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Late night fatality crash in Seabeck

Silverdale, Wash. -- Kitsap County Sheriff's traffic deputies are investigating a late night single vehicle fatality crash near the Hood Canal.

Location: 18000 block of NW Seabeck Holly Road, near the intersection of Nellita Road NW, in the Seabeck area of Central Kitsap.

Time & date: The exact time of the crash is unknown. The first call to 9-1-1 was received at 11:06 p.m., Monday, March 1, reporting that a tree was down across the roadway, with fire observed and explosions heard in the distance. Sheriff's patrol deputies arrived on scene at 11:11p.m. and found a vehicle crashed down an embankment, fully engulfed in flames.

Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue engine and medic units arrived on scene at 11:15 p.m.

Involved:

Vehicle: 2002 Mercury Sable

- Driver: declared deceased at the scene. Not yet identified. No other occupants.

Synopsis:

Although the investigation is in its early stages, a preliminary analysis by traffic investigators indicates that the Mercury Sable was traveling westbound on NW Seabeck Holly Road at a high rate of speed, when the right wheels of the car left the asphalt roadway and onto the gravel shoulder.

The vehicle traveled approximately 600 feet before it careened off the roadway / shoulder and down the embankment. The Sable collided with a utility pole and trees and caught fire before stopping. The vehicle then became fully engulfed in flames.

Sheriff's traffic investigators are conducting evidence analysis to determine the vehicle's speed. An autopsy is scheduled. The Kitsap County Coroner will determine the cause and manner of death and confirm the driver's identity. It is unknown if the ingestion of alcohol or narcotics are contributing factors. This will be determined during the course of toxicology tests as part of the autopsy.

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

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