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Recklessly driven vehicle crashes into residence

Kingston, Wash. -- Kitsap County Sheriff's traffic deputies are investigating two separate, but related, motor vehicle crashes that occurred Saturday night in North Kitsap, with the second incident causing damage to a residential structure.

Location(s):

- (1) 5600 block of NE Gunderson Road.
- (2) Intersection of Miller Bay Road NE / NE Gunderson Road.

Time & date: 7:35 p.m., Saturday, March 13. Engine and Medic units from North Kitsap Fire & Rescue responded to the second crash. Kitsap County Sheriff's deputies were already on-scene as a patrol deputy witnessed the first crash.

Back-up assistance was provided by patrol units from Poulsbo Police Department, Suquamish Police Department and the Port Gamble Department of Public Safety.

Vehicle: 1995 Nissan 200SX

- Driver: male, age 23, Silverdale resident. Transported to Harrison Medical Center, Bremerton, for evaluation and treatment of non life-threatening injuries.
- Front seat passenger: male, age 18, Kingston resident. Transported to Harrison Medical Center, Bremerton, for evaluation and treatment of non life-threatening injuries.
- Rear seat passenger: male, age 18, Kingston resident. Not injured. Walked away from crash scene; later found along side of roadway hitchhiking.

Synopsis:

Although the two incidents are still under investigation, preliminary reports state that the Nissan 200 SX was traveling eastbound on NE Gunderson Road while being driven in an extreme reckless manner, ie: high rate of speed and dangerous driving actions.

A sheriff's deputy, stopped at the intersection of Port Gamble Road NE & NE Gunderson Road, witnessed the vehicle's speed and the reckless actions of the Nissan's driver. The deputy turned onto NE Gunderson Road in an attempt to conduct a traffic stop of the vehicle.

Before entering a set of downhill “S” curves on Gunderson Road, the Nissan rear-ended a Toyota pick-up truck driven by a 36 year-old Poulsbo woman. The driver of the Nissan failed to stop for the crash and continued eastbound. At this point the deputy lost sight of the Nissan.

The truck sustained damage but was drivable. The driver was not seriously injured.

Note: The intersection of NE Gunderson Road / Miller Bay Road NE, at the bottom of the “S” curves, is a “T” intersection. Drivers traveling eastbound on Gunderson Road have to turn either left (northbound) or right (southbound) at this traffic signal.

The Nissan driver failed to turn at the Gunderson Road / Miller Bay Road intersection and continued straight ahead -- through a fence and into the side of a pre-manufactured mobile home. The force of the vehicle crash into the residence caused the house to be pushed six inches off of its foundation. There was minor interior damage to the residence from falling objects / broken glass.

After the crash the driver climbed out of the Nissan and attempted to leave the scene on foot. The arriving patrol deputy detained the front seat passenger first and then apprehended the driver, who was found lying in the grass behind the house. The rear passenger climbed out of the car and left the scene on foot, but was later found hitchhiking along the roadway.

The driver and front passenger were treated at the scene by NKF&R medics and transported to the hospital.

Inside the house a three month-old baby girl had just been put to bed. The infant did not sustain any apparent injuries. The force of the crash caused the girl’s mother, age 27, to be knocked into a table. A medic unit transported mother & child to Harrison Medical Center, Silverdale, for further evaluation and treatment.

Excessive vehicle speed combined with reckless vehicle operation and apparent alcohol intoxication were factors contributing to these two crashes.

The driver remains hospitalized. Charges from the prosecutor’s office are pending.

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

Two photographs of the crash scene are attached (next page). Photos provided courtesy of North Kitsap Fire & Rescue.

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7:35 p.m., Saturday, March 13: a recklessly driven 1995 Nissan 200 SX crashed into the northwest corner bedroom of this pre-manufactured home at the intersection of Miller Bay Road NE & NE Gunderson Road, North Kitsap. The male driver, age 23, was transported to Harrison Medical Center, Bremerton for evaluation and treatment. Charges are pending.

