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Traffic deputies investigate fatality crash

EAST BREMERTON, Wash. -- Kitsap County Sheriff's traffic deputies are investigating an early morning single-vehicle crash on Wednesday that claimed the life of the driver.

Location: Hansberry Street NW near the intersection with NE Vena Street, in the Tracyton area of East Bremerton.

Time & date: reported at 12:09 a.m., Wednesday, June 12, 2019.

Responding agencies:

Patrol and traffic investigators from the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office.

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

Involved:

Vehicle: 1993 Chevrolet Astro.

Driver: CKFR rescue crews extricated the driver out of the van using emergency hydraulic equipment and transported him to Harrison Medical Center, Bremerton. The driver was pronounced deceased by hospital emergency room medical professionals.

The Kitsap County Coroner's Office has identified the driver as Ean Shane Swanson, age 35, of East Bremerton.

Synopsis:

Although the investigation is in its preliminary stages, traffic investigators report that the Chevrolet Astro van was heading northbound in the 5400 block of Hansberry Street NW when the driver failed to negotiate a curve to the right near the intersection with NE Vena Street.



Photo above: location on Hansberry Street where the vehicle crashed into the guardrail and continued down into a ravine.

Photo right: The 1993 Chevrolet Astro van after it was winched up the embankment to the road.

An autopsy was performed June 14 by the county's forensic pathologist.

The Kitsap County Coroner issued a determination that cause of death was blunt force trauma to the torso. The manner of death was accidental - traffic collision.

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The van crossed into the oncoming lane and then left the roadway onto the shoulder of the southbound lane of travel. Once on the shoulder the vehicle crashed through the guardrail and continued down into a 20-foot ravine.

Roadway evidence, damage to the guardrail, and the distance traveled after striking the guardrail are indicative of speed much greater than the posted 30 mph speed limit at this location. Subsequent information obtained after the driver was pronounced deceased revealed a significant blood alcohol level.

