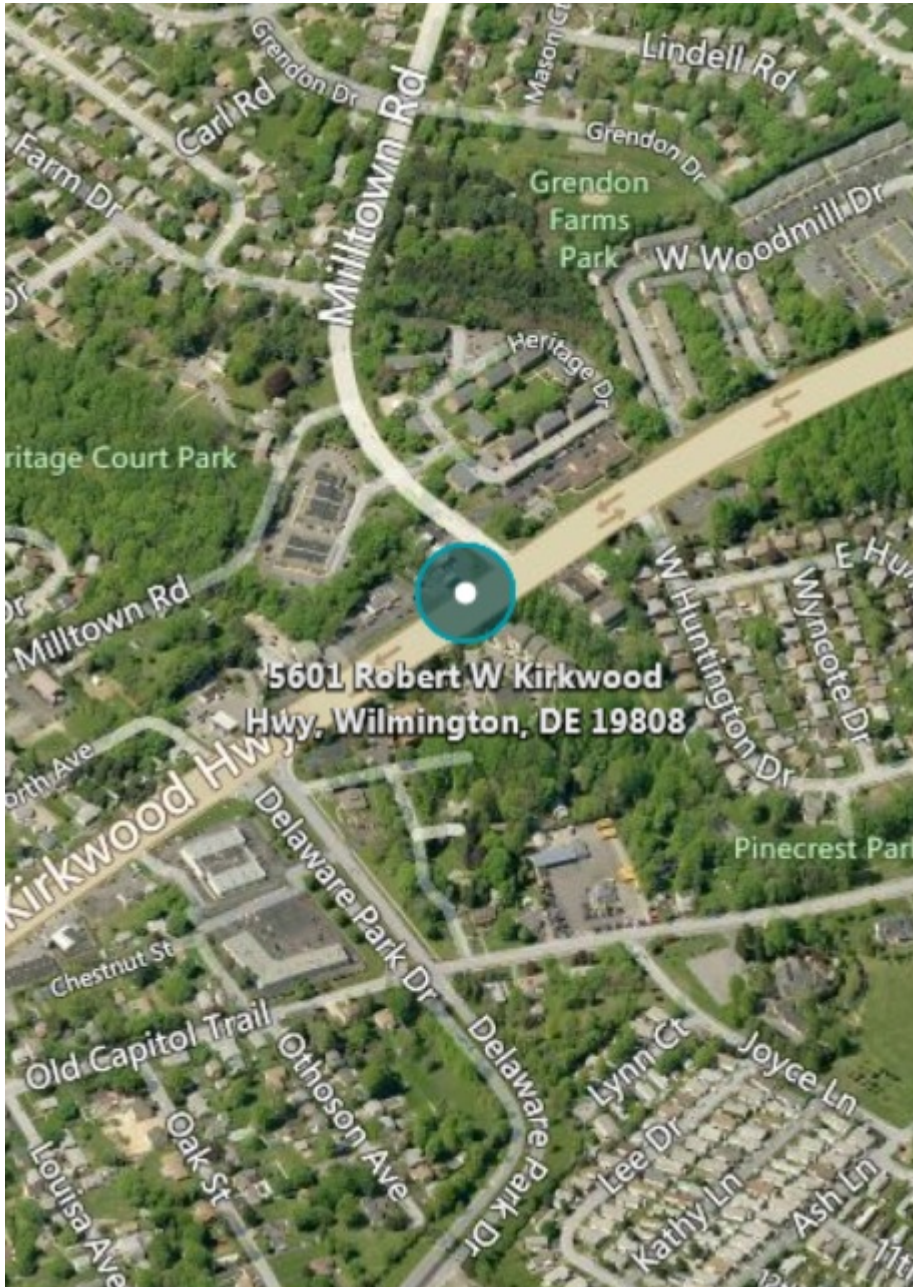


****Traffic Advisory** – Troopers Investigating Crash Involving a Pedestrian – Update**



Wilmington – The Delaware State Police continue to investigate a hit-and-run crash which injured a 47-year-old male pedestrian yesterday evening.

The investigation thus far has determined that the crash occurred on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at approximately 7:52 p.m., as Michael Aiken, of Wilmington, was attempting to cross the eastbound lanes of DE Rt. 2 (Kirkwood Highway) just west of Milltown Road, in a northbound direction. As Aiken stepped into the right hand lane of the roadway, he entered into the path of an unknown vehicle which was traveling in an eastbound direction on DE Rt. 2. Aiken was knocked to the ground and came to rest in the left hand turn lane for Milltown Road. The striking vehicle failed to stop and was last seen fleeing in an eastbound direction on Kirkwood Highway.

Michael Aiken, who was not utilizing a marked crosswalk at the time of the crash, was treated at the scene by New Castle County Paramedics. He was then transported by EMS to the Christiana Hospital where he was treated for his non-life threatening injuries. Alcohol use on the part of Aiken is being considered as a factor in the crash.

After further investigation, which included the collection of evidence and witness interviews, troopers were able to determine that the striking vehicle may possibly be a dark gray 2006-2009 Toyota 4Runner which should now have front end damage.

The eastbound lanes of DE Rt. 2 were closed for approximately one hour as the crash was investigated and cleared.

The investigation into this crash is ongoing. If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact Corporal Andrew Johnson at 302-660-3828. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>.

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