

At approximately 00:13 on 12/21/2024, Officer Pepicelli (#822) and I were dispatched by CENCOM for a report of a motor vehicle collision versus a tree in the vicinity of State Highway 305 and the Seabold Rd roundabout. Call notes specified that the vehicle had struck a tree that had fallen across the highway while traveling southbound and that the vehicle had ended up in the ditch after running over the tree. Notes also specified that the driver was stuck inside of the vehicle, could not get out, and was injured.

Officer Pepicelli and I ran code to the scene, which was approximately 1,000 feet northwest of the intersection of State Highway 305/ Hidden Cove Rd. Upon arrival, the vehicle (Vehicle 1) was observed in the ditch on the southbound side of the highway facing southward. The vehicle was severely damaged and a large tree was also seen laying across the southbound lane of the highway. Aid personnel had arrived on scene directly in front of us and began assisting the driver out of the vehicle. The driver was conscious and able to move freely and was able to walk out of the ditch after I was able to pry open the driver's door of the vehicle.

The driver, later identified via WA driver's license as [REDACTED], had visible cuts on her hands and feet from glass, as well as a large noticeable abrasion and bump on her face and forehead. I asked [REDACTED] what had happened, to which she explained that she had been traveling the speed limit while traveling southbound on the highway and was surprised by the tree in the roadway due to the dark roadway conditions. [REDACTED] said she hit the tree with her vehicle, which caused her to launch upward and into the ditch on the southbound side of State Highway 305. [REDACTED] did not display any apparent signs of intoxication.

[REDACTED] did not strike any other vehicles or property. I advised [REDACTED] that her vehicle was going to be towed from the scene by Kitsap Towing to their Poulsbo Impound lot and that she can contact Kitsap Towing later after she was back home after receiving medical attention. [REDACTED] was transported by aid to the hospital and Officer Pepicelli facilitated the impound of the car.

