State Police Investigating Fatal Hit-and-Run Crash

The Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal hit-and-run collision involving a motorcycle that occurred in New Castle last night.

On February 15, 2023, at approximately 9:41 p.m., a gray 2020 Kawasaki ZX-9R was traveling southbound on South Dupont Highway through a green light at the intersection with 2nd Avenue. At the same time, a blue 2021 Mazda CX-5 was traveling northbound on South Dupont Highway approaching the same intersection. The Mazda passed a car that was stopped at the red light in the left-turn lane and began to turn left onto 2nd Avenue through the red light. As a result, the front of the Kawasaki struck the right side of the Mazda in the intersection. The motorcyclist was ejected, and the Mazda came to a stop in the shoulder. The driver of the Mazda then fled the scene on foot and was last seen walking southbound on South Dupont Highway.

The motorcyclist, a 31-year-old man from Wilmington, Delaware, was taken to an area hospital, where he later died from his injuries. Identification of the victim is pending notification to his family and relatives. The driver of the Mazda has not been identified or located.

The roadway was closed for approximately three hours while the scene was investigated and 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. Forester by calling 302-365-8485. 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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