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Motorcyclist killed in Central Kitsap collision

SILVERDALE, Wash. -- Kitsap County Sheriff's traffic deputies are investigating the death of a motorcyclist following a collision Friday in Central Kitsap.

Location: 8700 block of Silverdale Way NW, between NW Byron Street and Knute Lane NW, Silverdale.

Time & date: reported at 9:45 p.m., Friday, July 3.

Responding agencies:

Law enforcement: patrol deputies and traffic investigators from Kitsap County Sheriff's Office.

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

Involved:

Vehicle #1: 2006 Suzuki Aerio sedan

Driver: female, age 61, Silverdale resident

Vehicle #2: 2011 Hyundai Sonata

Driver: male, age 61, Silverdale resident

Vehicle #3: 2019 Kawasaki Ninja 400 sport motorcycle

Operator: identified by the Kitsap County Coroner's Office as Trevor David Sauers, age 29, a resident of Silverdale.

No other vehicles or persons were involved.

Synopsis:

A preliminary report by sheriff's traffic investigators indicates the driver of the Suzuki Aerio was traveling southbound on Silverdale Way NW from NW Byron Street.

The Hyundai Sonata was heading northbound in the 8700 block of Silverdale Way NW.

The Kawasaki motorcycle also was traveling southbound on Silverdale Way at a high rate of speed. The operator of the motorcycle passed between two other southbound vehicles that were on Silverdale Way just to the north of Byron Street. The motorcyclist then accelerated after passing in between the two southbound vehicles and traveled out of sight.

The motorcyclist caught up to the Suzuki Aerio in the 8700 block of Silverdale Way and struck the rear of the Suzuki. Upon impact the motorcyclist was ejected from the Kawasaki and struck the rear window and roof of the Suzuki before landing on the car's windshield as the driver was attempting to slow down. The motorcyclist fell off the driver's side of the Suzuki as the vehicle moved to the right shoulder and stopped.

The motorcycle fell onto its right side and slid to a stop near the center of the roadway. Unable to avoid a collision, the driver of the northbound Hyundai struck the front of the motorcycle as it lay in the middle of the road. The driver pulled to the shoulder and stopped.

Two off-duty firefighters living nearby heard the crash and assisted by rendering immediate first aid. The first sheriff's patrol deputy to arrive took over performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation as the firefighters continued administering care. CKFR emergency crews arrived and continued emergency medical care / CPR until the motorcyclist was pronounced deceased.



Kitsap County Sheriff's Office patrol vehicles with additional first responder vehicles illuminate the collision scene in the 8700 block of Silverdale Way NW, July 3, during an investigation by sheriff's traffic investigators into a collision resulting in the death of a 29-year-old male motorcycle operator.

Witnesses informed investigators that the Kawasaki motorcycle had passed them at a high rate of speed, approximately ½ mile to the north on Silverdale Way, before it disappeared from their sight. The witnesses continued southbound on Silverdale Way and came upon the collision scene.

The Kitsap County Coroner today issued a determination that the motorcyclist's cause of death was multiple blunt force injuries due to a motorcycle - vehicle collision. The manner of death is accidental. The coroner is awaiting results of toxicology testing, including for possible alcohol content, by the Washington State Patrol Crime Lab.

Traffic investigators believe that excessive vehicle speed on the part of the motorcyclist was a primary factor in the cause of the collision.

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