# Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Collision

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

On April 13, 2023, at approximately 10:09 p.m., a 2007 Ford Taurus was traveling northbound on Ott's Chapel Road north of Oklahoma State Drive. At the time, a pedestrian had entered the northbound lanes of Ott's Chapel Road from an unknown location. The Taurus was unable to avoid the pedestrian and the front of the vehicle struck the pedestrian in the right northbound lane. After the initial collision, a 2016 Jeep Cherokee that was traveling behind the Taurus struck the pedestrian with the undercarriage of the vehicle. Both vehicles came to a controlled stop near the collision scene.

At the time of the collision, the area was dark and not well-lit. The pedestrian was wearing dark clothing and was not carrying any type of flashlight or lighting device. The 38-year-old male pedestrian from Newark, DE was pronounced deceased at the scene. Identification of the victim is pending notification to the next of kin.

The 24-year-old male operator of the Ford was not injured.

The 24-year-old male operator of the Jeep was not injured.

Northbound Ott's Chapel Road was closed between West Chestnut Hill Road and North Hunter Forge Road for approximately 4 hours while the crash was investigated, and the roadway cleared.

The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this incident. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this collision to please contact Trooper First Class Hoffman by calling 302-660-3798. 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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