

# Man Arrested for DUI After Colliding into Police Vehicle

*Wilmington, DE-* Delaware State Police arrested Jose Sanchez Tecuapacho, 38, of New Castle, on traffic charges after rear-ending a State Police patrol vehicle.

On August 15, 2022, at approximately 8:10 p.m., troopers responded to I-495 southbound for a disabled vehicle that was blocking the right lane. A fully marked patrol vehicle was parked in the right lane with its emergency lights activated to warn motorists of the approaching traffic hazard. A Nissan Versa traveling in the right southbound lane of I-495 failed to stop or move into the open lane of travel, which caused its front bumper to collide with the rear bumper of the patrol vehicle. The operator of the Nissan Versa, later identified as Jose Sanchez Tecuapacho, displayed signs of impairment. A preliminary state police investigation suggests alcohol was a factor. Jose was transported to an area hospital and treated for non-life-threatening injuries. The trooper, who was seated in the patrol vehicle during the collision, also sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was taken to an area hospital for treatment.

Jose was arrested for the following charges:

- Vehicular Assault 2nd degree (Misdemeanor)
- Driving Under the Influence and Other Traffic-Related Offenses

Jose was arraigned at the Justice of the Peace Court #11, where he was committed to Howard R Young Correctional Institution on a \$3000 cash bond.

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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 1800-VICTIM-1. (1-800-842-8461). You may also email the Victim Services Unit at [DSP\\_VictimServicesMail@delaware.gov](mailto:DSP_VictimServicesMail@delaware.gov)

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