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**MASSACHUSETTS STATE POLICE DETECTIVES INVESTIGATING FATAL  
MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH INVOLVING BROCKTON POLICE VEHICLE**

**BROCKTON** -- Massachusetts State Police Detectives are investigating a fatality where a pedestrian was struck by a marked Brockton Police cruiser responding to an emergency call last night, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

At approximately 8:40 pm last night, Brockton Police notified State Police Detectives assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office of a fatal motor vehicle crash involving a marked Brockton Police Department cruiser and a pedestrian.

Massachusetts State Police Detectives responded to the crash scene, located in the area of 581 Main Street, along with MSP-Collision Analysis Reconstruction Section and MSP-Crime Scene Services Section, and an investigation commenced.

Preliminarily, the investigation found that at approximately 8:19 pm, a Brockton Police officer operating a marked cruiser, was traveling on Main Street, while responding to an emergency call with its cruiser emergency lights and sirens activated. In the area of 581 Main Street, it struck a male pedestrian. The Brockton Police officer made attempts to stop and avoid the collision and immediately administered aid to the victim. Emergency medical personnel responded and treated the victim before he was transported to Good Samaritan Hospital where he was later pronounced dead. He has been identified as 61 year-old Antonio Tavares of Brockton.

The Brockton Police officer was taken to South Shore Hospital for treatment. The crash investigation is active and ongoing by Massachusetts State Police Detectives assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office, MSP-Collision Analysis Reconstruction Section and MSP-Crime Scene Services Section.

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