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Two dead in Central Kitsap collision

East Bremerton, Wash. -- A mid-morning Central Kitsap collision involving two vehicles has resulted in the death of both drivers.

Kitsap County Sheriff's patrol and traffic deputies, along with engine and medic units from Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue, responded to the crash scene in the 12300 block of Brownsville Highway NE, located south of Poulsbo and north of Bremerton.

The collision occurred around 9:30 a.m. Both drivers were pronounced deceased at the scene by emergency medical personnel. There were no other occupants of the vehicles.

The Kitsap County Coroner has identified the two drivers as:

- Charles Steve Cockerham, age 47, of Poulsbo.
- Troy Mark Thoman, age 25, of Silverdale.

Although the investigation is still on-going, traffic investigators report that a 2002 Volvo S-80 4-door sedan, driven Troy Thoman, was traveling northbound on Brownsville Highway. Charles Cockerham was operating a 1972 Chevrolet pick-up truck that was heading southbound.

While in a curved portion of the roadway, the Volvo sedan crossed the centerline and into the southbound lane of travel where it struck the Chevrolet truck.

Other factors, including vehicle speeds, seat belt usage, truck cargo load shifting, and road / weather conditions will be examined as part of the investigation. It is unknown, as this point, whether or not the ingestion of alcoholic intoxicants or narcotics were factors in the collision.

The Kitsap County Coroner will make a determination as to cause and manner of death.

Persons who may have information about this collision are asked to contact Deputy Dave Green, sheriff's traffic unit, at (360) 337-4634.

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