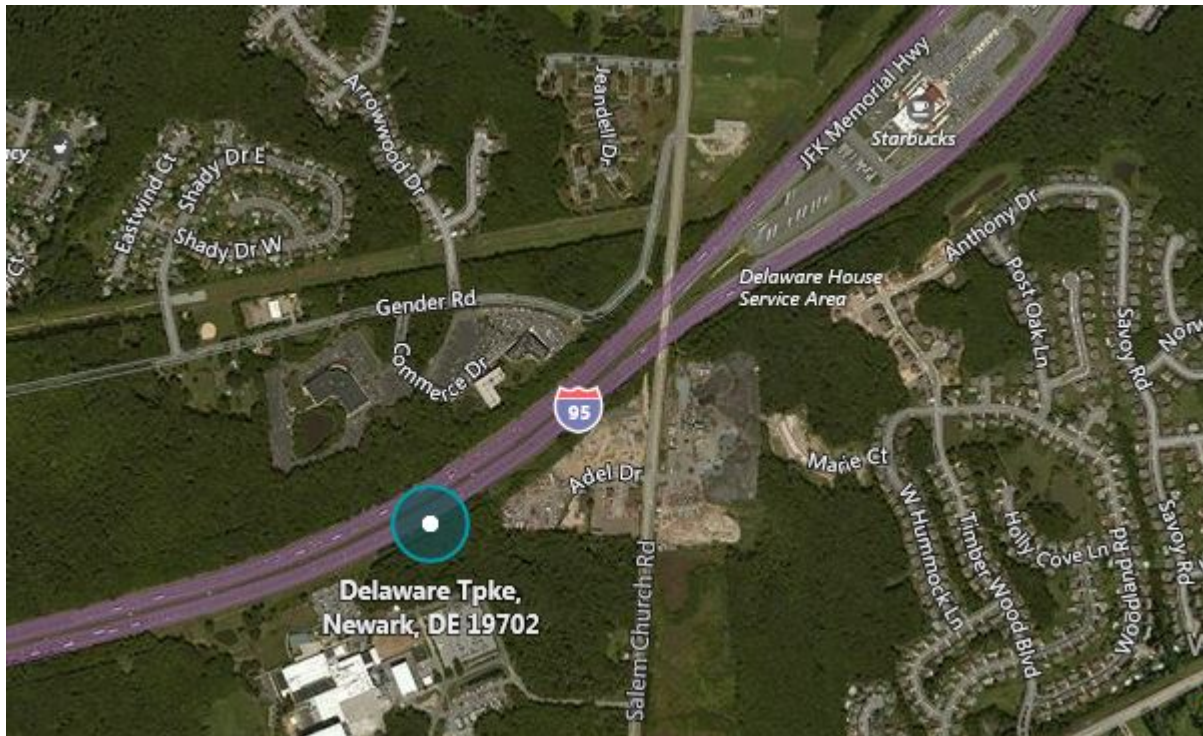


Troopers Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash-Newark



Newark – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash that occurred early this morning east of Newark.

The preliminary investigation has determined the incident occurred at approximately 2:09 a.m. on Saturday, January 06, 2018, as Jalen G. Worthen, 24 of Wilmington, was operating a 2000 Nissan Maxima traveling northbound on JFK Memorial Highway (I-95) just south of Salem Church Road. The roadway (I-95) was dry and free of any snow from the recent snow event. As the vehicle continued on a slight curve portion of I-95, it failed to negotiate the curve and continued straight onto the shoulder. The Nissan Maxima then exited the roadway and began traveling on the snow covered grass in a northeast direction striking trees. The impact into the second tree resulted in the vehicle splitting in half.

Jalen G. Worthen, who was properly restrained, was pronounced

deceased at the scene from injuries sustained in this collision. At the time of this initial investigation, alcohol does not appear to be a factor.

The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into the crash. I95 northbound traffic was not impacted and the right lane in the area of the collision was closed for approximately three hours.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov.

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