

EARLY MORNING COLLISION SENDS FOUR TO HOSPITAL; TWO AIRLIFTED

Silverdale, Wash. – Kitsap County Sheriff's deputies, Washington State Patrol troopers and fire & medical units from Poulsbo Fire Department, Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue, Puget Sound Federal Fire Department (detachments from Naval Submarine Base, Bangor, and Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Keyport), responded to the 14400 block of Silverdale Way, NW, in Silverdale, after an early morning collision involving two vehicles.

Four occupants, two in each car, sustained varying degrees of injury, with one from each vehicle initially airlifted to Harborview Medical Center, Seattle. A third was later transferred to Harborview.

The collision occurred shortly before 1:50 a.m., Wednesday, when a 1998 Mazda 626, driven by Ryan M. Arient, 25, of Poulsbo, apparently attempted to negotiate a curve while northbound on Silverdale Way, near the intersection of NW Mountain View Road. The Mazda 626 traveled over the fog line. The driver lost control, over corrected, and the Mazda 626 spun around 180 degrees, ending up in the opposite lane of travel where it was struck from behind by a 1988 Mazda 323, traveling south.

The force of the collision sent the Mazda 323 backwards approximately 40 feet into a ditch where it landed on its roof.

The driver of the second Mazda (323), identified as Rachel C. Hilyard, 21, from Kansas, was airlifted to Harborview Medical Center after being extricated from her car. She sustained head injuries and was listed as being in critical but stable condition.

Also airlifted was Nicholas V. Follis, 21, also of Poulsbo, a passenger in the Mazda 626, listed as being in stable condition with head injuries.

The other two occupants, driver Arient, and a passenger in the Mazda 323, identified as John M. Jacksics, 26, of Port Orchard, were transported to Harrison Memorial Hospital (ER). Jacksics was later transferred to Harborview where he is listed as being in critical but stable condition with head injuries.

All occupants, with the exception of Hilyard, were wearing seat belts.

Alcohol consumption and excessive speed appear to be contributing factors in the cause of the collision.

Sheriff's Office traffic deputies continue their investigation.

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