State Police Investigating Fatal Morning Crash

The Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal two-car collision that occurred in Seaford earlier this morning.

On January 23, 2023, at approximately 7:11 a.m., a 2012 Hyundai Sonata was traveling northbound in the left lane of Sussex Highway approaching the intersection at Lakeside Road. At the same time, a 2000 Chevrolet Cavalier was stopped in the northbound left lane of Sussex Highway for a stopped Seaford School District bus, which was picking up children and had its red lights flashing and stop sign extended. For unknown reasons, the driver of the Sonata failed to stop for the school bus and did not see the stopped Cavalier. The front of the Sonata struck the rear of the Cavalier, and both cars were propelled off the road after impact. The school bus was not hit, and no children were injured.

The driver of the Sonata, a 19-year-old man from Fruitland, Maryland, was taken to an area hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the Cavalier, a 69-year-old man from Hebron, Maryland, was taken to an area hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Identification of the victim is pending notification to his family and relatives.

No other vehicles were involved in this collision. Possible charges against the Hyundai driver are pending the results of the investigation. Sussex Highway was closed for approximately 3.5 hours while the scene was investigated and 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 R. Albert by calling 302-703-3266. Information may also be provided by sending a Private Facebook Message to

the **Delaware State Police** or contacting **Delaware Crime Stoppers** at 1-800-847-3333.

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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