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STATE POLICE

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## **Fatal Crash**

**Pittsburgh, PA** – Currently the Pennsylvania State Police Patrol Units are investigating a Fatal Crash that happened this morning on I376 Eastbound just after the Squirrel Hill Tunnel.

This crash occurred at approximately 1219 hours and involved one vehicle. It was determined that the operator, Ronald Russell Richards, was driving eastbound in a gray SUV and exited the roadway for unknown reasons. The SUV then struck a guiderail and continued over the embankment.

Richards was pronounced deceased at the scene by Allegheny Ambulance medical staff and was confirmed by the Medical Examiner's Office.

The roadway is fully open at this time, however drivers should still be alert for any additional crews tonight or the following days.

This investigation is currently ongoing.

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