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Two NK incidents
**Sheriff's Office investigates related
motor vehicle collisions and shooting death**

POULSBO, Wash. -- An adult male was pronounced deceased at the scene of a shooting Sunday afternoon in North Kitsap. The shooting was preceded by a collision involving three vehicles in the 18000 block of Viking Avenue NW, south of the City of Poulsbo. The deceased male was the driver of one of the involved vehicles.

Although these are two separate incidents they are directly related. Kitsap County Sheriff's detectives and traffic investigators are investigating both events and scenes.

Vehicle #1: 2008 Jeep Patriot crossover SUV. Driver: deceased male, age 25 - 30.

Vehicle #2: 2007 Dodge Dakota pick-up truck

Vehicle #3: 2019 Ford Ecosport compact SUV

Along with evidence obtained at both scenes, sheriff's detectives are seeking assistance from residents along Viking Avenue NW or adjacent streets / neighborhoods who may have residential video security system, Ring video doorbell or dashcam video footage of the 2008 Jeep Patriot. The Jeep is black in color, like the vehicle depicted here:



Synopsis: Although the investigation is in its early stages, a preliminary report indicates the Jeep Patriot was traveling southbound on Viking Avenue when it struck the rear of the Dodge Dakota truck, around 4:30 p.m., Aug. 2.

Following this collision, the Jeep crossed the centerline and continued southbound in the opposite lane where it struck the Ford Ecosport almost head-on. Both vehicles sustained significant damage. No major injuries were reported as a result of either collision.

The driver of the Jeep Patriot fled the collision scene on foot and ran to a nearby residential property location where he attempted to enter the house. A confrontation ensued between the driver and the homeowner that ended when the homeowner fired several shots from a handgun at the driver.

Emergency crews from Poulsbo Fire Department arrived on scene to render emergency medical care, however the driver was pronounced deceased almost immediately.

The homeowner and spouse were cooperative with sheriff's personnel when contacted shortly after the shooting. No arrests have been made.

An autopsy of the driver of the Jeep Patriot will be scheduled for the near future. The Kitsap County Coroner's Office is working to positively identify the driver. When the autopsy portion of this investigation is completed, the coroner will issue a determination as to cause and manner of death.

This investigation continues. Persons with any information about the collisions or the shooting are requested to contact Detective Tim Keeler at 360.337.4825 or Detective Krista Kleinfelder at 360.337.7117. **Reference: case report K20-006370.**



Crash scene facing northbound in the 18000 block of Viking Avenue NW, North Kitsap, during the early evening of Aug. 2, 2020.

This photo depicts the causing vehicle, a 2008 Jeep Patriot, in the center.

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