

# **Massachusetts State Police Investigate Double-Fatal Head-On Crash on I-495**

Late this morning, at approximately 11:52 a.m., troopers from the State Police Barracks in Andover responded to reports of a head-on crash, I-495 northbound, just south of Exit 42A in Lawrence. The actual location of the crash was directly on the Andover and Lawrence town-line.

Upon arrival, troopers discovered that a 2016 Kia Sportage, driven by a 38-year-old woman from Lawrence was traveling southbound on I-495, when for reasons still under investigation, she traveled through the median into the northbound lanes of traffic on I-495. The Kia sideswiped a 2004 Ford F350, driven by a 59-year-old man from Dracut, who was not injured. The Kia then continued and struck a 2003 Honda Pilot head-on. The Honda was being driven by a 55-year-old woman, with a 56-year-old male passenger, both of Lawrence. The Kia then struck a 2016 Toyota RAV4 driven by a 58-year-old woman, with a 27-year-old female passenger, both of Andover.

The driver of the Kia and the male passenger of the Honda were both determined to be deceased at the scene. The driver of the Honda was transported with serious injuries to Lawrence General Hospital. The driver and passenger of the Toyota were also transported to Lawrence General Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

During the incident, all lanes of Interstate 495 northbound were closed to traffic. Traffic was diverted off initially at exit 41, then later changed to Exit 40, I-93, and detoured up to Route 213 and back onto I-495. All lanes were opened at approximately 2:56 p.m.

Troop A Headquarters, State Police Andover Barracks, Essex County State Police Detective Unit, State Police Collision Analysis Reconstruction Section (CARS), State Police Crime Scene Services Section (CSSS), Andover Fire/EMS, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (Mass DOT) all assisted on scene.

The remaining facts and circumstances of the crash are under investigation.