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South Kitsap man arrested for ATV assault

Port Orchard, Wash. -- The fun of the season's first significant snowfall ended in tragedy this morning, when a 53 year-old South Kitsap man was arrested for vehicular assault after striking a child with an off-road, four-wheel drive all terrain vehicle (ATV) in the Olalla area of South Kitsap.

The victim, a 10 year-old boy, was transported to Mary Bridge Children's Hospital, Tacoma, with critical injuries.

Kitsap County Sheriff's deputies responded to a 12:45 a.m. report of a collision between the ATV and a young boy, who was sledding on Banner Road SE. Response times for sheriff's deputies and medic crews were hindered by snow and ice conditions on the roads leading to and at the collision scene.

Deputies determined that the ATV was traveling southbound on Banner Road, south of the intersection with SE Fragaria Road. At the same time the boy was riding a sled northbound on Banner Road. The driver of the ATV collided with the sled causing facial fractures and other trauma to the young victim.

Following the collision the driver of the ATV left the scene on foot. He was identified by others present at the scene. The driver was located at his Olalla residence more than two hours after the collision.

The ATV driver was taken into custody on suspicion of vehicular assault and hit & run (death or injury), and processed for the presence of alcoholic intoxicants (mandatory blood draw). He was transported to Kitsap County Jail where he was booked on the arrest charges. Bail was set at \$50,000.

The ATV driver made his initial appearance in Kitsap County Superior Court this afternoon on the arrest charges. He was released from custody on personal recognizance, pending trial.

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