State Police Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash in Bear

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal pedestrian crash that occurred Tuesday evening in Bear.

On March 25, 2025, at approximately 5:00 p.m., a Mazda CX-9 was parked on the right shoulder of the northbound off-ramp from State Route 1 to Pulaski Highway. A disabled vehicle with a broken front left wheel was parked directly in front of the Mazda on the same shoulder. At that same time, a 74-year-old man from Bear, Delaware, was driving a GMC Sierra northbound on the off-ramp and approaching a curve to the left.

A 39-year-old man from New Castle, Delaware, was outside of the disabled vehicle, attempting to change its damaged tire. Meanwhile, a 37-year-old woman, also from New Castle, began walking toward the rear of the Mazda. As the GMC entered the curve, it drifted onto the shoulder and struck the 37-year-old woman and the left rear of the Mazda. The GMC continued forward, and its right front then struck the 39-year-old man.

The 74-year-old driver sustained minor injuries and was treated at the scene by emergency medical services. The 39-year-old man was transported to a nearby hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. The 37-year-old woman was also taken to a nearby hospital, where she was pronounced dead. Her identity is being withheld until her family is notified.

The off-ramp was closed for approximately 4 hours while the Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit investigated the crash and cleared the roadway.

The investigation remains ongoing. Anyone who witnessed the crash or has relevant information is asked to contact Corporal

Grade One D. McKenna at (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**.