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South Kitsap fatality collision

Port Orchard, Wash. -- Kitsap County Sheriff's traffic deputies have initiated an investigation into a two vehicle, single fatality collision during the early morning hours in South Kitsap.

Location: 7200 block of Bethel-Burley Road SE, between SE Lider Road and SE Kira Street in South Kitsap.

Time & date: 1:29 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 1. South Kitsap Fire & Rescue engine and medic units were on scene at 1:33 a.m. Sheriff's patrol deputies arrived at 1:35 a.m.

Involved:

Vehicle #1: 1988 Honda Civic 4-door passenger car.

- Driver: male, age 23, South Kitsap resident. Declared deceased at the scene.
- Passenger: male, age 20, South Kitsap resident. Airlifted to Harborview Medical Center, Seattle, with extensive injuries to face and lower torso. Listed in critical condition.

Vehicle #2: 1997 Volkswagen Jetta 4-door passenger car.

- Driver: female, age 18, South Kitsap resident.
- Passenger: female, age 47, South Kitsap resident.
- Passenger: female, age 18, South Kitsap resident.

All occupants of vehicle #2 sustained less significant injuries. South Kitsap Fire & Rescue medic units transported the occupants to Saint Anthony's Hospital, Gig Harbor, for further evaluation and treatment.

Synopsis:

Although the investigation is in its early stages, a preliminary analysis from traffic investigators indicates that vehicle #2 (VW Jetta) was traveling southbound on Bethel-Burley Road SE. The driver of vehicle #2 intended to stop at a residence.

The driver of the VW Jetta drove past the residence, signaled, and attempted to make a left turn into a private driveway on the east side of the roadway.

As the driver of vehicle #2 began to make her turn, vehicle #1 (Honda Civic), also heading southbound, approached the Jetta from behind at a high rate of speed.

The driver of the Honda attempted to pass the Jetta on the left and collided into the left (driver's side) of the Jetta in the northbound lane of travel.

The Jetta was sideswiped and continued its momentum southbound on Bethel-Burley Road for approximately 100 feet before coming to a stop on the shoulder of the northbound lane of travel.

After the collision the Honda Civic veered to its left and struck a large tree on the east side of the roadway and came to a stop facing southwards.

Excessive vehicle speed appears to be a contributing factor in the cause of this collision. It is unknown if the ingestion of alcohol or narcotics are contributing factors at this time. This should be known following autopsy toxicology tests.

Anyone with information about this collision is asked to contact Deputy Ken Dickinson, sheriff's traffic unit, at (360) 337-4634.

Note: A male Pit-Bull dog, white in color, named "Rayden," was in one of the vehicles at the time of the crash. The dog jumped out and ran into the woods after the collision. The dog was assuredly scared and attempts to find him were unsuccessful. The family would like to have the dog returned, if found. Please contact the sheriff's traffic unit at 337-4634 or call 9-1-1 with any information about "Rayden."

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