Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Motorcycle Collision

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision involving a motorcycle that occurred in the Bear area last night.

On April 4, 2023, at approximately 7:06 p.m., a 2015 Hyundai Sonata, operated by a 31-year-old male of Elkton, MD, was traveling southbound on Red Lion Road (Route 71) approaching the intersection with Hunters Run Way and entered into the left turn lane. At the time, there were multiple vehicles traveling northbound on Red Lion Road approaching the intersection with Hunters Run Way. The first vehicle slowed and activated it's right turn signal preparing to turn right onto Hunters Run Way. Directly behind the non-contact vehicle was a 2003 Harley Davidson Sportster also traveling northbound. As the non-contact vehicle approached the intersection, it was traveling partially in the right turn lane and the through lane. The Hyundai also began it's turn left onto Hunters Run Way. The Harley Davidson moved to the left around the Hyundai crossing over a solid double yellow line and accelerated past the non-contact vehicle. The operator of Harley observed the Hyundai turning left into its path, and he applied his brakes. He was unable to avoid the collision, and the front of the Harley struck the right side of the Hyundai.

The 28-year-old male operator of the Harley Davidson motorcycle from Bear, DE was transported to an area hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Identification of the victim is pending notification to the next of kin.

The 31-year-old male operator of the Hyundai who was properly

restrained was not injured.

Red Lion Road was closed between North Dragon Drive and Kirkwood St. Georges Road for approximately 4 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 Corporal/2 M. Calio by calling 302-365-8483. 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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