Delaware State Police Investigating Two-Vehicle Fatal Collision

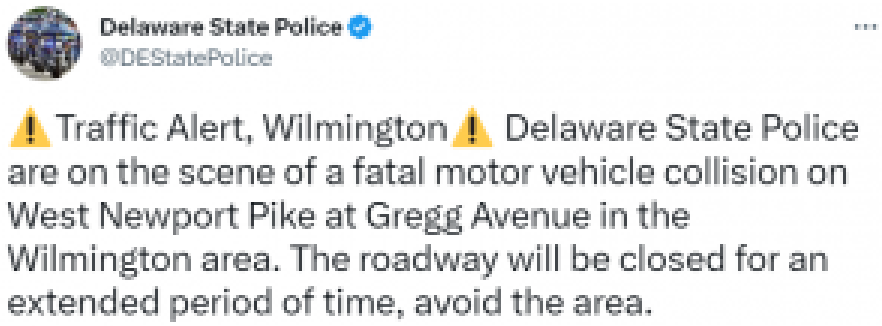
Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision that occurred Friday night in the Wilmington area.

On February 3, 2023, at approximately 8:54 p.m., a 2016 silver Toyota Corolla was traveling eastbound in the left lane of West Newport Pike (Route 4) approaching Gregg Avenue. At the time, a 2006 white Buick Rendezvous was traveling westbound in the left lane of Route 4, when it crossed over into oncoming traffic. The two vehicles collided in a head-on impact. The Toyota rotated in a clockwise direction after impact where it came to final rest in the left lane of Route 4 westbound. The Buick came to final rest in the left lane of Route 4 eastbound.

The 29-year-old female operator of the Toyota from Wilmington, DE, who was 8 months pregnant was transported to an area hospital, in critical condition. The baby was delivered while at the hospital and is also in critical condition. There were two other passengers in the vehicle, a 6-year-old girl and a 4-year-old boy. The 6-year-old was transported to an area hospital where she was pronounced deceased. Identification of the victim is pending notification to the next of kin. The 4-year-old was transported to an area hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. All occupants in the Toyota were properly restrained.

The 19-year-old female operator of the Buick from Wilmington, DE, who was properly restrained was transported to an area hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. Impairment appears to be a factor in the collision and charges will be forthcoming.

Route 4 was closed in both directions for approximately 4 hours.



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 Sergeant J. Jefferson by calling 302-365-8484. 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 1800 VICTIM-1. (1-800-842-8461). You may also email the Victim Services Unit at **DSP_VictimServicesMail@delaware.gov**

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