

Update – Victim Identified

Delaware State Police Investigate Fatal Single Motor Vehicle Crash

Delaware State Police have identified **Melissa Silva, 31, of Newark, DE** as the victim who died during a single-vehicle fatal crash early Wednesday morning in the Newark area.

On April 27th, 2022, at approximately 1:09 a.m., Melissa Silva was driving a silver 2002 Buick LeSabre westbound on Chestnut Hill Road (DE Rt 4) west of Salem Church Road. For unknown reasons, she veered left off of the roadway and continued traveling in a southwestern direction before the car struck a steel overhead street sign support and a guardrail. The Buick then overturned onto its right side in the center median.

Silva, was pronounced deceased at the scene due to her injuries. There were no passengers in the Buick, and no one else was reported injured.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this incident. Anyone who witnessed this collision is asked to contact Master Corporal J. Forester by calling 302-365-8485. 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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