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Troopers Investigate Serious Crash Involving DART Bus



Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Georgetown – Delaware State Police are currently investigating a two vehicle crash involving a DART bus which occurred yesterday evening in Georgetown.

The initial investigation has determined that the crash

occurred at approximately 7:27 p.m. on Friday, August 4, 2017, as Selena Cannon, 51, of Bridgeville, was operating a 2009 DART bus and was stopped in the left hand turn lane from southbound S. Bedford Street into the DART bus yard, just north of US113 (DuPont Boulevard). As Cannon proceeded to cross the northbound lanes of S. Bedford Street, she pulled directly into the path a 2000 BMW motorcycle, which was being operated by a 68-year-old Georgetown man, and which was traveling northbound on S. Bedford Street. The front of the motorcycle then struck the front of the DART bus, causing the operator of the motorcycle, who was wearing a DOT approved helmet, to be ejected. He then struck the windshield of the bus.

The male operator of the motorcycle was removed from the scene by Delaware State Police helicopter (Trooper 2) and flown to the Christiana Hospital where he was admitted with serious injuries.

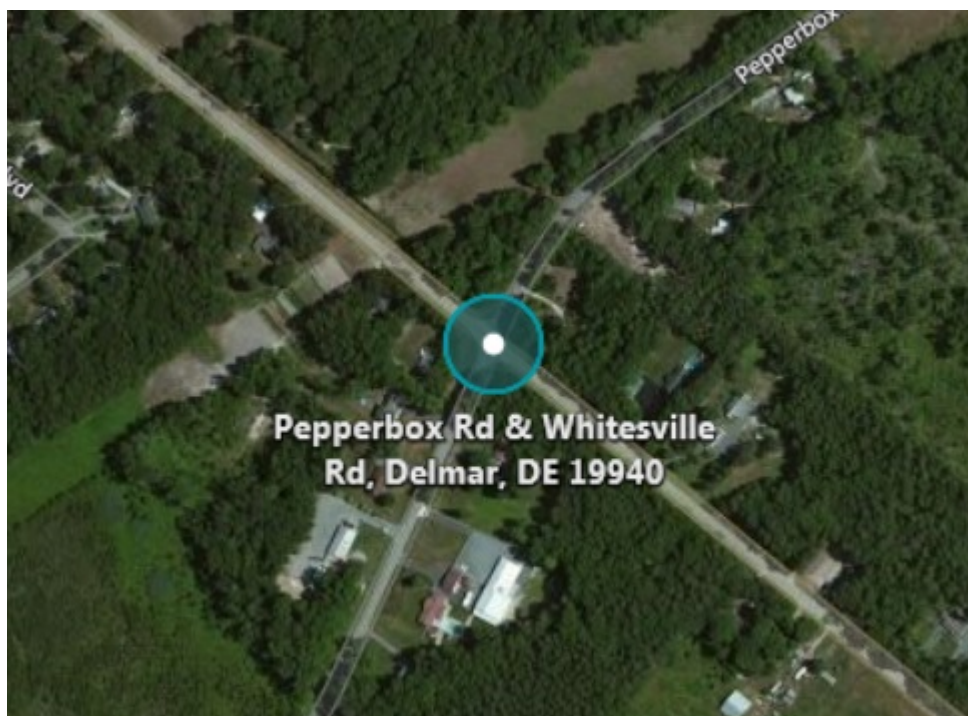
Selena Cannon, who was properly restrained at the time of the crash, and who was the sole occupant of the bus, was not injured. She was cited by troopers with Failure to Yield the Right of Way on a Left Hand Turn.

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****Traffic Advisory** -**
Troopers Investigating

Serious Crash – Delmar – Update



Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Delmar – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate a two vehicle crash which claimed the life of an unidentified man yesterday evening east of Delmar.

The investigation at this point has determined that the crash occurred on Friday, August 4, 2017, at approximately 6:47 p.m., as Mario Martinez-Jimenez, 32, of Mexico, was operating a 2002 Ford Expedition and was traveling in a southbound direction on CR66 (Pepperbox Road), approaching a posted stop sign at the intersection of SR30 (Whitesville Road), approximately 3 miles east of Delmar. As the Expedition reached the intersection, Martinez-Jimenez failed to stop at the stop sign. As a result, the left hand side of the Expedition was struck by the front of a 2011 Ford F-150, which was being operated by a 75-year-old Laurel man, and

which was traveling in a westbound direction on Whitesville Road. The Ford Expedition was then forced off of the southwest corner of the intersection as it rotated in a clockwise direction and overturned onto its right hand side. The Ford F-150 also rotated in a counter-clockwise direction and exited the southwest corner of the intersection where it came to rest.

An unidentified rear seat male passenger in the Ford Expedition, who was not properly restrained at the time of the crash, was pronounced dead at the scene. The victim's name will be released after positive identification is made and his next of kin is notified.

Mario Martinez-Jimenez, who was properly restrained at the time of the crash, was removed from the scene by ambulance and transported to the Nanticoke Memorial Hospital where he admitted with serious injuries. Impairment on the part of Martinez-Jimenez is being considered as a factor in the crash.

The 75-year-old operator of the Ford F-150, who was properly restrained at the time of the crash, was removed from the scene by ambulance and transported to the Peninsula Regional Medical Center where he was treated and released.

A 28-year-old male passenger in the Ford Expedition was transported by ambulance to the Nanticoke Memorial Hospital where he was treated for his non-life threatening injuries.

A 44-year-old male passenger in the Expedition was removed from the scene by Delaware State Police Aviation (Trooper 2) and flown to the Peninsula Regional Medical Center. He was subsequently flown to the Baltimore Shock Trauma Center where he was treated for his serious injuries.

A 34-year-old male passenger, as well as a 21-year-old male passenger in the Expedition, were both transported by ambulance to the Peninsula Regional Medical Center where they were admitted for their injuries.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police. Charges are expected.

The intersection of Pepperbox Road and Whitesville Road was closed for approximately four hours as the crash was investigated and cleared.

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****Traffic Advisory** -
Troopers Investigating
Serious Crash West of
Georgetown – Update #2**



Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Georgetown- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit has identified the 57-year-old Seaford man and the 76-year-old Georgetown woman who were killed in the fatal motor vehicle crash which occurred yesterday afternoon west of Georgetown as George C. Hassett and Katherine E. Chick.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of 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

1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov .

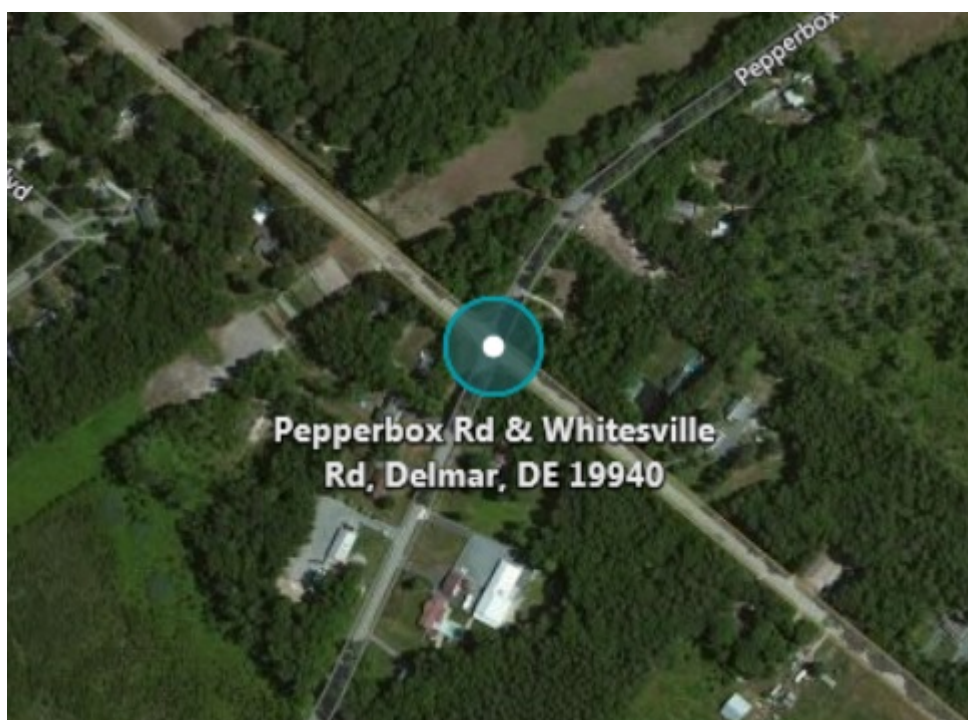
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****Traffic Advisory** – Troopers Investigating Serious Crash – Delmar**



Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Delmar – The Delaware State Police are currently on the scene of a serious crash involving two vehicles in Delmar.

The incident occurred around 6:48 p.m. Friday, August 4, 2017 on Whitesville Road at Pepperbox Road. Multiple persons have been injured as a result of the crash, however, the extent of the injuries is unknown at this time.

Whitesville Road at Pepperbox Road is currently closed in all directions. Commuters should expect delays in the area and find alternate routes of travel.

Further details will be released upon the conclusion of the investigation.

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****Traffic Advisory** - Troopers Investigating Serious Crash West of Georgetown – Update**



**Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal
Jeffrey R. Hale**

Georgetown- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate a two vehicle crash that has claimed the lives of two people.

The investigation thus far has determined that the crash occurred at approximately 1:12 p.m. today, Friday, August 4, 2017, as a 57-year-old Seaford, DE man was operating a 2000 Oldsmobile Bravada and was traveling in a westbound direction on US 9 (County Seat Highway) just east of the intersection of CR 444 (Tyndall Road). For an unknown reason, the Oldsmobile crossed the double yellow line and entered the eastbound lane of US 9 directly into the path of a 1994 Chrysler LeBaron, which was being operated by a 76-year-old Georgetown woman. The operator of the LeBaron swerved her vehicle slightly to the right in an attempt to avoid the collision, however, the vehicles collided almost head-on in the eastbound lane. Both vehicles came to rest in the roadway.

Both vehicle operators, who were properly restrained at the time of the crash, were declared dead at the scene. Their names are being withheld pending the notification of their next of kin. A 45-year-old female passenger in the Oldsmobile, who was also properly restrained, was removed from the scene and transported by ambulance to the Nanticoke Memorial Hospital with serious injuries.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit. It is unknown if impairment on the part of either party was a factor in this crash.

The intersection of US 9 and Tyndall Road was closed for approximately 4 hours as the crash was investigated and cleared.

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****Traffic Advisory** Troopers Investigating Serious Crash West of Georgetown**



Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Georgetown – The Delaware State Police are currently on the scene of a serious crash involving two vehicles west of Georgetown.

The incident occurred around 1:12 p.m. Friday August 4, 2017 on County Seat Highway (US9) at Tyndall Road. It is unknown what the extent of any injuries are at this time.

US9 at Tyndall Road is currently closed in all directions. Commuters should expect delays in the area and find alternate routes of travel.

Further details will be released upon the conclusion of the investigation.

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**State Police Investigating
Shots Fired Complaint –
Lincoln**



Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Lincoln – The Delaware State Police are currently investigating an incident in which shots were fired at a residence on Hidden Branch Lane.

The incident occurred around 3:50 a.m. Friday August 4, 2017 as troopers responded to the 9000 block of Hidden Branch Lane for a report of shots fired in the area. When troopers arrived, they were contacted by the homeowner who advised there were multiple gunshots fired at their house. Shell casings were located on the roadway and the victim's vehicle also sustained damage from the bullets.

At this time there are no suspects.

This case remains under investigation and the Delaware State Police is requesting any information regarding this incident

to contact Detective M. Doughty at 302-752-3794. Information may also be provided by calling [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

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Two Vans Collide South of Milford, Both Drivers Drunk

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Milford – Two men are charged with their third offense DUI after one of them crashed into the other early Sunday night.

The incident occurred around 9:08 p.m. Sunday July 30, 2017 as **Carlell Smith**, 34 of Lincoln, was operating a 2009 Chrysler Town and Country minivan westbound on Benson Road approaching a stop sign with Cedar Creek Road (SR30). Smith failed to remain stopped at the stop sign and pulled into the intersection, striking a 1994 Chevrolet Astro Van being operated by **Michael J. Flood**, 52 of Ocean View.

Both operators were removed from the scene and transported to Bayhealth Milford Memorial Hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. While there, a DUI investigation ensued with Carlell Smith. He was charged with Third Offense Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol (two previous: 05/19/2008 and 12/16/2015), Vehicular Assault 1st, Reckless Endangering 2nd, Driving While Suspended or Revoked, No Proof of Insurance, and Failure to Remain Stopped at a Stop Sign. He was arraigned at

JP2 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$6,502.00 secured bond.

A DUI investigation also ensued with Michael Flood at the hospital and he was later charged with Third Offense Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol (two previous: 11/14/1991 and 12/02/2003). He was arraigned at JP2 and released on \$2,000.00 unsecured bond.

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****Update** Troopers Investigating Crash South of Camden**

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Camden – The Delaware State Police are continuing their investigation into a multi-vehicle crash south of Camden.

The incident occurred around 9:44 a.m. Wednesday August 2, 2017 as Calvin L. Anderson, 66 of Gales Ferry, Connecticut, was operating a 2003 Freightliner Century ST, pulling a trailer, northbound in the right lane of South DuPont Highway (US13) approaching Thomas Harmon Drive (Camden Walmart Entrance). Anderson failed to see the traffic in front of him stopping at a red light when he collided with the back of a trailer being pulled by a 1997 Dodge Ram pickup truck. This,

in turn, caused the Dodge to move forward and strike the rear of a 2013 Mercedes-Benz GLK350. The tractor trailer then swerved into the left lane and struck the rear of a 2008 Ford Escape and then redirected back to the right lane where it struck the trailer and pick up truck again before coming to a stop and bursting into flames.

Calvin Anderson was uninjured in the collision and was cited for Inattentive Driving.

The 29-year-old operator of the Dodge pickup from Milford was transported to Bayhealth Kent General Hospital (KGH) by EMS where he was treated and released with non-life-threatening injuries.

The 50-year-old female operator of the Ford Escape from Felton and her two passengers were taken to KGH by ambulance and treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

The 71-year-old female operator of the Mercedes-Benz was also taken to KGH and treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

Currently, US13 northbound lanes are open. Southbound US13 has the right lane closed and is expected to remain closed for several more hours while the traffic lights are replaced. Commuters should expect delays in the area and find alternate routes of travel.

Please follow DelDOT on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/delawaredot/> or online at www.deldot.gov to get live updates of the road opening.

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