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Sheriff's deputy involved in early morning crash

Port Orchard, Wash. -- A Kitsap County Sheriff's deputy is now recuperating from an early morning, single vehicle crash that totaled his patrol vehicle.

The deputy was traveling northbound on Banner Road SE, South Kitsap, around 5:35 a.m. today, when his 2004 Ford Crown Victoria (police interceptor) patrol car crossed through the intersection of Banner Road and SE Sedgwick Road, entered a private driveway in the 8000 block of Sedgwick Road, and continued its forward momentum for approximately 300 feet until it became entangled in brush and struck a large tree stump, overturning the vehicle.

Engine and medic units from South Kitsap Fire & Rescue responded and assisted the deputy in extricating himself from the car. The deputy was transported to Harrison Medical Center, Bremerton, where he was treated for minor injuries and released.

The cause of the crash is under investigation by the sheriff's office traffic unit. The deputy was wearing his seatbelt and the ingestion of alcoholic intoxicants is not a factor in the cause of the crash. The rate of speed of the patrol car, at the time of the crash, is still to be determined.

No other vehicles were involved in the incident.

An accident review board will be convened upon completion of the traffic investigation, as part of standard administrative procedures following a collision involving a sheriff's vehicle.

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