Troopers Investigating Serious Crash – Middletown

Middletown, Delaware– The Delaware State Police are investigating a serious crash that occurred yesterday during the early morning hours.

The incident occurred on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at approximately 3:04 a.m., when troopers responded to Summit Bridge Road (SR 301) north of Victoria Drive, Middletown for a report of a motor vehicle collision. A 2006 Pontiac GTO, operated by a 23 year old man of Middletown was traveling southbound in the right lane on Summit Bridge Road. A 2013 GMC Pickup, operated by 30 year-old man of Newark, was traveling northbound on Summit Bridge Road (301) and for unknown reasons he lost control causing the truck to rotate 45 degrees counter clockwise and veered over the median for approx 300 feet. The pick-up truck then went across both southbound lanes and over-corrected and veered back across the lanes in a northeast direction. At this time the Pontiac was traveling in the left lane southbound on Summit Bridge Road (301) and the front bumper of sedan struck the driver side of the pick-up. The pick-up truck's rear axle drove over the Pontiac which caused the rear axle of the truck to completely break off and continue southbound until it stopped on the westbound shoulder. The pick-up truck then rotated in the air until it landed on its driver side and skidded across the road until it stopped on westbound shoulder. The Pontiac GTO rotated almost 360 degrees until it stopped off on the westbound shoulder on the southbound side.

The pick-up driver, who was seatbelted, was transported to the Christiana Hospital with minor injuries. He was cited Failure to have Insurance Identification and Careless Driving.

The driver of the Pontiac GTO, who was seatbelted, was flown

to the Christiana Hospital with serious injuries.

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police. Summit Bridge Road in the area of the crash was closed for 2.5 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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