

# State Police Investigating Serious Crash Involving a Pedestrian – Update

*North Wilmington-* The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate a crash that has claimed the life of a 37-year-old Wilmington female which occurred last night in North Wilmington.

The initial investigation has determined that the crash occurred on Monday, November 14, 2016 at 8:17 p.m., as a 37-year-old female pedestrian was attempting to cross the southbound lanes of US 202 (Concord Pike) just north of Woodlawn Road in an eastbound direction. As the pedestrian entered the center lane, she stepped into the path of a 2014 Audi A6, which was traveling southbound on Concord Pike, and which was being operated by Edward Ballen, 73, of Wilmington. The force of the collision vaulted the victim onto the hood of the Audi. She then came to rest in the left hand lane of Rt. 202. Edward Ballen was able to bring his vehicle to a controlled stop in the center lane of the roadway.

The female pedestrian, who was not utilizing a marked cross walk and was dressed in dark clothing at the time of the crash, was treated at the scene by New Castle County Paramedics. She was then removed from the scene and transported by ambulance to the Christiana Hospital where she was subsequently pronounced dead. The victim's name is being withheld pending the notification of her next of kin. Alcohol use on the part of the victim is being considered as a factor in this crash.

Edward Ballen, who was properly restrained at the time of the crash, was not injured.

The southbound lanes of US 202 were closed for approximately 2

hours as the crash was investigated and cleared. However, traffic was permitted to use the right hand shoulder to proceed past the scene.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit.

The Delaware State Police would like to offer these pedestrian safety tips to help educate and encourage pedestrians to make smart and safe decisions when walking near roadways. By following these basic safety tips and laws it is our hope that no other pedestrians lose their lives.

- Do not walk under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Impaired walking is like impaired driving; it is illegal and can be deadly.
- Teach children not to run into the street after balls or other toys, and don't allow them to cross alone until you've practiced the basics with them.
- Carry a flashlight or other reflective item when walking at night. It's the law.
- Do not step into a crosswalk if it will create a hazard to motorists. When it is clear to cross, continue to watch for traffic while crossing the street until you have safely reached the other side.
- Use sidewalks. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far off the edge of the road as possible.
- Do not risk crossing outside of a crosswalk or intersection just because it's more convenient, especially on high speed roadways. Cars cannot stop in time for you.
- Cross only at crosswalks or intersections with signals or traffic signs. Look left, right, and left again. Only start to cross when it's clear.
- If your vehicle breaks down on an interstate or busy roadway, don't leave your vehicle. Instead call #77 or 911 for assistance. Motorists can also call #77 to report a disabled vehicle they see on the roadways.

- If you are driving, be on the lookout for pedestrians near the roadway.

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**\*\*Original Release\*\***

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The travel lanes of southbound Concord Pike have been closed and traffic is being diverted onto the southbound shoulder. Commuters should expect slowing in the area and are asked to find alternate routes of travel.

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

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## Troopers Investigate Laurel Area Home Invasion

**Laurel** – The Delaware State Police are investigating a home invasion that occurred near Laurel early Saturday evening.

The incident occurred around 6:45 p.m., Saturday November 12, 2016 when a subject forcefully entered a rear door to a residence located in the unit block of Oasis Drive. The suspect(s) then confronted a 46-year-old male and a 58-year-old male that were asleep in separate rooms within the house and demanded money. At one point during the confrontation,

the 46-year-old was struck in the head with an unknown object before the suspect(s) fled the house without taking any items. The male victim was transported to an area hospital where he was treated and released with non-life-threatening injuries. The 58-year-old male was uninjured in the incident.

The suspect or possibly four suspects were only described as males (No further physical or clothing description).

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident, they are asked to contact Detective S. Kelly at 302-752-3797. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>, or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword "DSP."

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## **\*\*Traffic Advisory\*\* Troopers Investigating Serious Crash – Bear – Update**

**Bear-** Delaware State Police continue to investigate a serious motor vehicle crash in which six people were injured that occurred last night in Bear.

The investigation has determined that the crash happened at approximately 8:12 p.m. last night, Sunday, November 13, 2016, as Roy Brown, 54, of Wilmington, was operating a 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe, and was traveling in an eastbound direction

on US Rt. 40 (Pulaski Highway) approaching the intersection of Buckley Boulevard, Bear. Brown was operating the Tahoe at a high rate of speed after fleeing the scene of a two vehicle hit and run crash that had just occurred on southbound SR1 approaching US Rt. 40. As Brown entered the intersection, the front of his vehicle struck the right side of a 2005 Jeep Liberty, which was in the process of making a left hand turn from westbound US Rt. 40 onto Buckley Boulevard, and which was being operated by Mary Kate McGarrity, 19, of Wilmington.

Roy Brown, who was not properly restrained at the time of the crash, was trapped in his vehicle for a period of time until he could be extricated by responding emergency services personnel. He was treated at the scene by New Castle County Paramedics and then flown by Delaware State Police Aviation (Trooper 4) to the Christiana Hospital where he was admitted for his serious injuries. Alcohol use on the part of Roy Brown is being considered as a factor in this crash.

Mary Kate McGarrity, who also was not properly restrained at the time of the crash, was treated at the scene by New Castle County Paramedics. She was then transported by ambulance to the Christiana Hospital where she was treated for her non-life threatening injuries.

A 20-year-old female passenger in McGarrity's vehicle was ejected from the car. She was treated at the scene before being transported to the Christiana Hospital where she was admitted with serious injuries.

Three 21-year-old male passengers in McGarrity's vehicle were also transported by ambulance to the Christiana Hospital. Two were treated for non-life threatening injuries. The third has been admitted in critical condition.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police. If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact Corporal Matthew Calio

at 302-365-8505. 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), or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword "DSP."

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**Bear** – The Delaware State Police are currently investigating a serious crash involving two vehicles on Pulaski Highway (SR40) at Buckley Boulevard that occurred around 8:12 p.m. this evening. At this time it is unknown how many people are injured and the extent of their injuries.

SR40 eastbound and westbound are currently closed at Buckley Boulevard. Commuters are advised to seek alternate routes of travel.

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

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# **\*\*Traffic Advisory\*\* Troopers Investigating Serious Motor Vehicle Crash- Update #2 – Name Correction**

**Newark-** The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit has identified the two occupants of the 2010 Cadillac SRX involved in the serious crash on northbound I-95 just south of the DE Rt. 896 off-ramp on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, as Carole Milner (operator) and Robert Milner. **Robert Milner**, who had been admitted to the Christiana Hospital since the time of the crash, was pronounced dead as a result of his injuries on Wednesday, November 9, 2016.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police.

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## **\*\*Original Releases\*\***

**Newark, DE-** Delaware State Police continue to investigate a serious motor vehicle crash which occurred on I-95 in Newark this morning.

The investigation has determined that the crash occurred at approximately 10:37 a.m. this morning, Tuesday, October 11, 2016, as a 77-year-old Silver Spring, MD woman was operating a 2010 Cadillac SUV and was traveling on northbound I-95 approximately one-quarter mile north of the Delaware Toll Plaza, Newark. For an unknown reason, the Cadillac suddenly veered off of the east edge of the roadway and traveled in the grass until it struck the top of a concrete culvert. It then

continued in a northerly direction before striking a concrete drainage tube with its left front. The car then traveled up a 10 foot elevation before coming to rest approximately 30' off of the roadway.

The female operator, who was properly restrained at the time of the crash, was trapped in the vehicle for approximately 20 minutes until she could be extricated by responding emergency personnel. She was then treated at the scene by New Castle County Paramedics before being flown by Delaware State Police Helicopter (Trooper 4) to the Christiana Hospital Trauma Center where she was admitted with serious injuries.

A 78-year-old male front seat passenger in the vehicle was also properly restrained. He was treated at the scene by New Castle County Paramedics before being transported by ambulance to the Christiana Hospital where he was also admitted in critical condition.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police. It is unknown if alcohol or drug use was a factor in the crash.

The northbound lanes of I-95 were partially closed for approximately 2.5 hours as the crash was investigated and cleared.

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

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The initial investigation has determined that the crash occurred at approximately 10:37 a.m. this morning, Tuesday, October 11, 2016 on northbound I-95 south of the DE Rt. 896 (S. College Avenue) off-ramp, Newark. As a result of the crash two people have been removed from the scene and were transported to the Christiana Hospital trauma center where they are being treated for their serious injuries.

Two northbound lanes of I-95 have been closed to traffic at the crash scene and commuters should expect slowing in the area.

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## **\*\*Traffic Advisory\*\* State Police Investigating Serious Crash – Prices Corner – Update**

*Prices Corner-* The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate a crash which occurred last night that has claimed the life of a 42-year-old Wilmington, DE woman.

The investigation has determined that the crash occurred at approximately 6:22 p.m. on Sunday, November 13, 2016, as Alexia McAvaney, 42, of Wilmington, was attempting to cross the eastbound lanes of DE. Rt. 2 (Kirkwood Highway) just east of Duncan Road, in a southbound direction. As McAvaney entered into the middle lane, she was struck by a 2008 Toyota Highlander which was being operated by Cherilene Guzman, 18,

of Wilmington. McAvaney, who was dressed in all dark clothing and was not crossing at a marked cross walk, was vaulted up onto the hood of the car before coming to rest in the middle lane of eastbound Kirkwood Highway. Cherilene Guzman was able to bring her vehicle to a controlled stop at the scene.

Alexia McAvaney was treated at the scene by New Castle County Paramedics. She was then transported to the Christiana Hospital Trauma Center where she was pronounced dead. Cherilene Guzman, who was properly restrained at the time of the crash, was not injured. Alcohol use on the part of the victim and Cherilene Guzman does not appear to be a factor in this crash.

The eastbound lanes of DE Rt. 2 were closed for a period of time as the crash was investigated and cleared.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit.

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**\*\*Original Release\*\***

**Prices Corner** – The Delaware State Police are currently investigating a serious crash involving a pedestrian on Kirkwood Highway (SR2) and Duncan Road that occurred around 6:22 p.m. this evening. The pedestrian has been removed from the scene by EMS and transported to Christiana Medical Center with undetermined injuries.

SR2 eastbound at Duncan Road is closed. Commuters are advised to seek alternate routes of travel.

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## Troopers Warn Public About Leaving Cars Unattended While Idling

**Delaware-** With the cold weather approaching, there is an increase in the number of people who leave their cars running unattended in an effort to warm them up before driving anywhere. While this might be good for the engine and make for a toasty commute, this may be costly and is against the law in Delaware.

The most common practice is a victim leaving their car running in a parking lot while they go into a store for a quick

purchase. Some car thieves look for cars idling in parking lots and in residential areas by watching the steam that emanates from a car's exhaust on a cold morning as it warms up or as they leave the car unattended. Once they see a car is left alone, all they literally have to do is walk up and drive away.

Delaware law states; **(Title 21, § 4182) Unattended motor vehicle.** No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand unattended without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition, removing the key and effectively setting the brake thereon and, when standing upon any grade, turning the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway. For a first offense, a fine of \$25.00 – \$75.00 can be imposed.

Nowadays, vehicles generally need only 30 seconds of warming up before they are ready to go, even in cold weather. After that, the best way to increase your engine's temperature is by driving the car. Not only will this get hot air into your cabin faster, it saves gas and cuts emissions. If temperatures dip to 10-20 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, warm the car for a minute or two to ensure the oil thins and circulates fully, but stay with the vehicle.

Even though your engine only requires a minute, you may want extra warm-up time to thaw the rest of the car. The best method for this is to start your car, turn on the defroster and let the engine warm while you scrape the windshield and clear away the frost. Try not to idle for longer than five minutes to conserve fuel and remember; always stay with the vehicle.

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