

At approximately 08:35 on 11/17/2024 I was dispatched by CENCOM for a report of a Hit and Run collision that had occurred outside of the "Brandy Bagels" (correct name of shop is "Briny Bagels") bagel shop along Valley Rd. The call notes stated that there had been no injuries and that the vehicle that had left the area appeared to have been a dark blue Tesla.

I arrived on scene and spoke with the owner of the bagel shop, [REDACTED], who had been advised by a witness, [REDACTED], that a vehicle had been struck in the parking lot. The witness had provided a photograph of the suspected vehicle to [REDACTED], which he provided to me. The photograph showed what appeared to be a dark blue Tesla passenger car. The victim's vehicle (Vehicle 2), a silver colored Chevy Equinox, was discovered to belong to one of [REDACTED]'s employees, [REDACTED]. I spoke with [REDACTED], who confirmed that the damage to his vehicle had not been present when he had parked it there earlier today and that he had not seen the collision occur. I obtained [REDACTED]'s information and took photographs of the damage to the vehicle. The rear driver's side bumper was visibly cracked and there was apparent scraping and some slight dark blue paint transfer along the bumper of the driver's side rear bumper.

I then contacted the witness, [REDACTED], who stated that he had seen a white female with brown hair (approximately in her 60s) back her dark blue Tesla from the stalls across the lot immediately North of where Vehicle 2 had been parked. Vehicle 2 was parked facing southward as Vehicle 1 continued backing (ultimately colliding) with the rear bumper of Vehicle 2. Vehicle 2 had been unoccupied. The witness then observed the driver of Vehicle 1 exit their vehicle, look at the area she had struck, then leave the area without leaving information or attempting to contact anyone in the area. The witness obtained a license plate of Vehicle 1 as it left the area, WA plate: [REDACTED], which he had provided to [REDACTED] to share when he called 911. The license plate return showed that the vehicle was a Tesla with an address located on Bainbridge Island.

After speaking with the witness I drove to the address shown on file for the Tesla, [REDACTED]. I knocked on the door of the residence and was met at the door by a male subject. I identified myself as a Bainbridge Island Police Officer and advised him that he was being audio and video recorded. I then asked if anyone in the residence had recently been involved in a collision at the "Briny Bagels" bagel shop on Bainbridge Island. The male subject confirmed that his wife had recently been there and asked if I would like to see the vehicle, which I acknowledged that I would like to.

The male opened the garage door and his wife, identified via WA driver's license as [REDACTED], admitted that she had been in a collision at the bagel shop earlier in the morning. A dark blue Tesla matching the description of the suspect vehicle with matching plate was parked in the garage and [REDACTED]'s physical description matched what had been described by the witness on scene. [REDACTED] advised that after she had bumped into the car she got out to check for damage and stated that she had not seen any, so decided to leave the area without talking to anyone or leaving her insurance information. I had taken pictures of the damage to Vehicle 2 and showed her the damage, to which she agreed that the damage was, in fact, visible. There was no obvious sign of damage to the Tesla, but [REDACTED] did admit that she had struck Vehicle 2 with her rear bumper as she had backed out of her stall.

Ultimately, the victim did not want to pursue criminal charges and was okay with settling the damages through the insurance claim process. An exchange of information was emailed to both parties for use in the insurance claim process.



