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## South Kitsap Fatality Accident

**Port Orchard, Wash.** – A late night south county motor vehicle accident has caused the deaths of two persons and left one person critically injured.

The collision occurred at approximately 11:10 p.m. yesterday (Wed., 06/23/2004) at the intersection of Bethel Road, SE, & SE Cedar Road, in South Kitsap. The collision involved two vehicles.

The driver of a westbound vehicle on Cedar Road apparently failed to yield at a stop sign at the intersection and struck a vehicle traveling south on Bethel Road.

There were three (3) occupants in the southbound vehicle on Bethel Road: the driver, a Bremerton woman, age 23, was airlifted to Harborview Medical Center, Seattle, where she later died from injuries sustained in the accident. One of the passengers in the vehicle, a 25 year-old man from South Kitsap, died at the scene. The second passenger, a 31 year-old Bremerton man, was also airlifted to Harborview Medical Center and is listed as being in critical condition.

In the vehicle traveling west on Cedar Road were three (3) occupants: the driver, a 19 year-old male from South Kitsap, was airlifted to Harborview Medical Center with serious injuries. The two other passengers, both from South Kitsap, were an 18 year-old man and 16 year-old girl. Both were transported to Harrison Memorial Hospital (ER), Bremerton, for treatment of less serious injuries.

After being struck, the southbound vehicle impacted a hardware store located on the southwest corner of the intersection, causing an unknown amount of damage. It does not appear to have compromised the building's structural integrity.

The other vehicle came to rest alongside the hardware store.

Deputies from the Sheriff's Office Traffic Division continue their investigation, to include whether or not excessive vehicle speed, or the use of alcoholic intoxicants/narcotic substances, were factors in the cause of the accident.

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