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WSP, KCSO Detectives Arrest Bremerton Man for 2015 Felony Hit and Run Case

Bremerton – A 49-year-old Bremerton man suspected of being the driver in a felony hit and run case that killed a 64-year-old Port Orchard woman in 2015 was arrested Thursday afternoon in a coordinated effort by Washington State Patrol (WSP) and Kitsap County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) detectives.

Sixty-four-year-old Christopher "Chris" Lukkasson was killed on October 14, 2015, after being struck by a vehicle in the 4800 Block of Victory Drive Southwest in Port Orchard. Lukkasson sustained blunt force injuries to her head and torso and was airlifted to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle. She succumbed to her injuries the next day.

With cooperation from the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) and Bremerton Police Department (BPD), the 49-year-old man was taken into custody at his Bremerton residence without incident.

WSP Detective Krista Hedstrom was contacted by KCSO Thursday morning after deputies received a tip from a Kitsap County Jail inmate. The inmate stated he was a passenger in the van that struck Lukkasson and provided information that led investigators to the suspected driver and additional witnesses.

Detective Hedstrom, KCSO deputies and BPD officers contacted the suspected driver at his downtown Bremerton address Thursday evening where he confessed to the incident. The man indicated the reason he left the scene was because he was scared, Detective Hedstrom said, but appeared relieved after speaking with investigators.

"To keep that secret that long finally caught up to him," Hedstrom said.

He was booked in Kitsap County Jail for felony hit and run later that night where he is being held on a \$500,000 bond. He is expected to appear in Kitsap County Superior Court 3 p.m. Friday.

Lukkasson's family was notified of the arrest Thursday night. The family provided no comment at this time.

Detective Hedstrom stressed the cooperation of the KCSO and BPD was imperative to bringing closure to the case for the family.

"I told them from the beginning I wasn't going to give up on them," Detective Hedstrom said. "We were going to work this case until it was solved."

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