

Narrative / Investigation

At approximately 20:58 on 12/27/2024, Corporal Lewis (#809), Officer Norton (#823) and I were dispatched by CENCOM for a report of a motor vehicle collision involving injuries at the intersection of State Highway 305 and Winslow Way. I turned on my overhead lights and siren and responded to the scene.

Upon my arrival, I observed a male and female standing near a gray colored sedan, WA plate: [REDACTED] (Vehicle 1), as well as a second vehicle ahead of that vehicle occupied by four individuals, WA plate: [REDACTED] (Vehicle 2). I asked all parties if they had suffered any injuries, to which the left rear passenger of the front vehicle, later identified as [REDACTED], stated that she had neck pain but felt otherwise okay.

I obtained driver's license, registration, and available insurance information from both parties and interviewed both parties about what had happened.

The driver of Vehicle 2, later identified as [REDACTED], stated that he was traveling southbound on State Highway 305 and had come to a stop while waiting for the red light to turn to go towards the ferry terminal. While stopped waiting for the light, [REDACTED] stated that he had been struck from behind by Vehicle 1. The passenger in the front right seat of Vehicle 2, later identified as [REDACTED], also stated that Vehicle 1 had struck them from behind while waiting at the red light.

The driver of Vehicle 1, identified as [REDACTED], stated that she had been the driver and that she had struck the back of Vehicle 1 while traveling southbound on State Highway 305. I noted that [REDACTED]'s boyfriend, later identified as [REDACTED], had nodded in agreement when asked about who had been driving the vehicle. When asked what had caused her to do so, [REDACTED] explained that she had not seen the tail lights of Vehicle 2 in front of her, and that she wondered if the tail lights were turned on. [REDACTED] further stated that she believed the her vehicle had integrated cameras available that might show what happened. I explained to [REDACTED] that if that is the case that she can present that information to Law Enforcement when she is able to do so.

Based on the significant damage to the front end of Vehicle 1 and damage to the rear end of Vehicle 2, along with the interview information collected from both drivers, it was apparent that the driver of Vehicle 1 had collided with the rear end of Vehicle 2. Both vehicles were "limped" to the old BIPD station lot on the SE corner of State Highway 305/ Winslow Way to await tow. The driver of Vehicle 2 opted to leave their vehicle in the lot and plan to have the vehicle moved and fixed by Monday, 12/30/2024.

Vehicle 1 was impounded by Kitsap Towing after driver was ultimately unable to produce payment for an owner's request tow after misplacing her purse. The driver of Vehicle 1 was also later arrested for DUI, which was noted as a likely contributing circumstance to the collision as well. See associated EIS report for further details.

