



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: Motorcycle/SUV Collision with Serious Injury

Operator #1:

Garrett G. Gilbert, 24 years old, Alder Avenue, Middletown, DE

Vehicle #1:

2008 Harley-Davidson XLK motorcycle

Operator #2:

Haley M. Slocomb, 21 years old, Jackson Avenue, Wilmington, DE

Vehicle #2:

2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer SUV

A collision occurred at the intersection of Elkton Road and Thorn Lane on Saturday September 4 at 7:05 p.m. The Chevy Trailblazer was stopped as the first vehicle at a red light on Thorn Lane, waiting to turn left onto Elkton Road. When the light for Thorn Lane turned green, the driver of the Trailblazer entered the intersection. The Harley-Davidson was being driven westbound on Elkton Road, and failed to stop for the red light at Thorn Lane. Upon seeing the motorcycle not stopping, the driver of the Trailblazer accelerated in an effort to clear the lane, but could not do so in time. The front of the motorcycle collided with the left rear of the SUV.

The impact completely ejected the operator from the motorcycle. He was not wearing a helmet. He was admitted to Christiana Hospital with a head injury, broken pelvis, and broken arm. At the time of his admittance, he was listed in critical condition.

The driver of the SUV was wearing a seatbelt. She suffered bruising from the seatbelt, but required no medical treatment.

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The collision and investigation required the closing of the westbound lanes of Elkton Road for about one hour.

Charges have not yet been filed. Information about this collision can be reported Cpl. Scott Smith at 302-366-7110 ext 450 or Thomas.Smith@cj.state.de.us.

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