



NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Preliminary Information – Fatal Motor Vehicle Collision

Newark Police are investigating a fatal collision which occurred this evening at approximately 6:35pm at the intersection of South College Avenue and Christina Parkway.

A preliminary investigation has determined that a 2007 Toyota Camry, which was travelling eastbound in the right lane of Christina Parkway, came to a stop for a traffic light at South College Avenue. A second eastbound vehicle, a 2012 BMW sedan, failed to stop and struck the rear of the Camry at a high rate of speed. The Camry came to rest in the intersection, sustaining heavy rear end damage. The BMW came to rest at the south west corner of the intersection, sustaining heavy front end damage. Witnesses observed the driver of the BMW flee the scene on foot; however, he was quickly apprehended by responding officers just south of the collision scene.

Rescue personnel from Aetna Hose, Hook & Ladder and New Castle County Paramedics responded to the scene and treated the occupants of the Camry and the driver of the BMW. All were transported via ambulance to Christiana Hospital.

The rear seat passenger of the Camry, an 80 year old female, was pronounced deceased at Christiana Hospital. The identity of this individual is being withheld at this time pending family notifications. The driver of the Camry, a 60 year old female, and the front seat passenger, a 66 year old male are currently being treated for non-life threatening injuries. The driver of the BMW is also being treated for non-life threatening injuries.

The intersection was closed for approximately three hours while investigators were on scene. No charges have been filed at this time and no further information on the collision is available at this time.

The Newark Police Department Traffic Unit continues their investigation into this crash. Anyone who may have witnessed this collision is asked to contact Corporal Wayne Aston at 302-366-7110 ext. 414 or wayne.aston@cj.state.de.us. You can send an anonymous text message tip by texting 302NPD and your message to TIP411. Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at www.tipsubmit.com where a reward may be available.

The Newark Police Department affirms that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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