

Wilmington Woman Arrested for DUI After Crashing into Delaware State Police Vehicle on I-95 – Wilmington

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a crash that resulted in an arrest of a woman after she collided with a stopped State Police vehicle.

At approximately 1:56 a.m. this morning, Sunday, October 24, 2021, Troopers were dispatched to the area of I-95 southbound just south of Concord Pike (Route 202) for a report of a disabled vehicle in the left lane that was involved in a deer collision. Two troopers assigned to the Troop 1 barrack responded to the vehicle and positioned both of their patrol Tahoes directly behind the disabled car in the left lane with their emergency lights illuminated.

At approximately 02:31 a.m., a trooper's patrol vehicle was rear-ended by a 2019 Dodge Caravan traveling in the left lane of southbound I-95. The 29-year-old operator identified as Monica Cole and passenger were transported to Wilmington Hospital for non-life threatening injuries. The injured trooper was transported by another state police vehicle to Wilmington Hospital with a neck and back injury.

During the on-scene investigation, it was suspected Cole was operating the vehicle under the influence. Subsequently, a DUI investigation ensued.

Cole was issued traffic citations for DUI, Driving Without a Valid License, Failure to Have Insurance Identification in Possession, Failure to Yield for Emergency Vehicles, Failure to Reduce Speed for Stopped Emergency Vehicles, Careless

Driving, Failure to Remain Within a Single Lane, Unreasonable Speed, Following a Motor Vehicle Too Closely, and Traffic Control Devices Designate Lane.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into the crash. Anyone with information regarding the incident should contact Master Corporal Forester by calling 302-365-8485. 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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