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## One dead in storm related incident

**Port Orchard, Wash.** -- A South Kitsap woman died early this morning, and her residence was severely damaged, after an old-growth Douglas fir tree was blown over and crashed into the house.

The woman was declared deceased at the scene by rescue crews.

She has been identified as Diane M. Walker, age 55. Two other occupants of the home, the woman's son, age 27, and a family friend, were not reported as being injured.

Emergency crews from South Kitsap Fire & Rescue were dispatched, at 12:30 a.m., to several 9-1-1 calls of a large tree that had crashed into a bedroom of a manufactured home in the 10300 block of SE Olympiad Drive. The location is in the Harper area of South Kitsap, near the Southworth Ferry Terminal.

Heavy rain and high wind gusts were reported in the area at the time of the calls.

Upon arrival emergency crews were obstructed from gaining access to the bedroom, located at the north end of the residence, due to the immense size of the tree. Additional assistance in removing the tree and debris was provided by Bethel Towing and Kitsap County Public Works.

Kitsap County Sheriff's patrol deputies arrived at 12:56 a.m. to initiate an investigation into the woman's death.

An autopsy will be performed and the Kitsap County Coroner will make a determination as to cause and manner of death.

The woman's death is not believed to be suspicious.

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