

UPDATE: State Police Investigating Car Into Water

This evening at about 6:40 p.m., State Police responded to a report of a vehicle which had driven off Charles River Dam Road in Boston near Leverett Circle and had entered the water.

Preliminary information collected in the investigation by Trooper Edward Hunter indicates that a 2010 Toyota Tacoma pickup truck was traveling on Nashua Street in Boston. The vehicle traveled through a red light at Leverett Circle and side-swiped a 2008 Acura MDX which was already traveling northbound in the circle. The pickup then traveled off Charles River Dam Road and entered the water on the east side of the northbound travel lanes of the roadway, across from the State Police barracks, just north of Leverett Circle. The pickup was fully submerged. The two occupants, BRIAN ARCAND, 36, of North Smithfield, Rhode Island and REBECCA SMITH, 36, of Providence, Rhode Island, were extricated from the vehicle and transported to Massachusetts General Hospital with life-threatening injuries. They were subsequently pronounced dead at the hospital. The driver of the Acura, a 35-year-old woman from Milton, and her passenger, a 36-year-old woman from New York, were both uninjured in the crash.

The State Police Marine Unit, State Police Dive Team, and divers from Boston and Cambridge Fire Departments continued to search the waters and determined that no one else was in the Toyota at the time of the crash.

This crash remains under investigation with assistance from the State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section, the State Police Crime Scene Services Section, State Police Troop H Detectives, and members of the State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office.

No further information is available at this time. Please do not contact the barracks for media inquiries.
