

Massachusetts man charged with motor vehicle homicide

Shortly before 10 p.m. Monday Massachusetts State Troopers responded to a two-vehicle crash in the intersection of Birmingham Parkway and Western Avenue in Boston's Brighton neighborhood. The crash caused the death of a Maine woman, and the driver who hit her vehicle tried to run away but was arrested by Troopers for motor vehicle homicide and other offenses.

Preliminary investigation by Troopers indicates that a 19-year-old Randolph man, ANDERSON A. NOVA, was driving a rented 2022 Buick Enclave sport utility vehicle negligently and at an excessive rate of speed on Soldiers Field Road in Brighton, and then continued onto Birmingham Parkway. NOVA at one point sped by an MSP cruiser going in the opposite direction on Soldiers Field Road. The Troopers in that cruiser reversed their direction but lost sight of the fleeing vehicle and did not engage in a pursuit.

A short time later, still continuing in the same direction in which they had observed the suspect vehicle traveling at a high speed, the Troopers observed smoke rising from the intersection of Birmingham Parkway and Western Avenue. Upon reaching the intersection, the Troopers observed that the Buick Enclave had broadsided a Honda Civic being operated by Dina L. Donahue, 53, of Topsham, Maine. The Troopers observed NOVA running away from the scene of the crash while carrying his dog and apprehended him.

The investigation suggests that Ms. Donahue, the sole occupant of her vehicle, was driving on Western Avenue and had a green light as she proceeded into the intersection with Birmingham Parkway. At that point, the investigation indicates, NOVA drove through a red light at a high rate of speed and struck

the driver's side door of Ms. Donahue's Civic.

Numerous additional MSP personnel, including patrols, detectives, and collision reconstruction and crime scene specialists responded to the scene, as did Boston Fire and EMS. Ms. Donahue was transported by EMS to Beth Israel Hospital with life-threatening injuries. She succumbed to those injuries a short time later. NOVA was transported by EMS to Brigham and Women's Hospital with minor injuries.

Troopers from the State Police Detective Unit for Suffolk County interviewed NOVA at the hospital after the suspect acknowledged that he understood his rights. The suspect provided statements to investigators. Meanwhile, Troopers at the scene located stolen checks and credit cards in rental car NOVA was driving. The investigation determined that NOVA, whose license to operate a vehicle had previously been suspended, was not on the rental agreement and that someone else rented the car for him.

State Police charged NOVA with the following offenses:

01. Motor Vehicle Homicide by Negligent Operation;
02. Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle;
03. Operating After Suspension;
04. Speeding;
05. Leaving the Scene of a Crash Causing Personal Injury or Death;
06. Receiving Stolen Property; and
07. Using a Motor Vehicle Without Authority.

NOVA was released from the hospital this morning and booked at the State Police-Boston Barracks. He will be arraigned today in the Brighton Division of the Boston Municipal Court.