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Two passengers - 22-year-old Alexandra Walsh from Bedford, Mass., and 24-year-old Thomas MacPhee of Hyannis - were pronounced dead at the scene. The driver - 23-year-old Douglas Hayes of Hyannis - attempted to rescue the others once he was outside the vehicle before he was air lifted to Rhode Island Hospital for traumatic injuries and serious burns.

The crash happened at approximately 12:18 a.m. near Exit 15. According to state police: "the pickup truck was traveling south on Route 495 in the center lane, approaching Exit 15. For reasons still under investigation, it veered left, crossed the left lane and the shoulder of the road, and struck the end-cap of a section of guardrail separating the highway from the median strip. Evidence suggests the truck impacted several sections of guardrail and was redirected back across the left travel lane, rolled over across the center lane, and came to rest on its wheels in the center and right lanes. The investigation indicates that during the collision, the Chevrolet's fuel tank was compromised and the truck became engulfed in flames."

The southbound side of Route 495 between Exits 15 and 16 was closed until about 4 a.m. when all lanes were reopened.

Police are still trying to determine the cause of the accident.

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Police identify victims in fatal crash on I-495 in Wrentham

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Alexandra Walsh, 22, of Bedford, and Thomas MacPhee, 24, of Hyannis, died after a 2009 Chevrolet 1500 pickup truck they were passengers in crashed into the guardrail on I-495 southbound in Wrentham and burst into flames, according to police.

The truck's driver, identified as Douglas Hayes, 23, of Hyannis, suffered serious injuries and was flown by medical helicopter to Rhode Island Hospital in Providence.

The investigation into the cause of the crash remains under investigation, with police saying Monday they are reviewing whether to file criminal charges.

The crash occurred at 12:15 a.m., just before Exit 15.

An initial investigation shows that the pickup truck was traveling south on I-495 in the center lane, police said, when for reasons still under investigation, it veered left, crossed the left lane and the shoulder of the road and hit the end-cap of a guardrail section that separated the highway from the median strip.

According to police, evidence from the scene suggests the truck struck several sections of guardrail and was redirected back across the left travel lane, rolling over across the center lane and coming to rest on its wheels in the center and right lanes.

Police determined that the Chevrolet's fuel tank was damaged, which caused the fire that engulfed the truck.

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