



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: Elkton Road/Main Street Collision

On Tuesday August 18 at 5:06 a.m. a one-vehicle collision occurred at Elkton Road and West Main Street. A 2008 Toyota Tacoma was being driven northeast on Elkton Road toward Delaware Avenue. The operator failed to make the turn onto Delaware Avenue, drove over a traffic island, and continued in the wrong direction on the one-way portion of Elkton Road. The vehicle traveled to the intersection with West Main Street, where it struck a utility pole. The impact sheared the pole into two pieces and brought down the attached wires.

The driver was transported to Christiana Hospital, where she was treated and released for minor injuries. She was charged with Inattentive Driving, Driving the Wrong Way on a One Way Street, Disregarding a Traffic Control Device, and Driving While License Suspended. The determination if intoxication played a part in the accident is pending toxicology results.

The driver:

Debbie L. Scott	3/23/1984 (25 years)	4 Albert Drive, Newark
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The downed pole and wires caused the immediate closing of Elkton Road and West Main Street. The roads remain closed at the time of this release as utility crews replace the poles and wires. The work is expected to last until late afternoon and may impact the afternoon rush.

Information pertaining to this collision should be reported to Officer James Spadola at 302-366-7110 ext. 426 or James.Spadola@cj.state.de.us. Text 302NPD and your information to TIP411 (847411).

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

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