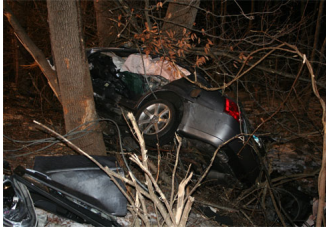


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An investigation is under way by Weston police to determine the cause of a single-car crash that killed a Bridgeport man shortly after midnight on Thursday, Feb. 4.

The accident occurred around 12:25 a.m. on Georgetown Road near Samuelson Road.

Weston police, fire, and EMS units responded immediately to the scene and located a single vehicle, a black Nissan Maxima, lodged between two trees in the woods on the side of the road.

According to Weston Police Chief John Troxell, the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle, Neil Franco, 25, of Bridgeport, was killed on impact. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

“At this time we are not sure what caused the accident. There were no skid marks, so we can not determine the speed of the vehicle at the time of the crash,” Chief Troxell said Monday.

An autopsy of the victim is being performed by the office of the state’s chief medical examiner.

“Mr. Franco’s family was contacted after the accident, but we were unable to determine where he was coming from or where he was going to at the time of the accident,” Chief Troxell said.

Police believe Mr. Franco was headed northbound on Georgetown Road and as he neared Samuelson Road, lost control of his vehicle, and struck a guardrail on the side of the road.

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The vehicle then hit some retention wire cables and continued, uprooting a 2,500-pound block of cement, before becoming wedged between two trees and coming to a stop.

“It was very bad, and very sad. Our heart goes out to Mr. Franco’s family,” Chief Troxell said.

According to published reports, Mr. Franco was a lifelong resident of Bridgeport and was a mason with DMA Construction. He was attending Albertus Magnus College and was studying to obtain his real estate and broker’s license.

He is survived by his parents, Joseph and Geny Franco, a young daughter, Brianna Franco, and her mother, Jennifer Amaro, all of Bridgeport.

