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## One person airlifted following early morning crash

**Silverdale, Wash.** -- Sheriff's traffic deputies are investigating an early morning motor vehicle collision that resulted in a 20 year-old Silverdale man being airlifted to Harborview Medical Center, Seattle, with serious injuries.

The collision occurred at approximately 3:20 a.m., Saturday, at Ridgetop Blvd. NW and Plateau Circle NW in the Ridgetop area of Silverdale. The crash involved a 1992 Geo Storm and a 1999 Ford F-150 truck. It was reported that the driver of the truck, a 16 year-old female, left the scene of the crash driving the truck southbound on Ridgetop Blvd.

Responding units included sheriff's patrol and traffic deputies along with engine and medic / aid units from Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue.

Sheriff's patrol deputies were able to follow debris from the collision, along with gouge marks in the roadway caused by the damaged truck, to the intersection of Ridgetop Blvd. and Ridge Point Circle. There deputies found evidence that the truck had struck a curb and then continued on Ridge Point Circle to Mount Baldy Lane, where it was located stopped against a parked 2005 Ford Ranger truck. The driver was contacted and detained for investigation.

Although the investigation into the crash is in its early stages, a preliminary analysis by traffic investigators indicates that the Geo Storm, driven by a 17 year-old male from Silverdale, was traveling northbound on Ridgetop Blvd. His passenger was the 20 year-old man.

At the Plateau Circle intersection the driver of the Ford F-150 truck failed to stop at the intersection stop sign and entered Ridgetop Blvd. The Geo Storm struck the truck causing extensive damage to both vehicles. The driver of the Geo Storm was not seriously injured and declined transport to the hospital. His passenger struck the front windshield and sustained serious head and body injuries. He was transported to the landing pad at Harrison Medical Center, Silverdale and subsequently airlifted to Harborview.

There were two passengers in the Ford F-150 truck: a 16 year-old female in the front passenger seat and a 17 year-old female in the rear seat; both are from East Bremerton. The rear seat passenger was not wearing a seat-belt. The force of the collision impact threw her up against the top of the cab, striking her head.

A passing male motorist came upon the crash shortly after it occurred. He checked the occupants of the truck and noted that the rear seat passenger was injured. He notified 9-1-1 of the crash and requested emergency assistance; he then helped the injured passenger to climb out of the truck before the driver left the scene.

The injured passenger was transported to Harrison Medical Center, Bremerton, for further evaluation and treatment. The truck's front seat passenger also was transported to the hospital for evaluation, although she did not appear to have sustained any injuries.

The young female driver of the Ford F-150 truck, from East Bremerton, was processed for DUI and then transported to Harrison Medical Center, Bremerton, for further evaluation and treatment.

Traffic investigators believe that the consumption of alcoholic intoxicants, by the driver of the Ford truck, was a primary factor in the cause of the collision. Other contributing factors to injuries include passengers in both vehicles not utilizing seat belts.

The investigation continues. Anyone who may have witnessed this crash is asked to contact Deputy Dave Green, sheriff's traffic unit, at (360) 337-4634.

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