

# **Driver killed after his vehicle goes airborne and strikes tunnel ceiling in Boston**

UPDATE: The operator and victim in the fatal crash in Boston has been identified as Yao Cao, a 19-year-old (not 20 as originally reported) of Chestnut Hill, Mass. Based on preliminary investigation, excessive speed and impairment are believed to be causation factors in this crash.

This morning at about 2:15 a.m., State Police from the Tunnels barracks responded to a single-vehicle crash Route 90 eastbound on exit 22 in Boston which resulted in one fatality.

Preliminary investigation by Trooper Eric Papkee indicates that a 2013 Audi A8 was traveling on Route 90 eastbound on exit 22 when, for reasons still under investigation, the vehicle went airborne and struck the ceiling of the tunnel subsequently ripping down wires and cables.

The operator, a 20-year-old Brookline man, was determined to be deceased at the scene. The female passenger was transported to an area hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

This crash remains under investigation with assistance from the State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section, Crime Scene Services Section and Suffolk County Detectives. State Police were assisted on scene by Boston Fire and EMS as well as MassDOT.