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Central Kitsap fatality collision

East Bremerton, Wash. -- A motorcyclist is dead and his young female passenger treated for injuries following a mid-afternoon collision on a county road in Central Kitsap.

The motorcyclist, a 25 year-old East Bremerton man, was declared dead at Harborview Medical Center, Seattle, following helicopter airlift from Harrison Medical Center in Bremerton. The passenger, a 19 year-old woman also from East Bremerton, was transported to Harrison Medical Center, where she was treated for non-life threatening injuries.

Kitsap County Sheriff's Office patrol and traffic deputies responded along with engine and medic crews from Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue.

The motorcycle was a 2001 Suzuki GSXR 600, registered to the motorcyclist.

The collision occurred around 3:30 p.m. yesterday, in the 6900 block of Old Military Road NE, in East Bremerton. A portion of this residential side street was shut down to through traffic for more than three hours while the collision was investigated.

The second vehicle involved in the collision was a 1999 Nissan Sentra 4-door, operated by an 18 year-old woman from Belfair, Mason County. She also was transported to Harrison Medical Center for treatment of minor injuries.

A preliminary analysis of the collision by sheriff's traffic deputies indicates that the Nissan Sentra was leaving a driveway on the west side of Old Military Road, turning left to head north, when the vehicle was struck by the motorcycle. The motorcyclist, traveling southbound, applied the bike's brakes then laid the motorcycle on its right side and slid, hitting the Nissan underneath the front bumper. The force of the initial collision caused the motorcycle to rotate counter clockwise and then strike the driver's side of the vehicle. The operator of the motorcycle became trapped on the motorcycle in the initial impact while his passenger was ejected. Both were wearing helmets.

An autopsy of the man will be conducted by the King County Medical Examiner to determine the cause and manner of death. It is unknown, right now, whether or not the ingestion of alcoholic intoxicants or narcotics were factors in the collision.

Investigators believe that excessive speed on the part of the motorcyclist is a primary contributing factor in the cause of the collision.

The investigation continues. Persons who may have information about the collision are asked to contact Deputy Andrew Aman, sheriff's traffic unit, at (360) 337-4634.

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