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One dead following rollover crash in Central Kitsap

Silverdale, Wash. -- A 22 year-old Central Kitsap man was declared deceased at Harborview Medical Center, late last night, following a motor vehicle crash on a county road west of Silverdale.

Kitsap County Sheriff's deputies, along with engine and medic units from Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue, and Navy Region Northwest Fire & Emergency Services, responded to the 12900 block of Olympic View Road NW, near Cougar Valley Elementary School, following several reports of a single vehicle rollover crash.

The initial report was received at Kitsap County Central Communications (911 dispatch) at 8:48 p.m. last evening, with first units on-scene at 8:55 p.m.

The vehicle, a 1989 Ford Probe, was located on its side within the fenced boundary of Naval Base Kitsap – Bangor. The driver was found lying approximately 70 feet from the Probe on a service road inside the fence line.

Although the investigation into the collision is in its early stages, a preliminary analysis indicates that the Probe was traveling southbound on Olympic View Road. The road curves to the right after passing the school. The driver apparently overcorrected, after coming out of the curve, and lost control. The vehicle rotated counter-clockwise, crossed into the northbound lane of travel, and struck the shoulder embankment which stopped its forward momentum and caused the car to roll several times, eventually crashing through a fence onto U. S. Navy property. As the vehicle tumbled the driver was ejected.

A medic unit transported the driver to the helipad at Harrison Medical Center, Silverdale, from where he was airlifted to Seattle. He was pronounced dead by physicians at Harborview Medical Center.

The King County Medical Examiner will make a determination as to cause and manner of death. His name will be released following notification of family.

Investigators believe that excessive vehicle speed, along with the ingestion of alcoholic intoxicants, were primary contributing causes of the crash. The driver was not wearing a seatbelt.

The investigation continues. Persons who may have information about the crash are asked to contact Deputy Dave Green, sheriff's traffic unit, at (360) 337-4634.

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