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Investigation update

Suquamish fatality collision

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Silverdale, Wash. -- Kitsap County Sheriff's traffic investigators have released additional information concerning a fatality crash that occurred last night outside of the unincorporated town of Suquamish, on the Port Madison Reservation, in North Kitsap.

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

Time & date: Reported at 6:05 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010. 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.

Involved:

Unit 1: 1997 Ford F-250 pick-up truck, towing a 1976 Glasply fishing boat that was being carried on a 1977 Calkins boat trailer.

- The male driver, age 44, is from Suquamish.

Unit 2: 1997 Jeep Cherokee sport utility vehicle (SUV).

- The driver was declared deceased at the scene.
- The Kitsap County Coroner has identified the Jeep's driver as Florentino Tabafunda, age 64, a resident of Bainbridge Island.

There were no other persons involved.

Synopsis:

A preliminary analysis by traffic investigators indicates that Unit #1, the Ford F-250 pick-up truck, was traveling southbound on Suquamish Way NE. The Ford truck was towing the Calkins boat trailer carrying the Glasply fishing boat.

For reasons not yet determined the trailer separated from the truck. The unsecured trailer, with boat, crossed the centerline of the roadway and entered the northbound lane of travel on Suquamish Way, striking Unit #2, the 999 Jeep SUV.

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.

An autopsy is scheduled for Monday evening. 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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