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Suquamish fatality collision

Suquamish, Wash. -- An early evening crash tonight caused the death of one driver in a collision that occurred just outside of the unincorporated town of Suquamish, on the Port Madison Reservation, in North Kitsap.

Kitsap County Sheriff's traffic deputies are investigating the fatality collision.

Location: 17600 block of Suquamish Way NE, between NE Totten Road and NE Whale Dancer Court.

Time & date: Reported at 6:05 p.m. Suquamish police and sheriff's deputies arrived on scene at 6:09 p.m., followed by engine and medic units from North Kitsap Fire & Rescue.

Synopsis:

Although the investigation is in its early stages, a preliminary analysis by traffic investigators indicates that a full size, heavy-duty Ford pick-up truck was traveling southbound on Suquamish Way NE.

The Ford truck was towing a trailer that was carrying a fishing boat.

For reasons not yet known the trailer became detached (unhitched) from the truck. The trailer separated from the truck, crossed the centerline, and entered the northbound lane of travel on Suquamish Way, striking a Jeep sport utility vehicle (SUV) at the left front corner.

Upon colliding with the Jeep, the boat detached from the trailer bed. The momentum of the collision carried the boat forward into the passenger compartment of the vehicle, striking the driver.

The driver of the Jeep was pronounced deceased at the scene. There were no other occupants in the vehicle.

The Kitsap County Coroner will confirm the identity of the driver of the Jeep SUV. Public release of the driver's identity is being withheld until next of kin have been notified. The coroner will make a determination as to cause and manner of death.

The investigation continues. Persons with information about this collision are asked to contact the sheriff's traffic unit at (360) 337-4634.

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