

Delaware State Police Investigate Fatal Collision- Smyrna

Smyrna, DE- Delaware State Police are investigating a two-car fatal collision that occurred on Monday in Smyrna city limits.

On November 29, 2021, at approximately 10:21 a.m., a 2012 Hyundai Santa Fe was traveling southbound on South DuPont Blvd (US 13) in the left lane approaching the traffic light at the intersection of South Carter Rd. At the same time, a 2005 Dodge Grand Caravan was traveling eastbound on S. Carter Rd. in the left turn lane approaching the green light at the intersection to travel northbound on S. DuPont Blvd. For unknown reasons, the driver of the Santa Fe failed to stop at the red light, and the front bumper struck the left driver's side door of the Caravan near the center of the intersection. After impact, the Caravan overturned onto its passenger side just east of the collision scene. The Santa Fe continued traveling southbound a short distance and came to rest southeast of the initial impact.

The driver of the Santa Fe was a 28-year-old Hartly woman. She was transported to an area hospital, where she was treated and released.

The driver of the Grand Caravan was a 51-year-old Clayton woman. She was extricated from the vehicle by fire department personnel and transported to an area hospital, where she died a short time later. Identification is pending notification to next of kin.

This collision remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 3 Collision Reconstruction Unit. Any witnesses are asked to contact Cpl/3 Joseph Lane by calling 302-698-8457. 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 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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