Delaware State Police Investigating Single Vehicle Fatal Collision

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal single motor vehicle collision that occurred in the Seaford area on Saturday night.

On May 13, 2023, at approximately 9:37 p.m., a 1998 Dodge Dakota operated by a 38-year-old male of Laurel, DE was traveling southbound in the left lane of Sussex Highway (Route 13) just south of Cannon Road (Route 18). For unknown reasons, the Dodge swerved to the right, began to slide in a southwesterly direction, and rotated in a counterclockwise manner. The Dodge slid across the right lane and then the shoulder of Sussex Highway, before exiting the west edge of the roadway and through a steep ditch. The Dodge continued traveling in a southwesterly direction until the front of the vehicle struck the support of a large sign.

The 38-year-old male operator of the Dodge who was not properly restrained, was transported to an area hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Identification of the victim is pending notification to the next of kin.

The southbound lanes of Sussex Highway were shut down south of Cannon Road for approximately 4 hours while the crash was investigated, and the roadway was cleared.

The Delaware State Police Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this collision. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this collision to please contact Senior Corporal J. Smith by calling 302-703-3267. 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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