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Single vehicle collision injuries two

Port Orchard, Wash. -- Kitsap County Sheriff's traffic deputies have initiated an investigation into a single vehicle collision that resulted in serious injuries to the occupants.

Location: 8100 block of SE Southworth Drive, east of Yukon Harbor Road SE, in the South Colby community of South Kitsap.

Time & date: Reported at 3:07 p.m. today. First responder units (sheriff's deputies) arrived on-scene at 3:12 p.m.

Vehicle: 1992 Ford Aerostar van.

Occupants:

- Female, age 47, South Kitsap resident (driver).
- Female, age 27, South Kitsap resident (passenger).

The driver and passenger are mother / daughter. Both sustained serious injuries: skeletal fractures, internal injuries and lacerations.

- The passenger was airlifted to Harborview Medical Center, Seattle.
- A South Kitsap Fire & Rescue medic unit transported the driver to Saint Joseph's Hospital, Tacoma.

There were no other occupants in the van.

Synopsis:

Although the investigation is in its early stages, a preliminary analysis from investigating deputies indicates that the Ford Aerostar van was traveling eastbound on SE Southworth Drive.

The driver failed to negotiate a curve to the left. The van went off of the paved roadway, over the road's south shoulder into a ditch. The van's forward momentum was stopped when it struck a large culvert.

Both occupants were trapped inside the vehicle by the force of the collision. It took approximately 20 minutes before they were extricated by South Kitsap Fire & Rescue firefighters utilizing emergency rescue equipment.

Investigators found evidence of alcohol consumption by the driver, prior to the crash, and believe it may be a factor in the cause of the collision. A blood draw was performed on the driver. Both occupants are believed to have been wearing seatbelts.

The Ford Aerostar van was impounded as evidence in this investigation.

The investigation continues. On-scene witnesses or others who may have information about this crash are asked to contact Deputy Andy Aman, sheriff's traffic unit, at (360) 337-4634.

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