

Delaware State Police Investigating a Fatal Single Motor Vehicle Collision- Magnolia

Magnolia— Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision that claimed the life of a 39-year-old Felton woman.

On February 20, 2021, at approximately 10:44 p.m., a 2019 Acura MDX operated by a 37-year-old male of Felton was traveling southbound on McGinnis Pond Road approaching a sharp right bend in the roadway, north of Lexington Mill Road. The operator failed to negotiate the curve and exited the travel lane, crossing into the northbound lane, and exited the east edge of the roadway before traveling through a private yard and striking a tree with its front bumper.

After striking the tree, the vehicle rotated in a clockwise manner before coming to rest and catching fire. The operator exited the Acura on his own, but the front seat passenger had to be removed by nearby responding citizens. Neither appeared to have suffered injuries from the fire.

The 37-year-old male operator was transported to a nearby hospital by ambulance with non-life-threatening injuries.

The 39-year-old female front seat passenger was not wearing a seatbelt and was pronounced deceased at the scene. Identification is pending notification to next of kin.

The roadway was closed for approximately 3.5 hours while the investigation was completed, and the roadway was cleared.

Anyone with information regarding this collision should

contact Detective W. Booth with the Delaware State Police Troop 3 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-698-8451. 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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