State Police Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash in Newark

The Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal pedestrian crash that occurred early this morning in Newark that left one man dead.

On January 1, 2025, at approximately 1:14 a.m., a 2013 silver Kia Optima was traveling westbound in the left lane of East Chestnut Hill Road, east of Martindale Drive. For reasons under investigation, a pedestrian wearing dark-colored clothing was walking in the left lane of westbound East Chestnut Hill Road, directly in the Kia's path of travel. As a result, the Kia struck the pedestrian.

The pedestrian, a 32-year-old man from New Castle, Delaware, was pronounced dead at the scene. His name is being withheld until his family is notified.

The driver of the Kia, a 36-year-old man from Newark, Delaware, was not injured. The passengers of the Kia, a 14-year-old and a 17-year-old, were not injured.

The roadway was closed for approximately 4 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this crash. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this collision to please contact Corporal D. McKenna by calling 302-365-8486. 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**.