Massachusetts State Police investigating fatal crash in New Bedford

At approximately 7:45 p.m. yesterday, Troopers assigned to State Police-Dartmouth responded to reports of a single vehicle crash on Route 140 northbound in the area of the 6.2 mile marker in New Bedford. The crash resulted in fatal injuries to the operator and passenger in the vehicle.

Preliminary investigation reveals that a 2010 Mercury Milan, operated by a 38-year-old man from Newport News, Virginia, was traveling northbound in the left lane when, for reasons unknown at this time, the vehicle exited the roadway into a guardrail then traveled into the median and struck a tree. The operator and the passenger a 35-year-old woman also from Newport News, Virginia were both pronounced deceased at the scene. Speed is believed to be a factor in this crash.

The crash resulted in the closure of left travel lane for approximately three hours. The crash remains under investigation by Troop D of the Massachusetts State Police with assistance from the State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section, the State Police Crime Scene Services Section, and the Bristol County State Police Detective Unit. Troopers were assisted on scene by New Bedford Fire and EMS. No further information is available at this time, please do not contact the barracks directly.