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## South Kitsap Fatality Accident

**Port Orchard, Wash.** -- An early evening south county motor vehicle accident has caused the death of one driver in a two-vehicle collision.

**Location:** 7000 block of Glenwood Road SW, at the intersection with SW Lake Flora Road, in the unincorporated area of South Kitsap, outside Port Orchard city limits.

**Time & date:** Approximately 5:34 p.m., Friday, 07/23/2004. First call into 911 Emergency Dispatch was received at 5:36 p.m.

### Involved:

- (1) 2001 Ford Focus, blue in color. One occupant, a female age 55, from Idaho, with a local South Kitsap address. This driver is a confirmed fatality, having died in Seattle after being airlifted to Harborview Medical Center with life threatening injuries.
- (2) 1995 Ford Econoline van, gray & silver in color. Two occupants: the driver was a male, age 39; the passenger was a female, also age 39. Both are from the Port Orchard area of South Kitsap. The driver and passenger complained of minor injuries, but denied emergency transport. They indicated that they would proceed independently for further medical evaluation.

All three persons were wearing seatbelts.

**Scene description:** This collision occurred at a "T-intersection". Lake Flora Road runs in an east - west direction and is the top of the "T.". Glenwood Road runs in a north - south direction and is the bottom leg of the "T.". There is one stop sign at the intersection where Glenwood Road intersects Lake Flora Road.

Along the north shoulder of Lake Flora Road is a high, concrete retaining wall.

Vehicular traffic on Lake Flora Road has the right-of-way in any direction.

**Circumstances:**

According to on-scene witnesses, and the preliminary investigation being conducted by traffic investigators, the 2001 Ford Focus was traveling northbound on Glenwood Road, approaching the stop sign at the intersection with Lake Flora Road.

The 1995 Ford Econoline van was traveling westbound on Lake Flora Road, approaching the intersection from the east.

There was one vehicle in front of the Ford Focus, already stopped at the intersection stop sign, waiting for right-of-way traffic on Lake Flora Road to clear before making a right turn.

The Ford Focus, moving northbound on Glenwood Road, passed the lead vehicle (stopped at the stop sign) on the left or driver's side. The Ford Focus entered the intersection without stopping or yielding, passing just in front of the Ford Econoline van.

The van struck the Ford Focus at the right rear tire, forcing the Focus to turn 90 degrees, where it continued traveling sideways until it struck the concrete retaining wall, broadside, on the driver's side of the vehicle.

Fire and rescue crews from South Kitsap's Fire District 7 responded to the scene, extricated the female driver from the Ford Focus, rendered emergency aid, and transported her to Bremerton National Airport for helicopter airlift to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle. The woman later died at Harborview. The identity of the deceased driver is being withheld, pending release by the King County Coroner.

The roadway was blocked to through traffic shortly after the collision, with traffic detoured at SW Lider Road and SW Wildwood Road.

Deputies of the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office Traffic Unit are investigating the collision. It is unknown whether the consumption of alcoholic intoxicants, the use of narcotics, a medical condition, excessive speed or inattention to driving were factors in the collision.

The investigation into the cause of the collision continues.

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