Troopers Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash with Bicyclist- Bridgeville

Bridgeville, Delaware – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash that occurred this past Monday involving a vehicle and a bicycle.

The preliminary investigation has determined the incident occurred around 5:17 p.m. Monday, December 3, 2018 as a 2003 Jeep Grand Cherokee, operated by a 29 year-old male of Seaford, was traveling southbound on Conrail Road (CR 546) just south of Cannon Road (SR 18) Bridgeville, Delaware. A 16 year old male, of Bridgeville, was riding his bicycle walking a dog secured to the handlebars in the roadway. As a result, the driver failed to see the bicyclist in the roadway causing the front bumper of the vehicle to impact the rear of the bicycle within the southbound lane of travel. After impact, the victim and his bicycle were projected forward in southerly direction coming to rest in the southbound lane of travel. The vehicle continued southbound a short distance before coming to a controlled stop in the middle of the southbound lane.

The 16 year-old, of Bridgeville, was initially transported to Nanticoke Memorial Hospital with serious injuries before being flown to the Christiana Hospital for more extensive treatment. He was wearing dark clothing with no light and was not wearing a helmet at the time of the collision. The dog he was walking was uninjured and returned home shortly after the collision. He succumb to his injuries while being cared for at the Christiana Hospital on December 6th, 2018.

Alcohol was not a contributing factor on behalf of the driver or the bicyclist.

The vehicle operator, 29 of Seaford, was not injured and was properly secured during the crash. He attempted to perform CPR on the victim. He was also transported to the Nanticoke Memorial Hospital for an evaluation only.

Conrail Road was closed for approximately three hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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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