



# KITSAP COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## South Kitsap crash ends in swamp

**Port Orchard, Wash.** -- Two occupants of a speeding truck were transported to Tacoma for treatment of injuries, following a single vehicle crash that occurred during early morning hours today in South Kitsap.

A passenger in the vehicle sustained significant injuries.

Kitsap County Sheriff's traffic deputies have initiated an investigation into the crash.

**Location:** intersection of Glenwood Road SW and SW Linder Road, South Kitsap.

**Time & date:** reported at 1:44 a.m., when callers notified 9-1-1 that they heard the sound of squealing tires, followed by a crash and then the area lost electrical power.

Sheriff's patrol deputies arrived in the area at 1:48 a.m.; however due to the topography and the hours of darkness the final stopped location of the vehicle wasn't found for several minutes. Sheriff's deputies were assisted by officers from Port Orchard police and engine / medic units from South Kitsap Fire & Rescue.

### Involved:

**Vehicle:** 2004 Ford heavy duty, extended-cab pick-up truck.

- Driver: male, age 51, from South Kitsap. Transported by medic unit to Tacoma General Hospital for further evaluation and treatment. Injuries considered minor.
- Passenger: male, age 24, from South Kitsap. Also transported by medic unit to Tacoma General Hospital for further evaluation and treatment. Injuries considered extensive with several bone fractures and other injuries.

## **Synopsis:**

Although the investigation is in its early stages, a preliminary analysis from traffic investigators indicates that the Ford pick-up truck was traveling westbound on SW Lider Road at a high rate of speed.

- The driver failed to stop at the intersection stop sign and continued across the intersection of SW Lider Road and Glenwood Road SW.
- The driver braked hard, leaving some 100 feet of skid marks on the pavement. He lost control of the truck and the vehicle subsequently careened off of the shoulder of the roadway.
- After leaving the road the vehicle struck three large trees prior to its momentum coming to a stop, approximately 150 feet into a swamp / wetland area. The truck became submerged up to its door sills.
- It required a significant amount of time for rescue crews to extricate the two occupants due to the truck's physical location in the wetlands, and the fact that one of the trees struck was lying on top of the vehicle.
- The intersection and roadway was closed to traffic for an extended period, then partially opened (single lane), during the rescue and investigative phases of the incident.

Sheriff's traffic investigators believe that alcohol consumption by the driver and excessive vehicle speed were primary contributing factors in the cause of the crash.

The driver was processed for suspicion of driving under the influence of alcoholic intoxicants / drugs. A blood draw was obtained from the driver.

Possible criminal charges are pending.

The vehicle is considered a total loss.

Anyone with information about this crash is asked to contact Deputy Ken Dickinson, sheriff's traffic unit, at (360) 337-4634.

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