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One dead in motorcycle collision

Silverdale, Wash. -- Kitsap County Sheriff's traffic deputies are investigating the death of a motorcycle rider involved in a crash just before 11:00 p.m. last night.

Sheriff's deputies, along with engine and medic units from Poulsbo Fire Department, responded to a report of a crash in the 14300 block of Silverdale Way NW, south of NW Mountain View Road, between Silverdale and Poulsbo.

The motorcycle operator, a 20 year-old male, was declared deceased at the scene. No other persons were involved.

Although the investigation into the crash is in its early stages, a preliminary analysis by sheriff's traffic deputies indicates that the motorcycle was observed traveling northbound on Silverdale Way at a high rate of speed. The operator appeared to have lost control of the motorcycle in a curve, and the motorcycle left the east side of the roadway and struck a tree. The rider was ejected into two steel guy wires supporting a utility pole.

Just prior to the collision a sheriff's deputy, proceeding southbound on Silverdale Way, observed the motorcycle traveling in the opposite direction. The deputy notified Kitsap County Central Communications (9-1-1 dispatch) about the motorcycle's excessive speed.

The motorcyclist passed the deputy's patrol car and the deputy initiated a U-turn as he prepared to conduct a traffic stop of the motorcycle. Before he could initiate the stop the deputy lost sight of the motorcycle. Moments later, residents in the vicinity of Mountain View Road and Silverdale Way reported the crash to 9-1-1.

Public release of the identity of the motorcyclist is being withheld pending notification of family. The Kitsap County Coroner will make a determination as to cause and manner of death.

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

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