

# State Police Arrest Driver for Vehicular Homicide Following Two-Vehicle Fatal Crash in New Castle

Delaware State Police have arrested 36-year-old **Ashley Wright** of Dover, Delaware, for vehicular homicide and traffic-related charges following a two-vehicle fatal crash that occurred early Saturday morning in New Castle.

On November 15, 2025, at approximately 1:00 a.m., a Kenworth tractor trailer was traveling southbound in the left middle lane of North DuPont Highway, approaching Christiana Road. At the same time, a Lexus ES 350 approached the tractor trailer from the rear. The preliminary investigation revealed the Lexus failed to slow down and collided with the left rear of the Kenworth's trailer. As a result, the Lexus spun, slid over a raised concrete median, and collided with a traffic sign.

The passenger of the Lexus, a 36-year-old woman from New Castle, Delaware, was ejected during the crash. She was pronounced dead at the scene. Her name is being withheld until family is notified.

The driver of the Lexus, identified as Ashley Wright, was taken to an area hospital by ambulance for non-life-threatening injuries. Wright showed signs of impairment at the time of the crash.

The driver of the Kenworth, a 32-year-old man from Delaware City, Delaware, was not injured.

North DuPont Highway southbound was [closed](#) for approximately 6 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

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After being released from the hospital, Wright was taken to Troop 2 and charged with the crimes listed below. She was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 11 and released after posting \$10,102 cash bond.



Ashley Wright

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- Vehicular Homicide 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (Felony)
- Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol
- Traffic Offenses

Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this crash. Anyone who witnessed the crash or has relevant information is asked to contact Corporal K. Oakes at (302) 365-8483. 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](mailto:DSP_VictimServicesMail@delaware.gov).