Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Collision

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision that occurred in the Seaford area on Saturday morning.

On August 27, 2022, at approximately 6:10 a.m., a white 2008 Jeep Grand Cherokee was traveling northbound in the left lane of Sussex Highway (Route 13) just north of Camp Road. At this time, a 2004 GMC Sierra pickup truck, was traveling northbound in the left lane of Sussex Highway traveling at a slower speed, in front of the Jeep. The operator of the Jeep swerved to the left in an attempt to maneuver around the Sierra to avoid striking it. The operator of the Jeep was unable to avoid striking the truck and the front right of the Jeep struck the left rear of the Sierra. As a result of the collision the Jeep rotated in a clockwise direction and began sliding sideways, until it flipped. The Jeep came to rest upright in the grass median.

After the initial impact the Sierra came to a controlled stop in the northbound shoulder of Sussex Highway (Route 13). Shortly after coming to a stop, the Sierra then continued northbound on Sussex Highway and fled the scene. The Sierra was later located unoccupied in the Seaford area.

The operator of the Jeep, a 29-year-old female from Seaford, DE, who was not properly restrained, was transported to an area hospital where she was pronounced deceased. Identification of the victim is not being released at this time pending notification to the next of kin.

The operator of the Sierra has not yet been identified.

The roadway was closed for approximately four hours while the collision was being investigated and the roadway cleared.

The Delaware State Police Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this incident. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this collision to please contact Senior Corporal Albert by calling 302-703-3269. Information may also be provided 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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