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Racing motorcycles: one dead in South Kitsap

Port Orchard, Wash. – A late afternoon south county collision has caused the death of one person during an apparent race involving two motorcycles.

Location: 11000 block of J. M. Dickenson Road SW, between SW May Ranch Road and SW Alpine Lake Road, in the unincorporated area of South Kitsap, outside the Port Orchard city limits.

Time & date: Approximately 4:17 p.m., Monday, 01/24/2005. First call into 911 Emergency Dispatch was received at 4:19 p.m.

Involved:

- (1) Older model Yamaha motorcycle. One rider, a male age 47, with a South Kitsap address. This motorcyclist was declared dead at the scene.
- (2) Unidentified second motorcycle and rider, still at-large after fleeing the scene.

Circumstances:

According to witnesses two motorcyclists were observed traveling southbound on J. M. Dickenson Road at a very high rate of speed. Witnesses reported that they appeared to be racing.

The Yamaha motorcycle departed the asphalt pavement onto the west-side shoulder of the road where the operator appeared to lose control. The rider struck a utility pole on the roadway shoulder. He was found at the base of the pole in a drainage ditch. The motorcycle's forward momentum continued for approximately 55 feet before coming to a stop.

Washington State Patrol troopers were on-scene shortly after the collision was first broadcast, followed by an EMS crew from South Kitsap Fire & Rescue.

A WSP trooper conducted a traffic stop of a man driving a Honda motorcycle in the 1000 block of SW Pine Road, South Kitsap, based upon time and proximity to the collision. He was detained as the possible second motorcyclist involved in the race. Further investigation by Sheriff's traffic deputies determined that this motorcyclist was not involved in the collision and he was released.

The identity of the deceased motorcyclist is being withheld, pending release by the Kitsap County Coroner.

The scene of the collision was blocked through traffic for several hours, with traffic detoured at SW Lake Flora Road and SW Lake Helena Road.

The deceased motorcyclist was wearing a protective helmet. It is unknown whether the consumption of alcoholic intoxicants, the use of narcotics, a medical condition or a motorcycle mechanical problem were contributing factors in the cause of the collision. Excessive speed does appear to be a factor.

The identity of the second motorcyclist is unknown at present. Sheriff's traffic deputies are interviewing witnesses for further information.

The investigation into this collision continues. Anyone who may have witnessed any part of this incident is asked to contact Deputy Dave Green, Kitsap County Sheriff's Office Traffic Division, at (360) 337-4634.

Persons wishing to remain anonymous may contact Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound at 1-800-CRIME-13.

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