**Police probe cause of fatal crash in West Bridgewater**

Whitman woman, 47, dies in head-on collision

By Maria Papadopoulos | 07.14.14

**WEST BRIDGEWATER —** Authorities continue to investigate a horrific head-on collision that killed a 47-year-old Whitman woman and injured two other people on North Main Street on Saturday night, police said.

Police on Sunday identified the woman who died as Margaret Spinazzo.

Her family could not be reached for comment Sunday.

The two-vehicle crash occurred about 9 p.m. Saturday in front of 755 North Main St.

Spinazzo was driving a 2013 Toyota Corolla that collided with a 2002 Dodge Caravan driven by 51-year-old Daniel Nowokunski, police said.

Nowokunski was treated and released from Good Samaritan Medical Center in Brockton, police said.

His passenger and wife, Susan Nowokunski, 61, was taken to South Shore Hospital in Weymouth with non-life-threatening injuries, police said. Her condition...
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