

State Police Arrest Driver for Vehicular Homicide Following Two-Vehicle Fatal Crash in Wilmington

Delaware State Police have arrested 35-year-old **Michelle Palazzolo** of Wilmington, Delaware, for vehicular homicide and traffic-related charges following a two-vehicle fatal crash that occurred on Saturday afternoon in Wilmington.

On April 18, 2026, at approximately 2:20 p.m., a gray Toyota Prius was traveling eastbound in the right left-turn lane of Rocky Run Parkway at Concord Pike. The Toyota had a green arrow traffic signal to turn left onto Concord Pike northbound. At the same time, a white Ford Taurus was traveling in the center lane of Concord Pike southbound, approaching Rocky Run Parkway. The Ford had a red traffic signal. As the Toyota entered the intersection, the Ford failed to stop at the red light. The front of the Ford collided with the left side of the Toyota.

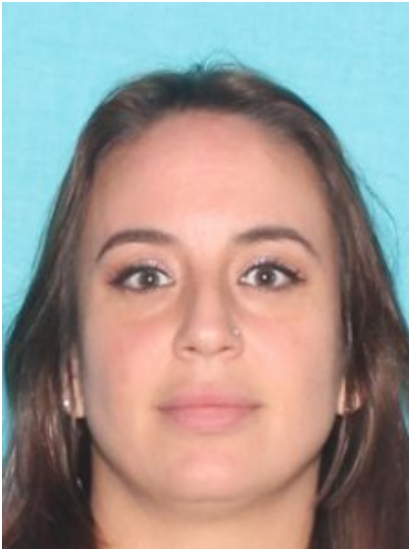
The driver of the Toyota, a 72-year-old man from Newark, Delaware, was taken to an area hospital, where he died. His name is being withheld until his family is notified.

The driver of the Ford, identified as Michelle Palazzolo, was taken to an area hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. Palazzolo showed signs of impairment at the time of the crash.

Concord Pike was [closed](#) for approximately 3.5 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

Palazzolo was charged with the crimes listed below, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 11, and committed to the Delores

J. Baylor Women's Correctional Institution on a \$10,250 secured bond.



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- Vehicular Homicide 2nd Degree Driving Under the Influence (Felony)
- Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol
- Failure to Have Required Insurance
- Failure to Stop at a Red Light

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 Master Corporal R. Kunicki at (302) 365-8417. 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.