

Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Collision- Middletown

Middletown- Delaware State Police is investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash that occurred on Marl Pit Road east of Summit Bridge Road on Thursday afternoon.

On December 24, 2020, at approximately 1:38 p.m., a 2017 Silver Nissan Rogue operated by a 21-year-old male of Bear was traveling eastbound on Marl Pit Road in the direction of Cedar Lane Road. A gray 2020 Kia Soul was traveling eastbound on Marl Pit Road directly behind the Rogue. A 2019 black BMW X3 was traveling westbound in the same area on Marl Pit Road in the direction of Summit Bridge Road.

While traveling behind the Nissan, the Kia crosses the double line and begins to pass the Nissan on the left side. As the Kia was passing the Nissan, it traveled into the path of the BMW, and the front of the Kia collided with the front of the BMW. After the collision, the Kia entered back into the eastbound lane and the right front side collided with the left front side of the Nissan.

After the collisions, the vehicles remained on scene.

The Kia operated by a 90-year-old male of Middletown was pronounced at the scene. Identification is pending notification to next of kin. The BMW, driven by an 80-year-old male of Middletown, was transported to an area hospital in serious condition. The Nissan operated by a 21-year-old male of Bear was uninjured.

Marl Pit Road between Summit Bridge Road and Cedar Lane Road was closed for approximately 3 hours while the crash was investigated and the roadway cleared.

This crash remains under investigation. Anyone with information should contact Cpl/3 J. Breen with Delaware State Police Troop 2 Crash Reconstruction Unit by calling 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. (1-800-842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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