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Early morning accident leaves one dead in Poulsbo

Kingston, Wash. -- Excessive speed appeared to be a causing factor in a single-car fatality accident early this morning.

Location: 24800 block of Miller Bay Road, NE, Poulsbo, between the intersections of NE West Kingston Road and NE Orseth Road.

Time: Approximately 4:30 a.m.

Vehicle: 1969 Ford Fairlane 4-door sedan, blue in color, with driver and no passengers. No other vehicles were involved.

Deceased: Adult male, mid-20s in age. The driver died at the scene of the accident. The release of the identification of the driver and the exact cause of death are pending completion of the investigation and authorization by the Kitsap County Coroner.

Circumstances: The Ford Fairlane was traveling northbound on Miller Bay Road. The driver failed to negotiate a curve in the roadway where the roadway bends from northeast to north. The vehicle left the roadway and struck a large tree that sheered-off the left side of the car. The vehicle then rolled onto its right side, continued its forward momentum, and struck a second tree where it stopped.

The driver was ejected through the windshield. Due to the amount of damage caused to the Ford Fairlane, it is undetermined at this point whether or not the driver was wearing a seat belt. Alcohol consumption does not appear to have been a factor in the cause of the accident.

Action: EMS crews from North Kitsap Fire & Rescue responded to the scene. The investigation is under the jurisdiction of traffic deputies from Kitsap County Sheriff's Office. Assisting agencies at the accident scene included patrol units from the Sheriff's Office and Suquamish, Poulsbo and Port Gamble Police Departments.

Miller Bay Road was closed to through traffic, which hampered morning ferry commuters. Both north and southbound rush hour traffic was re-routed through Indianola via South Kingston Road, NE, and Indianola Road, NE. Miller Bay Road remained closed until approximately 9:30 a.m.

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