

One dead, one seriously injured in wrong way crash on Route 495

UPDATE: The 22-year-old deceased driver in today's crash on Route 495 in Hopkinton has been identified as Danielle Richmond, from Millbury.

At approximately 5:40 a.m. today, State Police from the Millbury Barracks responded to reports of a wrong-way driver traveling south on the northbound side of Route 495 in Hopkinton, just south of Exit 22.

Upon arrival, troopers found that the wrong-way vehicle, a 2015 Nissan Altima, had crashed into a 2006 Honda pickup truck traveling northbound.

The wrong-way operator, an adult woman, was determined to be deceased at the scene. The adult male operator of the other vehicle has been transported to UMass Hospital in Worcester with serious injuries. No further information about the victims is being released at this time.

The facts and circumstances of the crash, including why the wrong-way operator was traveling south on the northbound side of the highway, is under investigation by Troop C of the Massachusetts State Police, the State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section, the State Police Crime Scene Services Section, and the Worcester County State Police Detective Unit. Also assisting at the scene were the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, MassDOT, and Hopkinton Fire.

All three lanes northbound were shut down as a result of the crash. They reopened around 8 am.