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## Central Kitsap fatality collision

**Central Kitsap, Wash.** -- A 66 year-old man was declared deceased at the scene of a single vehicle collision, Monday evening, in the Central Kitsap area north of Brownsville.

Leonard Robert Bentley, of Poulsbo, was driving a 1999 Dodge Ram truck, northbound in the 11800 block of Brownsville Highway NE, and failed to negotiate a curve in the roadway at the intersection of Brownsville Highway and South Keyport Road NE.

The truck went off of the northbound shoulder of the roadway, crossed South Keyport Road and then down an approximate six foot embankment where it struck a tree.

Kitsap County Sheriff's deputies, along with engine and medic units from Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue, responded to the collision at 8:21 p.m. The roadway remained closed to thru traffic until 12:30 a.m. while the fatality investigation was conducted.

There were no other occupants in the vehicle.

Traffic investigators do not believe that excessive vehicle speed was a factor in the cause of the crash. Toxicology test results for the ingestion of drugs or alcohol, on the part of driver, are pending.

The investigation continues. Persons who witnessed the collision, or who have information about the crash, are asked to contact Deputy Dave Fortenbacher, sheriff's traffic unit, at (360) 337-4634.

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