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South Kitsap
Sheriff's Office investigate serious injury crash

PORT ORCHARD, Wash. -- Kitsap County Sheriff's traffic deputies are investigating a two-vehicle, serious injury collision.

Location: 12400 block of Bethel Burley Road SE at SE Fauna Lane, South Kitsap.

Time & date: reported at 6:13 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019.

Responding agencies:

- Patrol deputies and traffic investigators from the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office
- Engine and medic units from South Kitsap Fire & Rescue
- Troopers from the Washington State Patrol (District 8)

Involved:

Unit #1

Vehicle: 2015 Harley Davidson XL883 motorcycle

Operator: female, age 29, South Kitsap resident

Unit #2

Vehicle: 1991 Jeep Wrangler

Driver: male, age 48 **Passenger:** female, age 43 both from Gig Harbor

Synopsis:

Although the investigation is in its preliminary stages, evidence on scene and statements from witnesses indicated that the motorcycle had been travelling southbound on Bethel Burley Road SE. The motorcycle operator slowed to make a left turn into a private driveway when the motorcycle was struck from behind by the Jeep.

After the collision, the motorcycle traveled several more feet on its side before coming to rest in the roadway.

Medics transported the woman to Tacoma General Hospital where she was being treated for critical injuries. The driver of the Jeep and his passenger were not injured.

The investigation led traffic investigators to develop probable cause that the driver of the Jeep was impaired by alcoholic intoxicants. He was arrested, processed and ultimately booked into the Kitsap County Jail on suspicion of vehicular assault. Bail was set at \$50,000.

Anyone who may have additional information about this collision is encouraged to contact Deputy Steve Martin at 360-337-4634 or at smartin@co.kitsap.wa.us.

Reference: KCSO case number **K19-001928**.



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