

***UPDATE - FATAL CRASH INVESTIGATION* Delaware State Police Issue Traffic Advisory-Wilmington**

Wilmington, DE- Delaware State Police investigate a fatal collision after vehicle was discovered in wooded area.

On September 8, 2021, at approximately 7:58 a.m., an excavating crew working near the intersection of DE SR 48 and Hercules Road, discovered an occupied wrecked 2016 Mercedes CLA in the wooded area. The workers notified 911 and troopers responded to the scene. The investigation determined at an unknown date and time, the vehicle was traveling westbound on DE SR 48. After it cleared the intersection with Hercules Road, it entered into a gradual curve to the right in the roadway. The operator failed to negotiate the curve and traveled across the eastbound lane of travel, south edge of the roadway, and entered into a heavily wooded area. The Mercedes eventually struck a creek embankment and overturned onto the driver side.

The operator of the vehicle was located deceased with the vehicle and has not been identified at this time. The body has been turned over to the Delaware Division of Forensic Science for a forensic analysis to be completed.

The roadway was closed for approximately 3 hours while the investigation was being conducted.

Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact Master Corporal J. Breen with the Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8486 or emailing John.Breen@delaware.gov. 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>.

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If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of a 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@delaware.gov.

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The victim was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the collision. It is unknown when and what time the collision occurred. A computer check revealed that the vehicle was reported stolen by Wilmington (DE) Police Department on August

11, 2021 at 0926 hours.