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## **East Bremerton fatality crash**

**EAST BREMERTON, Wash.** -- Kitsap County Sheriff's traffic deputies are investigating an early morning two-vehicle crash on Monday that claimed the life of one of the drivers.

**Location:** 7600 block of Illahee Road NE near the intersection with Varsity Lane NE in the Illahee area of East Bremerton.

**Time & date:** reported at 6:02 a.m., Monday, Jan. 14, 2019.

### **Responding agencies:**

Patrol and traffic investigators from the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office.

Engine and medic units from Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue (CKFR).

Deputy Coroners from the Kitsap County Coroner's Office.

### **Involved:**

**Vehicle #1:** 2002 Volkswagen Jetta 4-door sedan.

**Driver:** identified by the Kitsap County Coroner's Office as Jacob Cory Ninemire, 22, of Poulsbo.

**Vehicle #2:** 2007 Chevrolet Silverado pick-up truck.

**Driver:** male, age 27, East Bremerton resident. No injury reported.

**Passenger:** male, age 3, East Bremerton resident. No injury reported.

No other persons or vehicle were involved.

**Synopsis:**

**Weather conditions:** hours of darkness, clear and cold with early morning frost and ice. Sunrise was at 7:53 a.m.



Although the investigation is in its preliminary stages, traffic investigators report that the Volkswagen Jetta was heading eastbound on Illahee Road.

The driver apparently lost control of the Volkswagen due to icy road conditions and the car slid into the westbound lane of travel. The driver attempted to correct this action which caused the Volkswagen to rotate clockwise.

The Chevrolet Silverado pick-up truck was traveling westbound on Illahee Road when the Volkswagen crossed the centerline into the path of the truck. The Chevrolet driver braked to avoid a collision. The truck's wheels locked-up on the ice causing the two vehicles to collide with each other.

The Chevrolet truck struck the Volkswagen Jetta at the driver's door with the truck's front end, in a T-bone type collision.

The driver of the Volkswagen was pronounced deceased at the scene by responding CKFR medics.

The occupants of both vehicles were utilizing seatbelts. Investigating officers do not believe that driver impairment from alcoholic intoxicants is a factor in the collision. The driver of the Chevrolet Silverado voluntarily provided a field breath sample and a blood sample.

An autopsy was performed Monday by the county's forensic pathologist. The coroner issued a cause of death determination that Mr. Ninemire suffered blunt force injuries to the head and torso. The manner of death was determined to be accidental – traffic.

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