

# **\*TRAFFIC ADVISORY\* Serious Motor Vehicle Crash has I-495 Northbound Closed**



**Wilmington (19802)** – Delaware State Police are currently on scene of a serious motor vehicle crash involving four vehicles, that occurred at approximately 11:58 a.m., Friday December, 1, 2017, on I-495 northbound in the area of 12th Street, Wilmington. I-495 northbound is completely shut down at the I-95 split.

Further information will be released as it becomes available.

For traffic conditions and road closure information please click on:  
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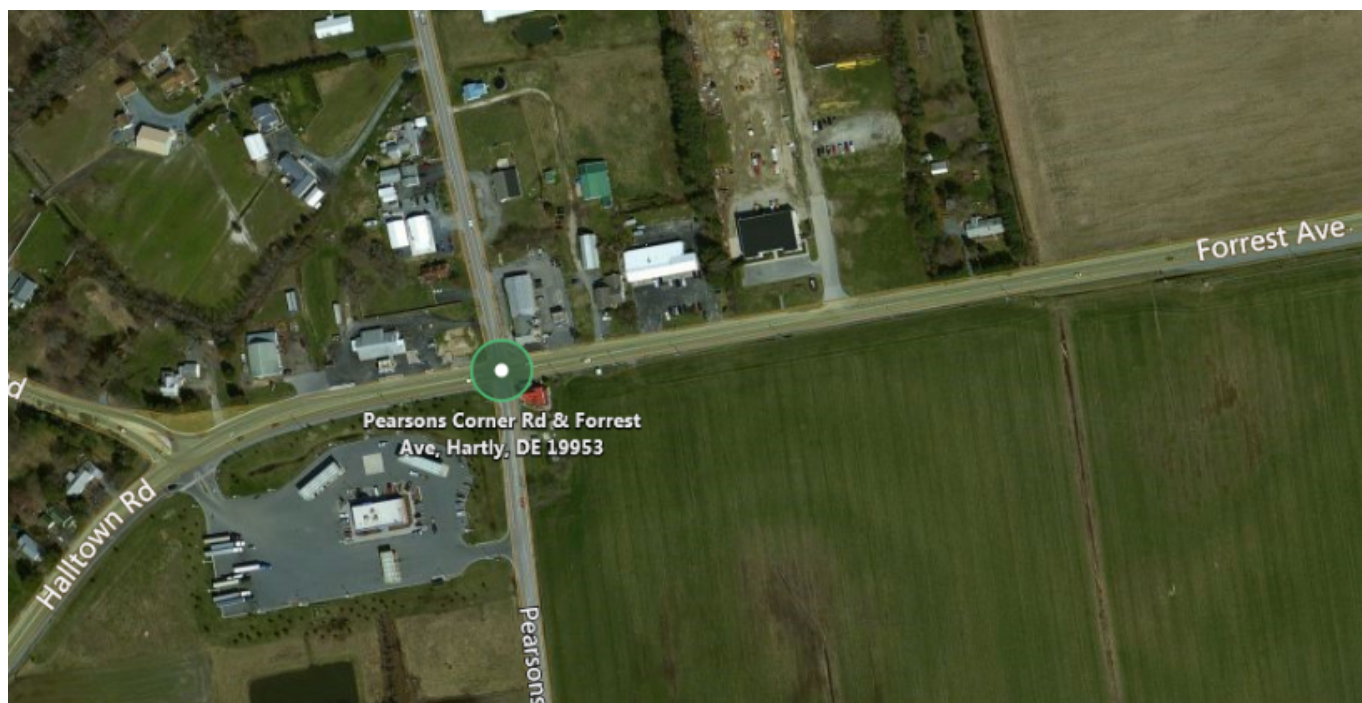
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# Troopers Investigating Crash Involving School Bus-Hartly



**Hartly-** The Delaware State Police are investigating a crash involving a school bus that occurred this morning at approximately 6:42 a.m. on Pearsons Corner Road near Forrest Avenue.

No injuries have been reported and there are no road closures as a result of the crash. However please use caution in the area as some emergency vehicles are still on scene.

The investigation is ongoing and further details will be released as they become available.

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## **Troopers Seek Assistance in Locating Wanted Sex Offender**



**Henry "Hank" Wojniesz Jr.**

**Dover, DE-** The Delaware State Police Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration Unit (S.O.A.R) is currently looking for the following wanted sex offender after he absconded from probation.

**Henry "Hank" Wojniesz Jr.,** 33 of Milton who is 5'8" tall and 165 lbs., is currently wanted for Violation of Probation and Failure to Re-Register as a Sex Offender. His last whereabouts were reported in Sussex County and he is also known to have ties in New Castle County.

If anyone knows the location of this subject, they are

asked to please call **Det. M. Bailey** at 302-741-8082. Information may also be provided by calling [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at [www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com](http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com).

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## **Troopers Make Arrest in North Wilmington Armed Robbery**

**Wilmington** – Delaware State Police detectives have arrested a Wilmington man for his involvement in the armed robbery of a North Wilmington 7-11, which occurred in May.

The original incident occurred at approximately 11:14 p.m., Friday, May 12, 2017, at the 7-11, located at 4865 Governor Printz Blvd., Wilmington, when two subjects, one of which was armed with a silver handgun, confronted two male employees at the sales counter and demanded money. The victims, aged 28 and 29 respectively, complied with the request and turned over an undisclosed amount of money from two separate cash registers. In addition to the money, the subjects also made off with one victim's cell-phone, as well as multiple packs of cigars and other miscellaneous merchandise. The subjects were last seen running northbound through the parking lot.

The subject who brandished the handgun was described as a black male, 20-25 years of age, 5'6"-5'10" tall, weighing 165-180 lbs., wearing all dark clothing with a black mask

covering the lower portion of his face.

The second subject was described as a black male 20-25 years of age, 5'6"-5'10" tall, weighing 175-190 lbs., wearing a light colored sweatshirt and dark pants.

Responding Troopers were immediately able to develop a blue Honda Accord with New Jersey tags as a possible suspect vehicle, and while canvassing the area, located it at the intersection of 40<sup>th</sup> and Pine Streets, in the City of Wilmington.

As Troopers attempted to stop the vehicle it fled, and a short pursuit ensued. The vehicle eventually stopped in the area of 25<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson Streets, at which time two subjects fled on foot and successfully evaded apprehension.

A subsequent search of the Honda produced multiple items, determined to be of evidentiary value, however detectives at this time, could not positively identify the suspects responsible for the robbery.

As the investigation continued, detectives received information that a subject identified as Darnell M. Scarborough, 25, of Wilmington, who had been arrested by the Wilmington Police Department on charges unrelated to the robbery, was able to be positively linked to the evidence recovered from the Honda. Detectives were able to confirm this information and positively identified Scarborough as the subject who was wearing the light colored sweatshirt during the robbery.

On Monday, November 20, 2017 Scarborough was taken into custody and transported to Troop 2 where he was arrested and formally charged with two counts of Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and one count of Conspiracy 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. Scarborough was arraigned at Justice of the Peace court #2 and then committed to the Howard

R. Young Correctional Institution in lieu of \$102,000.00 secured bond.

If anyone has information regarding this incident they are asked to contact Detective C. Hevelow, of the Troop 2 Robbery Unit at 302-365-8566. 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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## **Multi-Agency Crime Blitz Results in Mass Arrests**

**Kent County**– A multi-agency operation conducted on Monday, November 27, 2017 at locations in Kent County has resulted in the arrest of twenty-two individuals on criminal charges.

The operation took place in identified communities including; Alder Park, Pine Grove, Rodney Village, Meadowbrook Acres,

Paris Villa and London Village in regards to ongoing criminal activity. Officers also joined efforts in apprehending fugitives throughout Kent County.

During this enforcement blitz, police arrested 22 individuals resulting in the clearance of 48 capiases, 42 misdemeanor arrest, and 13 felony arrests. The operation seized \$2,407 in suspected drug sale proceeds and 3.86 grams of crack cocaine. As a result, 11 individuals were committed to jail. In addition to the criminal charges, police also issued 23 traffic citations.

Upon completion of the operation, the Mounted Patrol and Community Outreach Unit returned to the identified communities to engage the residents and inform them of the positive and proactive measures that were taken in an effort to combat crime. The goal of this outreach effort was to demonstrate the commitment that the police have in making their communities safer while building trustworthy relationships.

This initiative, which was a collaborative effort between the Delaware State Police, Dover Police Department, Milford Police Department, Smyrna Police Department, Capital Police Department, the Drug Enforcement Agency, the U.S. Marshall's Task Force and Probation and Parole, highlights how the cooperation of multiple law enforcement agencies can effectively combat crime, which in turn increases the quality of life for the communities we serve.

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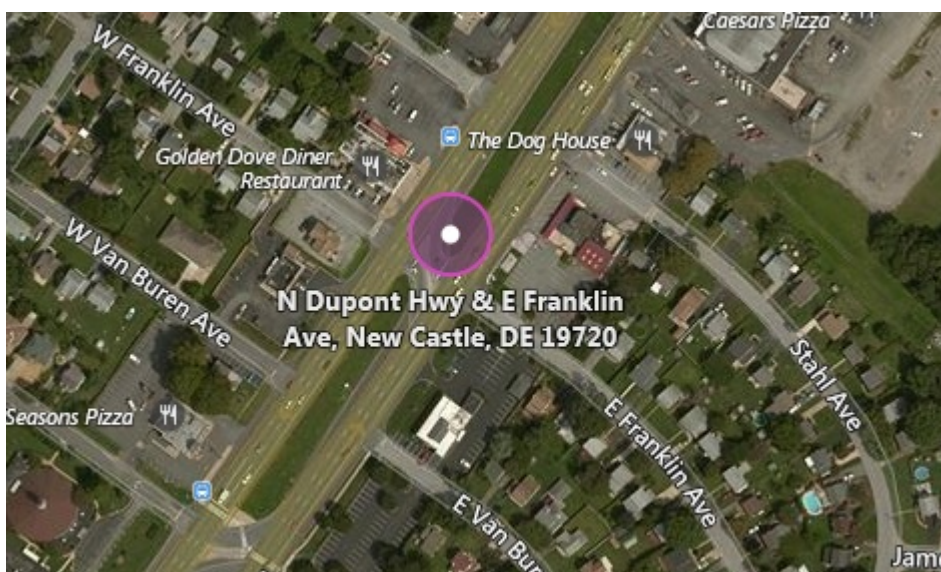
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# Troopers Investigating Serious Motor Vehicle Crash- New Castle



**New Castle (19720)** – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is currently investigating a motor vehicle

crash, which has left a New Castle man hospitalized in serious condition.

The incident occurred at approximately 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 28, 2017, on U.S. Route 13 northbound, at the intersection with E. Franklin Avenue, New Castle. A 2013 Honda dirt bike, which had been reported stolen out of Pennsylvania, on November 6, 2017, was being operated by a 21 year old New Castle man. The dirt bike, which was not equipped with any lights, was travelling U.S. 13 northbound, at an apparent high rate of speed, and was cutting in and out of traffic, as it approached the intersection with E. Franklin Avenue.

A 2016 Subaru Forester, driven by a 35 year old New Castle man, was travelling U.S. 13 southbound, and had entered into the left turn lane, for E. Franklin Avenue. After coming to a complete stop, the Subaru proceeded across the U.S. 13 northbound lanes in an attempt to continue onto E. Franklin Avenue, at which time it was struck on the front, right corner by the dirt bike. After impact, the operator of the dirt bike was ejected over top of the Subaru coming to rest in the northeast corner of the intersection.

The dirt bike operator who was not wearing a helmet, was transported to the Christiana Hospital for serious, life-threatening injuries. Impairment on his part is unknown at this time.

The operator of the Subaru who was properly restrained at the time of the collision, was uninjured. Neither improper driving nor impairment, are being considered as factors on his behalf.

Traffic on U.S. 13 northbound, was restricted to the left lane, for approximately two hours while the crash was being investigated.

The investigation is ongoing, with further details being released as they become available.

If anyone has information regarding this incident they are asked to contact Detective J. Breen of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit at 302-365-8486.

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# **Detectives Make Arrest in Fraudulent Prescription Drug**

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**Wilmington** – Delaware State Police have arrested a New Castle man for using fraudulent prescriptions at multiple pharmacy locations throughout New Castle County.

The investigation began on Monday, November 13, 2017, when members of the Drug Diversion Unit responded to the First State Pharmacy, located at 1707 Foulk Road, Wilmington, regarding a subject, who was attempting to obtain a prescription for promethazine with codeine. The prescription was purportedly prescribed by a New York physician, however pharmacy staff were able to confirm that the subject, later identified as Jamir Ervin, 20, of New Castle, was not under the doctor's care, and that the prescription was fraudulent. Promethazine, which is widely abused, is commonly known as cough syrup, but still requires a prescription.

Detectives made contact with Ervin inside the pharmacy, as he attempted to obtain the prescription, and he was taken into custody without incident.

Based on further investigative leads, Ervin was able to be linked to three other similar incidents, which occurred between October, 10 and November 13, 2017, at this same First State Pharmacy, as well as the Walmart located at 705 Middletown-Warwick Road, Middletown, and the Rite Aid, located at 455 W. Main Street, Middletown.

Ervin was transported to Troop 2 where he was arrested and charged with four counts of Obtaining/Attempting to Obtain a Controlled Substance by Misrepresentation, Fraud, Forgery or Deception and one count of Conspiracy 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. Ervin was arraigned at Justice of the Peace Court #2 and released on \$10,000 unsecured bond.

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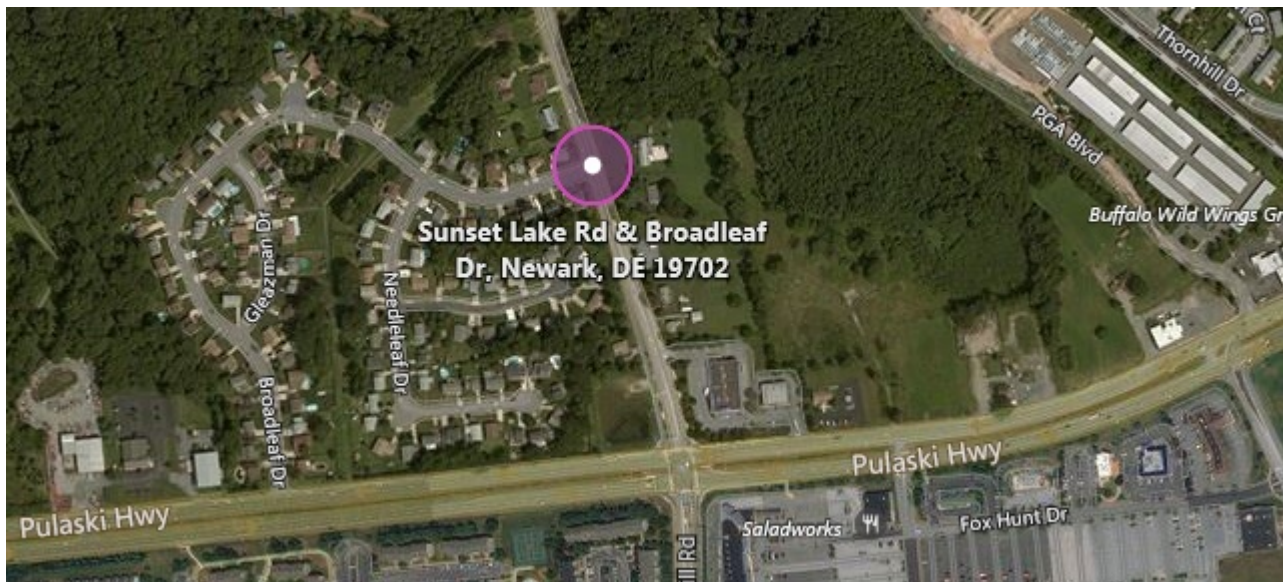
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# Troopers Investigating Serious Motor Vehicle Crash-Newark



**Newark** – Delaware State Police are currently investigating a serious motor vehicle crash, involving three vehicles which has sent four subjects to the hospital.

The crash occurred at approximately 8:57 a.m., Monday, November 27, 2017 on Sunset Lake Road (DE Rt. 72), in the area of Broadleaf Drive, Newark. A 2000 Toyota Corolla, operated by a 20 year old, Newark man was travelling Sunset Lake Road southbound, north of Broadleaf Drive, when for an undetermined reason he crossed into the northbound lanes, colliding head on with a 2015 Honda Odyssey, which was being driven by a 46 year old Dover woman. After the initial impact, a 2014 Kia Forte, operated by a 40 year old Smyrna man, which was following directly behind the Honda was also struck and sustained damage.

The operator of the Toyota had to be extricated from the vehicle and was transported to the Christiana Hospital in serious condition. The operator the Honda, along with two juvenile passengers from her vehicle, were also transported to the Christiana Hospital with undetermined, non-life threatening injuries. The operator of the Kia refused medical treatment at the scene.

The investigation is ongoing and further information will be released as it becomes available.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Corporal W. Peoples at Troop 2 by calling 302-834-2620.

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# Troopers Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash-New Castle



***New Castle (19720)*** – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash involving a pedestrian, which occurred on Friday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 8:26 p.m., Friday, November 24, 2017, on Red Lion Road (DE 71), east of DE Route 7, in New Castle. A 2001 Honda Civic being driven by a 23 year old Bear man, was traveling eastbound, in the 1000 block of Red Lion Road, which is an area known for elaborate Christmas displays. A 62 year old Massachusetts man, identified as Thomas R. Brock, was crossing Red Lion Road from the north to the south, and walked directly into the path of the Honda. The right front of the vehicle struck Brock, in the eastbound lane, at which time he was knocked to the ground, before coming to rest on the south shoulder of the roadway. The Honda was driven to a controlled stop and remained at the scene.

Brock was transported by ambulance to the Christiana Hospital where he was admitted in critical condition. Brock ultimately succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead on Saturday, November 25, 2017.

Neither speed nor impairment are a factor on the part of the operator, and he was not injured as a result of the collision. Impairment is also not a factor on the part of Brock.

Red Lion Road was closed for approximately two hours as a result of the crash.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone who has information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective J. Aube of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit at 302-365-8483.

Troopers remind pedestrians to use caution and safety when walking on or near roadways. If you must cross a roadway utilize appropriate cross walks and make sure to look left, then right, then left again before proceeding. When walking near a roadway always make yourself visible to drivers by wearing bright/light-colored clothing and reflective materials. Pedestrians that are walking at night must carry a flashlight for added safety.

Tips for pedestrians:

- Wear reflective clothing, a blinking light or use your cell phone's flashlight.
- Use a cross walk.
- Be focused. Be aware of your surroundings and not distracted with your cell phone.
- Walk on the sidewalk when available, not the shoulder. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.
- Never assume a driver sees you. Make eye contact with drivers as they approach you to make sure you are seen.
- Never walk under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

### Tips for drivers:

- Look out for pedestrians everywhere, at all times. Safety is a shared responsibility.
- Use extra caution when driving in hard-to-see conditions, such as nighttime or in bad weather.
- Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or otherwise entering a cross walk.
- Yield to pedestrians in cross walks. Never pass vehicles stopped at a cross walk. There may be people crossing that you can't see.
- Follow the speed limit, especially around people on the street.
- Never drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

Pedestrian safety information to educate and share can be found at <http://www.ohs.delaware.gov/pedestrian.shtml>. For more information on pedestrian safety visit <http://www.nhtsa.gov/Pedestrians>.

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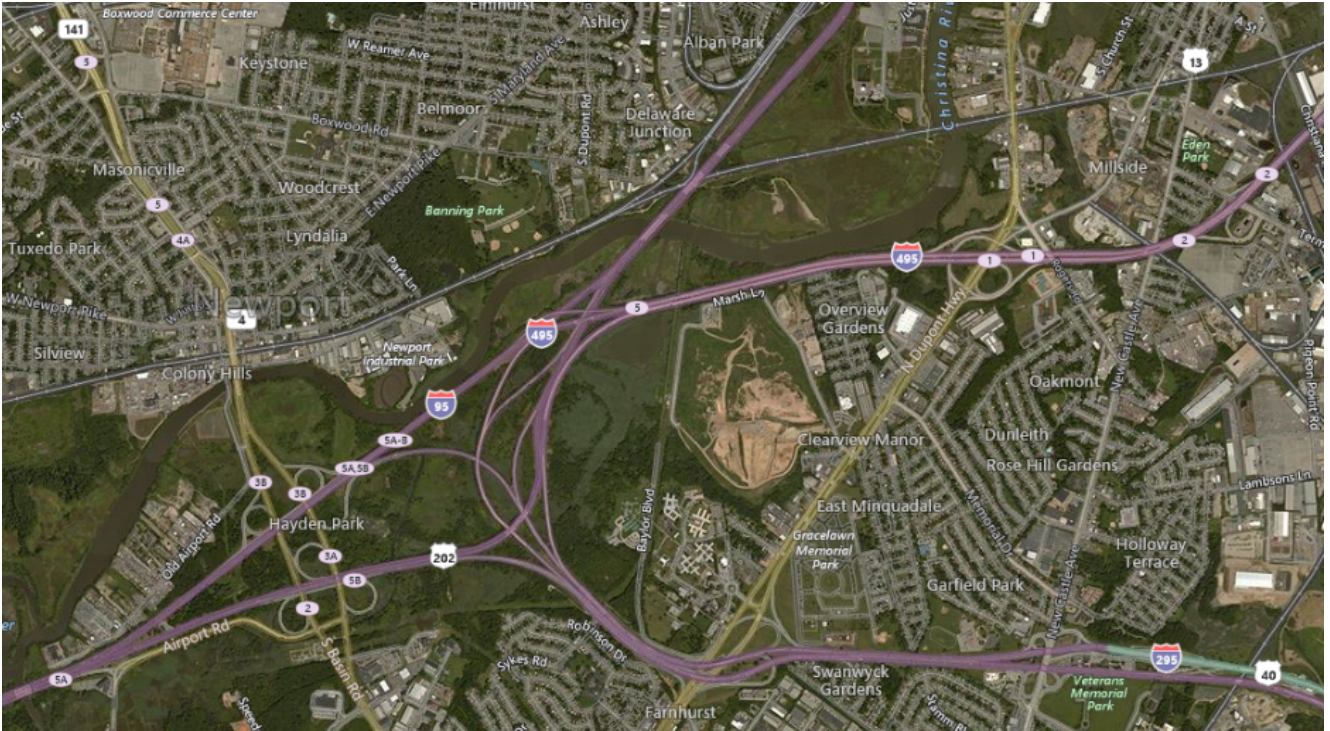
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# Investigating Serious Crash on I-495 Southbound at Rt. 141



**New Castle** – Troopers are currently on scene of a serious crash which has all lanes of I-495 southbound closed in the area of Route 141.

Injuries have also been reported, the extent of which are unknown at this time. Traffic is reported as getting by on the right shoulder of the roadway.

Expect heavy delays in the area and seek alternate routes of travel. For the status of roadway openings and closures please click on the following link:

[http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel\\_advisory/index.shtml#advisories](http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel_advisory/index.shtml#advisories)

Further details pertaining to the crash will be released as they become available.

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