State Police Investigating Fatal Crash in Smyrna

Delaware State Police are actively investigating a fatal crash that unfolded yesterday evening in Smyrna.

On December 16, 2023, at approximately 7:30 p.m., a trooper driving a Chevrolet Police Tahoe was northbound on South Dupont Boulevard in the left lane, approaching Spring Meadow Drive. Directly behind the trooper was a Toyota Highlander, followed by a Kia Sorento. Simultaneously, a pedestrian was at the Economy Inn, located east of the northbound lanes of South Dupont Boulevard. The pedestrian entered the northbound travel lanes, walked into the path of the police Tahoe, and was struck. Subsequently, the pedestrian landed in the left lane and was run over by both the Highlander and the Sorento.

The 26-year-old female pedestrian from Smyrna, Delaware, was not carrying a flashlight nor crossing at a designated crossing area. It is not yet confirmed whether she was under the influence of alcohol or not.

The trooper was transported to a nearby hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. The drivers of the Highlander, a 25-year-old female from Milford, Delaware, and the Sorento, a 32-year-old man from Smyrna, Delaware, were not injured. The pedestrian was pronounced dead at the scene. Her identity is being withheld until her family is notified.

The northbound lanes of South Dupont Boulevard remained closed for approximately 3.5 hours as investigators examined the scene and cleared the roadway.

The Delaware State Police Troop 3 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this incident. Troopers ask anyone who witnessed this crash to contact Master Corporal W. Booth by calling (302) 698-8451. 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 you 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**.