

## **KITSAP COUNTY** SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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# Central Kitsap motorcyclist succumbs to injuries following collision

**Central Kitsap, Wash.** -- Kitsap County Sheriff's traffic deputies are investigating a two-vehicle collision that occurred around noon, Wednesday, in Central Kitsap.

The driver of one of the units later died from injuries sustained in the collision.

**Location:** 3700 block of Seabeck Highway NW, near NW Fern Leona Road, in unincorporated Central Kitsap, northwest of Bremerton and west of Silverdale.

Time & date: reported at 12:24 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 26.

### **Responding agencies:**

**Law enforcement:** patrol deputies and traffic investigators from Kitsap County Sheriff's Office.

Fire: Engine and medic units from Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue (CKFR).

### Involved:

Vehicle #1: 1994 Honda Civic 4-door.

Driver: female, age 29, Poulsbo resident.

**Passengers:** male, age 3 and female, age 1.

No injuries reported to any occupant in vehicle #1.

Vehicle #2: 1996 Harley Davidson FXDWG motorcycle.

**Operator:** The motorcyclist was airlifted to Harborview Medical Center, Seattle, with critical, life-threatening injuries. Harborview medical staff pronounced the motorcyclist deceased around 2:10 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 26.

The King County Medical Examiner's Office has identified the motorcyclist as Patrick Brent Graham, 57, from the Bremerton area of Central Kitsap.

No other persons or vehicles were involved.



Kitsap County Sheriff's traffic investigators discuss the plan for the vehicle vs. motorcycle collision investigation Wednesday afternoon on Seabeck Highway NW. The 1996 Harley Davidson motorcycle undergoes an initial examination by a sheriff's traffic sergeant and Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue emergency crews.

### Synopsis:

Although the investigation is in its early stages, a preliminary report indicates the driver of the Honda Civic was traveling in the northbound lane of Seabeck Highway NW making a left turn into a driveway on the west side of the roadway.

The Harley Davidson motorcycle was traveling southbound on Seabeck Highway NW approaching the Honda Civic.

The female driver of the Honda did not see the approaching motorcycle and continued the left turn, striking the motorcycle operator with the driver's side front bumper of the Honda.

The motorcyclist was ejected from the motorcycle and landed approximately 139 feet south of the collision scene.

CKFR emergency crews provided critical trauma care first aid to the motorcyclist and transported him to the designated helicopter landing zone to be airlifted to Harborview Medical Center, Seattle.

Neither alcoholic intoxicants or drug usage, nor excessive vehicle speed were factors in the cause of this collision.

Seabeck Highway NW was closed to thru traffic for approximately two hours while sheriff's traffic deputies conducted the collision investigation.

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