Delaware State Police Investigate Fatal Motor Vehicle Collision

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision involving a tractor trailer and a passenger vehicle that occurred Thursday morning in the Seaford area.

On April 28th, 2022, at approximately 9:20 a.m., a 2014 Peterbilt Truck Tractor towing a 2017 Western Trailer was traveling northbound on Ross Station Road approaching the intersection at Herring Run Road. A 2013 Nissan Frontier was stopped at the stop sign on westbound Herring Run Road at this intersection. For unknown reasons, the driver of the Frontier failed to remain stopped as the Peterbilt approached the intersection. The Nissan pulled into the tractor trailer's path while entering the intersection. The driver of the Peterbilt attempted to steer to the left to avoid colliding with the Nissan, but was unable to resulting in the front-left of the Peterbilt striking the front-left of the Frontier.

The operator and sole occupant of the Peterbilt, a 32-year-old Preston, MD man, was properly restrained and was transported to an area hospital by ambulance, where he was treated and released with minor injuries.

The operator and sole occupant of the Nissan Frontier, a 79-year-old Greenwood man, was properly restrained and was initially transported to an area hospital by ambulance. He was later airlifted to another hospital, where he remained in critical condition. Unfortunately, on Friday, April 29th, 2022, the driver succumbed to his injuries. Identification is pending notification of next-of-kin.

The roadway was closed for approximately three hours while the

collision was being investigated and the roadway was cleared.

The Delaware State Police Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this crash. Anyone who witnessed this collision is asked to contact Sergeant N. DeMalto by calling 302-703-3269. Information may also be provided by sending a Private Facebook Message to the **Delaware State Police** or contacting **Delaware Crime Stoppers** at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at www.delawarecrimestoppers.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 need 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 at 1-800-VICTIM-1 (1-800-842-8461). You may also email the Victim Services Unit at **DSP_VictimServicesMail@delaware.gov**.

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