Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash-Wilmington

Wilmington- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash that occurred last evening.

The incident occurred on September 21, 2019 at approximately 7:52 p.m., when a 2017 Chevrolet Spark was traveling northbound on Philadelphia Pike and had come to a stop at a red traffic signal at the intersection for Silverside Road. A 2003 Nissan Pathfinder was traveling in the same direction and came to a complete stop behind the Spark. A 2012 Honda CRV was traveling in the same direction and approaching the Pathfinder. For unknown reasons the operator of the CRV failed to stop and as a result, the front of the CRV collided with the rear of the Pathfinder.

The operator of the Chevrolet Spark, a 48-year-old female from Claymont, DE and her passenger were transported to the St. Francis Hospital with minor injuries.

The operator of the Nissan Pathfinder, a 65-year-old male from Wilmington, DE was transported to the Christiana Hospital with nonlife threatening injuries.

The operator of the Honda CVR, a 62-year-old male from Hockessin, DE was transported to the Christiana Hospital where he was pronounced deceased a short time later. His name is being withheld at this time pending the notification of next of kin.

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit.

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Troopers Investigating Fatal Bicycle Crash-Frankford

Frankford- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit are investigating a fatal crash involving a pedal cyclist that occurred last evening.

The incident occurred on September 20, 2019 at approximately 8:55 p.m., when a pedal cyclist was traveling northbound on

DuPont Boulevard (U.S. 113) in the left lane just south of Hickory Street. A 2011 Ford Escape was traveling northbound on U.S. 113 approaching the vicinity of the pedal cyclist. Due to the fact that the bicycle was not equipped with lights, the operator of the escape failed to see the pedal cyclist in front of him causing the front of the escape to impact the rear of the bicycle. The pedal cyclist was subsequently ejected from the bicycle.

The pedal cyclist, a 62-year-old male from Frankford, DE was wearing dark clothing and his bicycle was not equipped with any type of lights. He was transported to the Beebe Medical Center where he was later pronounced deceased. His name is being withheld at this time pending the notification of next of kin.

The operator of the escape, a 24-year-old male from Seaford, DE was properly restrained and did not sustain injuries.

Northbound DuPont Boulevard was closed for approximately 2.5 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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Homeless Sex Offender Notification

Dover– The following subjects are not wanted. This is a Homeless Sex Offender Public Notification. If you have information that the listed subjects are occupying a residence, please call 302-672-5306. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

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UPDATE Delaware State Police Conducting Death Investigation – Wilmington

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police are continuing to actively investigate the death of 50 year old Susan M. Ledyard of Wilmington, and are asking for the public's help in furthering the investigation.

The ongoing investigation, which is being jointly conducted by the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit and the Troop 2 Major Crimes Unit, has determined the following.

On Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at approximately 7:39 a.m., Susan Ledyard was discovered deceased in the Brandywine River, in the area of Northeast Blvd., within the City of Wilmington.

Upon being recovered from the river, Susan was turned over to the Division of Forensic Science to determine the cause and manner of her death. Because the cause and manner of death is still pending further investigation, information regarding Susan's injuries are not able to be released at this time.

At approximately 8:54 a.m., on this same date Troopers responded to Walkers Mill Rd. in the area of the Rising Sun Lane Bridge, for the report of a suspicious vehicle. Upon arrival they located an unoccupied black, 2016 Honda Civic, which came back registered to Susan Ledyard. This location, where the vehicle was located and where the Rising Sun Lane

Bridge spans the Brandywine River, is approximately three miles upriver, from where Susan's body was recovered.

Through various investigative leads and measures, investigators have been able to create a timeline of Susan's activities on July 23, however a gap exists between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Detectives are asking that anyone who believes that they may have seen Susan during this four hour time frame, or who may have any information regarding this case to please come forward.

Susan is described as a white female, 5'4" tall, 130 lbs., with shoulder length brown hair, and was wearing a purple tank top.

Information may be provided by contacting Detective D. Grassi of the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit by calling 302-365-8441 or Detective A. Lloyd of the Troop 2 Major Crimes Unit at 302-365-8411.

Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com

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Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash-Lincoln

Lincoln- The Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal crash involving a dirt bike that occurred last evening.

The incident occurred on September 17, 2019 just after 9:00 p.m., when a Trooper observed a green Kawasaki Dirt Bike, an off-highway vehicle, that is not street legal and not equipped with any lighting source, traveling on Wilkins Road near Sussex Bayhealth Hospital. The Trooper attempted to stop the dirt bike, when the operator preceded to flee at an extreme high rate of speed. The operator of the dirt bike eluded the Trooper and created a significant distance between himself and the Trooper.

The dirt bike proceed westbound on Johnson Road approaching Marshall Street in the limits Lincoln. A 2009 Chevrolet Traverse, was facing eastbound on Johnson Road preparing to make a left turn onto Marshall Street. The operator of the

Traverse did not see the dirt bike due to its lack of a headlamp and proceeded to turn left onto Marshall Street. The front of the dirt bike collided with the left front fender of the Traverse, causing the operator of the dirt bike to be ejected.

The operator of the dirt bike, 38-year-old **Adam J. Burton**, of Lincoln, DE was wearing a helmet at the time of the collision and does not have a motorcycle endorsement on his driver's license. He was transported to the Sussex Bayhealth Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

The driver of the Traverse, a 49-year-old female of Milford, DE, was properly restrained and remained on scene. She was transported to the Sussex Bayhealth Hospital, where she was treated and released.

The roadway was closed for approximately 3 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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Update Name Released Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash- Millsboro

Millsboro- The Delaware State Police have identified the name of the driver who died in a crash on September 16, 2019 on Indian Town Road, east of Hudson Road, as 20-year-old **Demizha Sondrell Romance Sturgis,** of Wyoming, DE.

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit.

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Police Activity at Delaware State University-Dover

Dover- The Delaware State Police are currently on scene along with the Dover Police Department and Capitol Police assisting the Delaware State University Police with an incident that occurred on campus.

Delaware State University were made aware that some students reported receiving anonymous texts of a potential shooter on the campus. As a precautionary measure, the campus was placed on lockdown so that a thorough search of the buildings could be conducted.

There was no active shooter on campus and no shots have been fired. There have not been any injuries reported as a result of this incident. Further investigations are being conducted at this time.

For further media inquiries please contact the Executive Director of Marketing and Communications, Dawn Mosley at dmosley@desu.edu

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Troopers Investigating Shooting Incidents-Kent County

Dover/Hartly- The Delaware State Police are currently investigating two shooting incidents that occurred last evening.

The first incident occurred on September 16, 2019 at approximately 8:57 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the 3100 block of Forrest Avenue, for a report of a shooting. Upon arrival, Troopers learned that three individuals were in the garage area of the residence when they heard multiple shots being fired. One of the individuals, a 27-year-old female had been struck by a bullet. She was transported to a local area hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

It was also reported during this same timeframe that shots were heard being fired in the area of the 1900 block of Taraila Road, Hartly. There were no injuries reported as a result of this incident.

There is no suspect information at this time.

The investigation is active and ongoing and anyone with

information regarding this incident is asked to contact Troop 3, Detective Blomquist at 302-697-4454. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com

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Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash-Millsboro

Millsboro- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash involving a single vehicle that occurred earlier today.

The incident occurred on September 16, 2019 at approximately 11:09 a.m., when a 2004 Honda Accord was traveling eastbound on Indian Town Road, east of Hudson Road. The operator of the Accord rounded a left curve at an apparent high rate of speed and on the wrong side of road. After nearly striking a vehicle head-on, the operator lost control of the vehicle causing it to exit the roadway into the dense woods, where the front end struck a pine tree. The operator was subsequently pulled from the vehicle by a Good Samaritan who was passing by, before it was consumed by fire. The Good Samaritan, a local resident, also performed CPR prior to the arrival of Emergency Medical Services.

The operator of the Accord, a 20-year-old female from Wyoming, DE was not properly restrained. She was transported to the Nanticoke Memorial Hospital where she was pronounced deceased. Her name is being withheld as this time pending the notification of next of kin.

Indian Town Road was closed for approximately 3 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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State Police Investigating Industrial Accident – Bethany Beach

Bethany Beach, Delaware – The Delaware State Police are investigating an industrial accident that seriously injured a Laurel man.

The preliminary investigation has determined the incident occurred on Friday, September 13, 2019, at approximately 2:12 p.m., at a residence that was under

construction, located in the 31000 Block of Heather Lane, Bethany Beach. A contractor was on-site for masonry work at a residence under construction. A 62-year-old man of Laurel, who works for the mason, was working on the second level of the scaffolding. The victim fell from the scaffolding to the ground below and sustained serious injuries. The victim was removed from the scene and transported by the Delaware State Police Aviation Unit to the Christiana Hospital where he is listed in stable but critical condition.

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