

Troopers Arrest Chesapeake City Man for Vehicular Assault – Newark

Newark – The Delaware State Police have charged 57 year old Robert F. McKee of Chesapeake City MD with vehicular assault, stemming from a DUI related crash involving three vehicles that took place in Newark, early Sunday morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 12:09 a.m., Saturday, May 11, 2019 on northbound DE Rt. 896 (S. College Ave) in the area of the I-95 interchange. A 1999 Jeep Grand Cherokee, operated by a 21 year old Mt. Laurel, NJ man was traveling northbound on Rt. 896 in the left lane followed by a 2006 Honda Accord being driven by a 19 year old Camden-Wyoming woman. A 2014 RAM 1500 pick-up truck, operated by McKee was traveling Rt. 896 southbound when he crossed the center median, striking the left side of the Jeep. The Jeep began to spin at which time it was struck on its left side by the Honda. The Honda then struck a guardrail, where it came to a stop. After being struck by the Honda, the Jeep came to a stop on a grass shoulder. McKee's RAM came to a stop in the northbound lanes of Rt. 896.

The driver of the Jeep, who was wearing his seat belt was transported to the Christiana Hospital with serious injuries. Neither improper driving nor impairment are factors on his behalf. A 20 year old female passenger in his vehicle, who was also seat-belted, sustained minor injuries.

The driver of the Honda, who was wearing her seat belt, sustained minor injuries. Neither impairment nor improper driving are factors on her behalf. A 20 year old female passenger in the Honda, who was also seat-belted, sustained minor injuries.

Further investigation determined that McKee, who was not injured, was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the collision. He was transported to Troop 2 where he was charged with the following:

- Vehicular Assault 1st Degree
- DUI/Alcohol
- Driving on the Wrong Side of Roadway

He was then arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #11 and released after posting \$3000.00 secured bail.

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@state.de.us.

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