



NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: NPD Investigate School Bus Collision with Minor Injuries

The Newark Police Department is investigating a school bus collision, involving minor injuries, which occurred this morning on the Christina Parkway, just east of Elkton Road. The school bus, operated by Advanced Student Transport, contained 16 children from the Newark Charter School.

The collision occurred at approximately 8:52am after the bus made a right turn from northbound Elkton Road onto eastbound Christina Parkway. An investigation has determined that the bus driver missed the turn for the school and that just after making the turn onto Christina Parkway, attempted to make a U-turn from the right lane. As the driver attempted to make the U-turn, he turned the bus into the path of a 2013 VW Passat, also travelling eastbound in the left lane. During the collision the left front of the bus impacted the right front of the Passat.

As a result of the collision, six children, ages 5-9, sustained minor injuries and were transported by ambulance to Christiana Hospital for evaluation and treatment. The driver of the VW Passat, a 51 year old female, sustained minor neck and arm injuries and was also transported to Christiana Hospital by ambulance for evaluation and treatment.

The school bus driver, 59 year old Joseph N. Walcott of Newark, DE, was not injured during the collision. He was cited at the scene for making an improper U-Turn. The eastbound lanes of Christina Parkway were closed for approximately one hour as a result of the collision.

Anyone with additional information on this collision should contact the Cpl. Michael Wolfrom at (302) 366-7110 ext. 468 or via email at michael.wolfrom@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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