Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Collision

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision that occurred in the Frederica area on Sunday afternoon.

On May 29, 2022, at approximately 5:56 p.m., a maroon 2008 Cadillac DTS was traveling westbound on Bowers Beach Road east of Skeeter Neck Road. At this time, the operator of the Cadillac crossed the double-yellow line on the roadway and attempted to pass numerous vehicles that were also traveling westbound. The Cadillac passed these vehicles in the eastbound lane of Bowers Beach Road while continuing westbound. As the Cadillac approached a white 2022 Volkswagen Tiguan traveling eastbound on Bowers Beach Road at the same location, both operators swerved into the eastbound shoulder of the roadway, resulting in a head-on collision between the vehicles.

The operator of the Cadillac, 26-year-old **Dillon Satterfield** of Frederica, DE, was properly restrained. He was flown via helicopter to an area hospital where he remains in critical condition.

Both the operator of the Volkswagen, a 69-year-old male and the passenger, a 69-year-old female both from Lewes, DE, were properly restrained. The driver was transported via ambulance to an area hospital, where he remains in critical condition. The passenger was transported via ambulance to an area hospital for serious injuries, where she was later pronounced deceased. Identification of the victim is pending notification to the next-of-kin.

No other injuries were reported. Bowers Beach Road remained closed for approximately four hours while the investigation

was being conducted.

Troopers obtained an arrest warrant for Satterfield for the following crimes:

- Vehicular Homicide Second Degree (Felony)
- Vehicular Assault First Degree (Felony)
- Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol
- Reckless Driving
- Improper Passing

Satterfield will be charged upon his release from the hospital.

The Delaware State Police Troop 3 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this collision. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this collision to please contact Sergeant J. Wheatley by calling 302-698-8518. Information may also be provided by sending a Private Facebook Message to the **Delaware State Police**, by 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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