

***UPDATE-Traffic Advisory* SR 1 Closed Both Directions due to Fatal Crash Involving Tractor Trailer – Bear**



Bear – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a fatal crash involving a tractor trailer that occurred at approximately 1:24 a.m., Friday, November 30, 2018 on State Route 1 northbound, just south of U.S. 40 (Pulaski Hwy.).

The initial investigation has determined that a 2017 Kia Niro, operated by a 29 year old Wilmington man was traveling SR 1 southbound in the northbound lanes of travel, in the area of the U.S. 40 interchange. A 2010 Kenworth tractor trailer, operated by a 34 year old Harrington man was traveling SR 1 northbound in the left lane, south of the U.S. 40 interchange. The Kia collided head on with the Kenworth, despite the efforts of the tractor trailer driver, to brake and avoid the collision.

After impact, the rear of the Kia lifted in to the air and came to a rest on top of the guardrail separating the SR 1 north and southbound lanes. The Kenworth came to rest in the left lane at the point of the collision.

The driver of the Kia who was not seat belted, was ejected from the vehicle, and pronounced deceased at the scene. Impairment on his behalf his undetermined at this time. Identification of the victim is pending notification of next of kin.

The driver of the tractor trailer was seat belted and was not

injured. Impairment on his behalf is not a factor.

SR 1 northbound was closed for approximately 6 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared. The southbound lanes were closed for approximately 4 hours.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding the crash is asked to contact Cpl. J. Breen of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit at 302-365-8486.

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>

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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