



NEWS RELEASE

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

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SUBJECT: Driver Pulled from Vehicle Before Train Strikes Car

On Thursday, February 23rd, 2012 at 4:09am a passenger car was driven onto the CSX railroad tracks near the intersection of West Main Street and New London Road, Newark. The car's driver was northbound on New London Road, but the driver who was unfamiliar with the area, turned left onto the train tracks causing the vehicle to become stuck on the tracks.

Two passers-by noticed the car stuck on the tracks and stopped to assist. The two passers-by approached the vehicle and made contact with the driver, who was still seated in the vehicle, and the passenger, who was attempting to push the vehicle from the tracks. The two passers-by attempted to assist the driver free the vehicle when the train gates activated and they heard the sound of the approaching train. The passers-by told the driver to get out of the car; however she continued to try to free the vehicle. The passers-by then pulled the driver from the vehicle and ushered her to safety. Shortly thereafter, a westbound CSX train entered the crossing and struck the car. The car was pushed several hundred feet before being thrown from the tracks and coming to rest. The train came to a stop shortly thereafter.

No one was injured. The driver of the vehicle was not intoxicated. CSX train traffic was halted and the roadway at the train crossing was closed for approximately two and half hours while the crash was investigated. The investigation is still pending and no charges have been filed at this time. There is no video available at this time. Still photos of the vehicle are attached. The two rescuers and vehicle passenger can be reached at the below numbers. The driver did not wish to be contacted.

Rescuers:

Sean Brown (302) 300-8562
Clifford Fose (302) 943-2712

Vehicle Passenger:

Christina Johnson (302) 607-5535

Vehicle Driver:

Monique Dyton, New Castle, DE.

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Cpl. Patrick Craig at 302-366-7110 ext. 416 or patrick.craig@cj.state.de.us.

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

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