

Middletown Man Charged with 5th Offense DUI and Vehicular Assault- Bear

Bear – The Delaware State Police have charged 50 year old Franklin T. Wilson of Middletown with his 5th DUI, in connection with a motor vehicle crash involving injuries that occurred at approximately 11:57 p.m., Saturday, February 29, 2020 on SR 1 in the area of DE Rt. 72, Bear.

The investigation determined that Wilson was driving a 2004 Ford F-150 that was traveling at an apparent high rate of speed on southbound on SR 1, north of DE Rt. 72 in the center lane. Wilson's vehicle rear ended a 2017 Nissan Rogue, that was also traveling southbound on SR 1 in the center lane. After the collision both vehicles became disabled in the roadway, at which time Wilson fled the scene on foot. Wilson was located by Troopers a short time later in the 2100 block of Bear-Corbit Rd. and taken into custody without incident. The two occupants of the Nissan, a 23 year old Middletown man and a 23 year old Philadelphia woman, were transported to the Christiana Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Further investigation determined that Wilson was driving under the influence of alcohol at the time of the crash and a subsequent computer check revealed that he had 4 prior DUI convictions.

Wilson was transported to Troop 2 and charged with the following:

- 5th Offense DUI
- Vehicular Assault 2nd Degree (2 counts)
- Leaving the Scene of an Injury Crash
- Failure to Provide Information at a Crash Scene

- Driving Suspended
- Reckless Driving
- Unsafe Speed
- Inattentive Driving
- Unregistered Motor Vehicle

Wilson was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #11 and released after posting \$8,475.00 secured bail.

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