



NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: NPD Investigate Serious Six Car Collision on Capital Trail

Newark Police are investigating a serious six-car collision which occurred this morning at approximately 11:00am on Capital Trail at the Windy Hills Bridge.

A preliminary investigation has determined that a southbound Dodge Neon, operated by a 36 year old female, with two small children inside, slid on the icy roadway and into the path of a northbound Honda Accord, operated by a 75 year old male, with a 75 year old female passenger. The Neon was struck on the passenger side by the front of the Accord. A second northbound Honda Accord attempted to avoid the initial collision and struck a southbound Nissan Altima. The Altima then spun into a Toyota Highlander, which was also southbound. A third northbound vehicle, a Hyundai Santa Fe, was unable to avoid the collision and struck one of the previously involved vehicles.

An 8 month old female child from the Dodge Neon was transported to Christiana Hospital with internal injuries and is listed in critical condition. A 3 year old female, also from the Dodge Neon, was also transported to Christiana Hospital for evaluation. Both children were restrained in car seats. The female driver of the Neon along with the male driver and female passenger of the Honda Accord from the first collision were all transported to Christiana Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Capital Trail was closed in both directions for approximately three hours while police conducted a preliminary investigation. No charges have been filed at this time and the investigation is ongoing.

The Newark Police Department Traffic Unit continues their investigation into this crash. Anyone who may have witnessed this collision is asked to contact Master Corporal Paul Keld at 302-366-7110 ext. 106 or paul.keld@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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