Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Collision

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision that occurred Friday afternoon in the New Castle area.

On December 16, 2022, at approximately 12:15 p.m., a 2017 Subaru BRZ was traveling southbound on East Basin Road (Route 141) in the area of William Penn High School at an apparent high rate of speed. For unknown reasons, the Subaru left the roadway south of Stockton Drive and entered into the grass median, where it began sliding sideways as it entered into the northbound lanes of Route 141. At the time, a 2016 Ford F-150 was traveling northbound on Route 141 in the left lane of two northbound lanes of travel and the front of the Subaru struck the left rear tire of the Ford. The Subaru continued traveling in the left northbound lane of Route 141 and the front of a 2020 BMW X5 struck the passenger side of the Subaru. After the vehicles separated, a 2022 Hyundai Sonata traveling northbound in the right lane of Route 141 northbound sideswiped the Subaru with its passenger side.

The operator of the Subaru, a 36-year-old male from Newark, who was properly restrained was pronounced deceased at the scene. Identification of the victim is pending notification to the next of kin. Excessive speed appears to be a factor at this time. Impairment is pending a toxicology analysis by the Division of Forensic Science.

The 60-year-old male operator of the BMW who was properly restrained was transported to an area hospital for non-life-threatening injuries.

The 47-year-old male operator of the Ford and 38-year-old male

operator of the Hyundai who were both wearing their seatbelts were not injured in the crash.

Route 141 was closed between Stockton Drive and Frenchtown Road (Route 273) for approximately 3 hours while the crash was investigated, and the roadway cleared.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this incident. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this collision to please contact Master Corporal J. Breen by calling 302-365-8486. 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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