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 this morning.

On May 14, 2023, at approximately 5:34 a.m., a 1999 Toyota Corolla operated by a 33-year-old male of Bridgeville, DE, was traveling westbound on Hearns Pond Road at a high rate of speed, approaching the intersection of Conrail Road. The intersection of Hearns Pond Road and Conrail Road is controlled by a four-way stop sign. Immediately west of the intersection of Conrail Road, there is a railroad crossing. The Toyota failed to stop at the stop sign and continued west through the intersection and over the railroad crossing, which caused the vehicle to go airborne. The Toyota then landed in the center of Hearns Pond Road, and began rotating clockwise as it was traveling in a northwesterly direction. The Toyota exited the north edge of the roadway, crossing over a ditch and its front center struck a tree.

The 33-year-old male operator of the Toyota who was not properly restrained, was pronounced deceased on the scene. Identification of the victim is pending notification to the next of kin.

Hearns Pond Road in the area of the collision was closed for approximately 4.5 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 R. Albert by calling 302-703-3266. 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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