Update Driver Succumbs to Injuries Troopers Investigating Serious Crash-Millsboro

Millsboro- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a fatal crash that occurred yesterday, August 15, 2019 on Indian Mission Road (SR 5) just north of John J. Williams Highway (SR 24).

The operator of the Explorer, 79-year-old **Gene E. Crone** of Rehoboth Beach was not properly restrained and transported to the Christiana Hospital where he was listed in critical condition. On August 16, 2019 Crone succumbed to his injuries.

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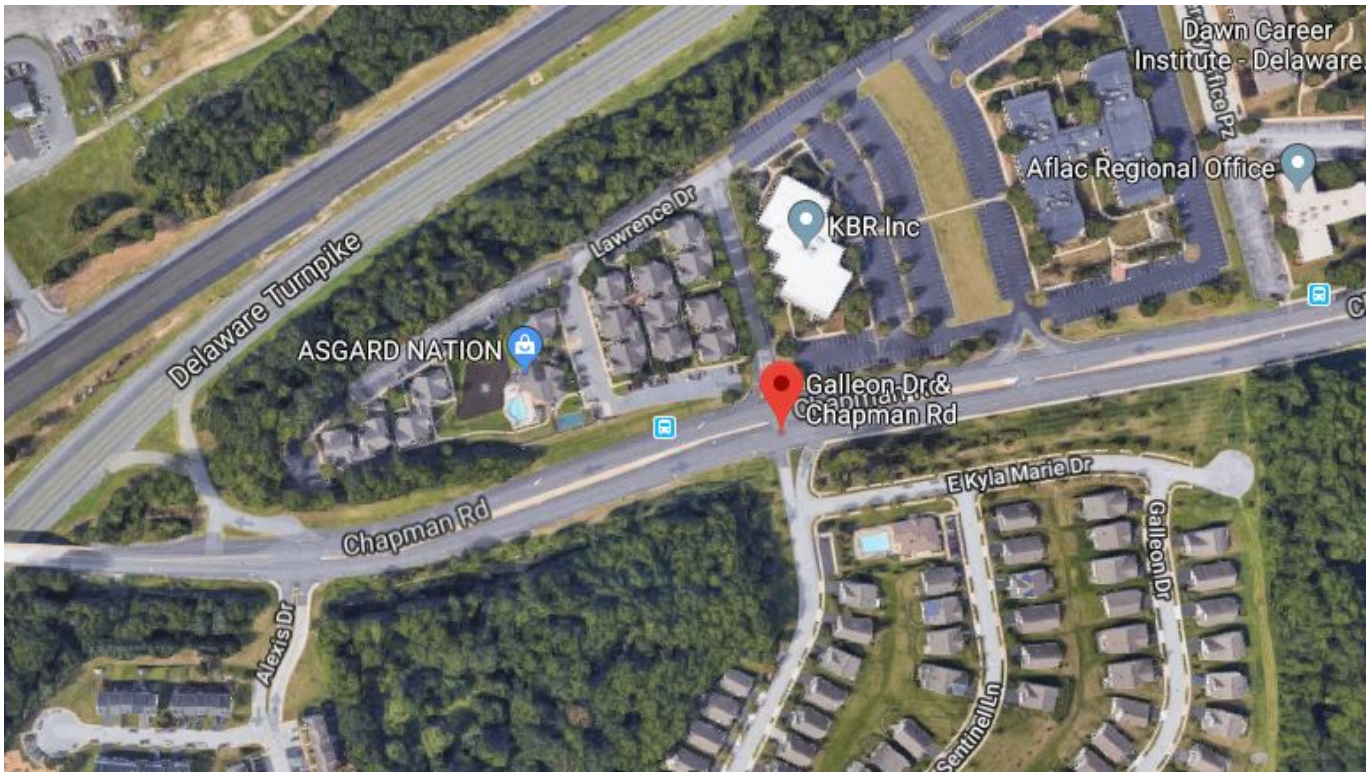
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Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash – Newark



Newark, Delaware – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash that occurred on Thursday, August 15, 2019, at approximately 1:53

p.m., in which one driver has succumbed to her injuries.

The incident occurred when a 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee was traveling westbound in the left lane of Chapman Road approaching the intersection with Galleon Drive. A 2007 Honda Civic was traveling south on Galleon Drive approaching the intersection with Chapman Road. The Civic entered the intersection directly in the path of the Jeep Cherokee. The Cherokee struck the left side of the Civic and then traveled in a southwest direction stopping on the eastbound lanes of Chapman Road. The Honda Civic rotated in a clockwise direction and traveled in a southwest direction and stopped in the grass.

The operator of the Honda Civic, Erica N. Cramatie, 36 of Wilmington, was transported to the Christiana Hospital for her life-threatening injuries where she succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased.

The female operator of the 2015 Grand Cherokee, 38 of Newark, sustained non-life threatening injuries.

Impairment on either driver is not being considered a factor in this collision.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Who:

- 92B Delaware State Police and 88th Municipal Recruit Class

When:

- Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Location:

- Dover High School (Auditorium)
- 1 Dover High Drive Dover, Delaware

Dignitaries Addressing the Graduates:

- Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester, State of Delaware
- Lieutenant Governor Bethany A. Hall-Long, State of Delaware

- Chief Deputy Attorney General Alexander S. Mackler, State of Delaware
- Secretary Robert M. Coupe, Department of Safety and Homeland Security
- Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr., Superintendent, Delaware State Police

Class Speaker:

- Trooper Phillip Aviola, Delaware State Police

Dover – Delaware State Police Superintendent Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr. announces the graduation ceremonies for the 92B Delaware State Police and 88th Municipal Recruit Class. The ceremonies celebrated and recognized the successful completion of Law Enforcement training of 3 Delaware State Troopers and 19 Law Enforcement Officers representing the Department of Natural Resources Police Division of Fish & Wildlife, Delaware River & Bay Authority, Dover Police Department, Georgetown Police Department, Laurel Police Department, Milford Police Department, Milton Police Department, Seaford Police Department, Smyrna Police Department, South Bethany Police Department, and Wyoming Police Department.

****Awards****

Governor's Outstanding Recruit Trooper Award:

- Trooper Zachary Falk, Delaware State Police

The Attorney General's Award for Legal Excellence:

- Officer Tyler Slavin, DNREC Fish & Wildlife

The Secretary of Safety and Homeland Security Award:

- Patrolman Matthew Donahue, Georgetown Police Department

The Delaware Police Chiefs' Council Award:

- Patrolman James Bush, Dover Police Department

The Delaware State Police Academy Law Enforcement Core Values Award:

- Patrolman David Spence II, Dover Police Department

The Outstanding Proficiency in Police Firearms Award:

- Trooper Mark DiMaio, Delaware State Police
- Patrolman Richard DaFonte III, Milford Police Department

The Delaware State Police Academy Physical Fitness Award:

- Trooper Zachary Falk, Delaware State Police
- Patrolman Matthew Messina, Delaware River & Bay Authority

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Troopers Investigating Serious Crash-Millsboro

Millsboro- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is currently investigating a serious crash that occurred earlier today.

The incident occurred on August 15, 2019 at approximately 12:44 p.m., when a 2019 Subaru Ascent was traveling southbound on Indian Mission Road (SR 5) just north of John J. Williams Highway (SR 24). A 2000 Ford Explorer was traveling northbound on SR 5 approaching the Subaru. A 2011 Audi Q5 was

traveling northbound behind the Explorer. For unknown reasons, the operator of the Subaru allowed his vehicle to cross the center line and enter the northbound travel lane in front of the Explorer. The operator of the Explorer attempted to swerve his vehicle to the right to avoid the impact but was unsuccessful. As a result, the Subaru struck the Explorer. The front of the Audi then struck the rear of the Explorer within the northbound travel lane.

The operator of the Subaru, a 66-year-old male of Millsboro, DE was properly restrained. He was transported to the Beebe Medical Center where he was treated and released with minor non-life threatening injuries.

The operator of the Explorer, a 79-year-old male of Rehoboth Beach was not properly restrained and was transported to the Christiana Hospital where he is listed in critical condition.

The operator of the Audi, a 58-year-old female of Millsboro, DE was properly restrained and declined medical treatment at the scene.

SR 5 was closed for approximately 3 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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Troopers Investigating Shots Fired Incident-Frankford

Frankford- The Delaware State Police are investigating a shots fired incident in which a bullet struck a residence last evening.

The incident occurred on August 13, 2019 at approximately 10:40 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the 35000 block of Farm House Lane, Frankford for a report of shots fired. Upon arrival, Troopers made contact with a 37-year-old male resident who advised that he heard multiple gunshots. Further inspection of his residence led to the discovery of a bullet that traveled from a bedroom window into the bedroom door. There were two other adults and three children in the residence during this incident. There were no reports of any injuries.

There is no suspect information at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Troop 4, Criminal Investigative Unit at

302-856-5850. 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 Remind Bicyclists and Motorcyclist of Safety on Area Roadways

Delaware – The Delaware State Police would like to remind bicyclists and motorcyclists of some safety tips while riding along the roadways and ways motorist can help to make the roads safer.

Troopers would like to provide the following information for ***Bicyclists*** riding in Delaware:

- **Obey the rules of the road.** Drivers and bicyclists are expected to observe traffic rules such as stop signs and red lights. Ignoring these traffic rules can lead to injuries that would have otherwise been preventable.
- Never ride against the flow of traffic. Drivers and pedestrians alike may not be expecting bicyclists riding in that direction.

On Coastal Highway (Rt. 1) in the Lewes/Rehoboth Beach areas, bikes are allowed on the sidewalks and must yield to pedestrians. However, in certain town limits local ordinances prohibit bikes on the sidewalks.

- Avoid distracted riding much like you would if you were driving a car, and wait to check your cell phone until you're safely off the road.
- Visibility can be an issue for bicyclists in the dark, so take steps to ensure that motorists can see you. Adding white front lights and red back lights to your bike, plus reflective tape or clothing can also help make you more visible in the dark.

It is against Delaware law to operate a bicycle at night without a front headlight. And remember, visibility isn't

just an issue late at night; cloudy days and early mornings can impair motorists' ability to see bicyclists on the road too.

More information on bicycle safety can be found on the Delaware Office of Highway Safety website and laws can be found on the State of Delaware website under Online Delaware Code.

Troopers would like to provide the following information for ***Motorcyclists*** riding in Delaware:

One of the most common reasons drivers give for cutting off or pulling out in front of a motorcycle is that they "didn't see it."

Motorcyclists can prevent crashes and injuries by:

- Reducing speeds and/or maintaining safer speeds
- Keeping headlights and marker and taillights on at dusk and in dark or rainy weather
- Staying three to four seconds behind a vehicle they intend to pass, checking oncoming traffic from the left side of the lane, signaling the intention to turn, and then checking for oncoming traffic before passing.
- Checking their rearview mirror and quickly turn their head to ensure the vehicle is a safe distance behind them when completing a pass.
- Wearing helmets that meet a high protection standard.
- Wearing proper clothing, eyewear and sturdy, closed-toe footwear.

Safer motorcycle rides start with respect. Check out the Office of Highway Safety's Motorcycle Safety website at *ArriveAliveDE.com/Motorcycle-Safety* and find out where you can take the Motorcycle Rider Safety Course, popular routes for riders throughout the state of Delaware, and check the street smarts section that teaches you how to conduct a pre-ride check called T-CLOCS. While you're visiting, check out the

video section featuring some of Delaware's riders as they talk about the freedom of owning a bike and why motorcycle safety is so important.

Motorists can help to make the roads safer by taking some simple precautions:

- Be extra cautious on weekends, when more bicyclists and motorcyclists take to the road.
- Provide adequate room to maneuver. Follow at least three to four seconds behind them.
- Allow extra maneuvering room in areas with potholes, pavement transitions and railroad crossings.
- Never try to share a lane with a bicycle or motorcycle.
- If a bicycle or motorcycle is nearby, check your mirrors carefully before changing lanes. Bicycles and motorcycles may be in your blind spots or difficult to see because of their smaller size.

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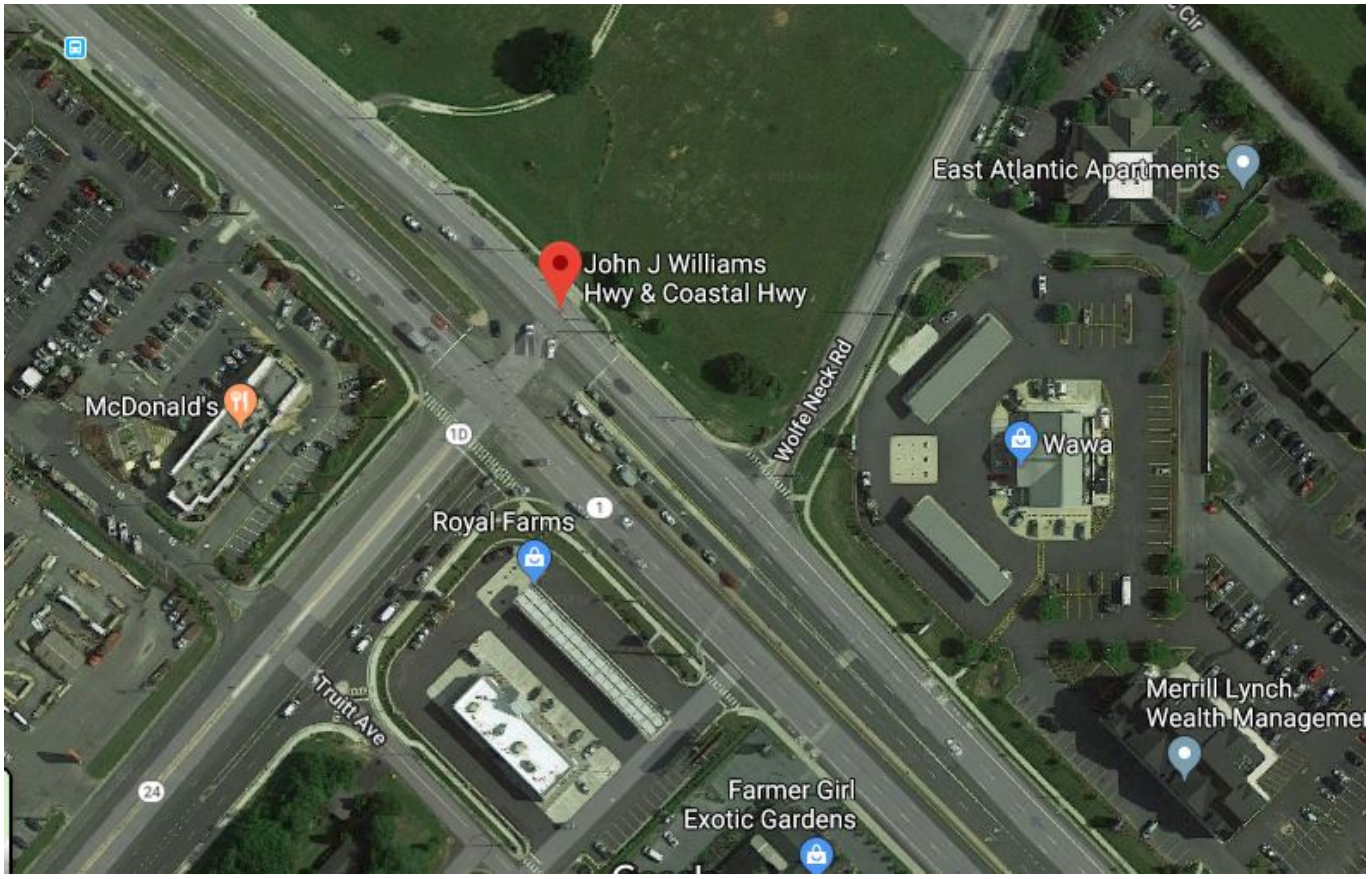
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Troopers Investigating Serious Crash Involving a Bicyclist – Rehoboth Beach



Rehoboth Beach, Delaware – The Delaware State Police are investigating a serious crash involving a bicyclist that took place on southbound Coastal Highway (SR 1) south of John J. Williams Highway (SR 24) at the entrance to the Royal Farms

convenience store.

The preliminary investigation has determined the collision occurred at approximately 8:15 p.m., Sunday, August 11, 2019, as a 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe operated by a 48-year-old man of Rehoboth Beach was traveling eastbound through the parking lot of the Royal Farms service station located at 18904 Coastal Highway. The driver intended to enter the southbound travel lanes of Coastal Highway. Prior to exiting the parking lot, the Tahoe came to a complete stop while allowing several vehicles to pass by on Coastal Highway. While waiting to exit the parking lot, a bicycle was traveling northbound in the southbound bike lane of Coastal Highway approaching the entrance to the Royal Farms. The bicycle passed in front of the entrance to the Royal Farms at the same time the driver of the Tahoe pulled forward onto Coastal Highway. As a result, the front of the vehicle impacted the left side of the bicycle and caused it to overturn onto its right side. As the bicycle overturned, the bicyclist was fully ejected from the bike. The vehicle traveled in a southeasterly direction for a distance before coming to a controlled stop in the middle of southbound Coastal Highway.

The bicycle operator was initially transported by ambulance to Beebe Medical Center. She was later airlifted to the Christina Hospital where she is being treated for head trauma. She was not wearing a helmet at the time of the collision. The victim’s bicycle was equipped with both a front headlight and rear taillight; it is currently unknown if the lights were activated. The bicycle operator is a 24-year-old female from Poland and she is currently living in the Rehoboth Beach area with a host family.

The driver of the 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe, a 48-year-old man of Rehoboth Beach, was properly restrained and did not report any injuries as a result of the collision.

Impairment does not appear to be a factor on behalf of either

the driver or bicyclist.

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Pedestrian Crash – Rehoboth Beach

Rehoboth Beach, Delaware – The Delaware State Police have identified the name of the pedestrian who died in a crash on Sunday, August 11, 2019, at approximately 12:16 a.m. on Coastal Highway (SR 1) south of Church Street west of Rehoboth Beach, as Martir Santiago, 40 of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to please call Troop 7 – Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-644-5020. 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

UPDATE TRAFFIC ADVISORY* SR 1 Coastal Highway South of Church Street Closed Due to Pedestrian Crash – Rehoboth Beach

TRAFFIC ADVISORY SR 1 Coastal Highway South of Church Street Closed Due to Pedestrian Crash – Rehoboth Beach

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Troopers Arrest Ocean View Man For 7th Offense DUI – Ocean View

Ocean View, Delaware – The Delaware State Police have arrested an Ocean View man after he was found to be under the influence for the 7th time.

The preliminary investigation has determined the incident occurred on Thursday, August 8, 2019, at approximately 3:36 p.m., when troopers responded to the Bay Forest Club community in the area of Rockdove Court, Ocean View for a report of a motor vehicle crash. It was reported several signs were struck by a single-vehicle driving through the front yards of several residences in the area. With the assistance of the Ocean View Police Department, the driver of the vehicle was identified as Paul E. Longacre Sr., 57 of Ocean View, who operated a 1995 Plymouth Voyager under the influence of drugs.

Paul E. Longacre Sr. drove the Voyager through grass lots and struck signs and ultimately was stuck in the mud on a grass lot. He was removed from the scene by EMS and transported to the Beebe Hospital for treatment. A DUI investigation was initiated and a computer inquiry revealed six previous DUI convictions.

Upon contact with the driver, Longacre appeared to be intoxicated and showed multiple signs of impairment. Paul E. Longacre, 57 of Ocean View was arrested on August 9, 2019, and charged 7th Offense DUI (Felony) and Reckless Driving. He was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on a $50,500.00 cash

bond.

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Update Name Released Troopers Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash – Dewey Beach

Dewey Beach, Delaware – The Delaware State Police have identified the name of the driver who died in a crash on Saturday, August 10, 2019, at approximately 12:04 p.m. on Coastal Highway (SR 1) south of Dewey Beach, as Logan B. Anderson, 23 of Lewes, Delaware.

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the

Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to please call Troop 7 – Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-644-5020. 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

Update Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash – Dewey Beach

Traffic Advisory Serious Crash Investigated South of Dewey Beach

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