

On 06/28/2022 at approximately 0123hrs, CENCOM advised of a heard only collision in the area of SR305 and Sportsman Club Rd.

Bainbridge Island Fire Department, Cpl. Lewis, and I all arrived at approximately 0127hs and located the vehicle and driver on the side of SR305 approximately 100 feet north of the intersection with Sportsman Club Rd. We contacted driver 1 of the vehicle who was walking around the vehicle when we arrived. Cpl. Lewis began talking to Driver 1 while I inspected the scene and tried to determine what happened without getting to much info from driver 1. Driver 1 did say he had been coming from Sportsman Club Road and swerved to avoid a deer in the roadway and then lost control and went off the roadway.

Upon looking at the location and orientation of the vehicle and walking the skid marks all the way back to where they began on Sportsman Club Rd, I was able to determine how Vehicle 1 traveled along the roadway. Vehicle 1 was driving East on Sportsman Club Rd, crossed the centerline with the left side of the vehicle and entered the intersection at a speed fast enough to lose traction and create skid marks over the pavement.

The traffic light at SR305 and Sportsman Club has a sensor. The light sensor was working while we were on scene and the light from Sportsman Club Rd is always red unless a vehicle approaches from the west and stops at the light. The light will change the lights on SR305 to Red from green and then change the light for East bound traffic to Green. The light does not stay green long after the light is not being triggered and soon goes to yellow and then back to red.

For Vehicle 1 to go through the intersection at such a speed, it would have had either another vehicle in front of Vehicle 1 or Vehicle 1 would have had to have ran the red light. I asked Driver 1 if there was another vehicle around when he was driving, and he said no there were no other vehicles.

As the vehicle made the left turn from Sportsman Club Rd, it turned into oncoming traffic, and it appeared to have accelerated. The acceleration caused the back of the vehicle to fish tail all the while still traveling north in the south bound lane. Vehicle 1 lost control and spun almost 180 degrees where it struck a WS DOT optacon pole with the left rear corner of Vehicle 1. The pole was sheered off at the base and was laying underneath the vehicle.

Driver 1 said he had driven from Sportsman Club Rd and while he made the corner, he had to swerve for a deer which was in the road. Driver 1 also admitted to accelerating after making the left turn to North bound SR305.

If Vehicle 1 had come from a complete stop and began accelerating from the stop light. Driver 1 should have had plenty of time to see a deer in the roadway and Vehicle 1 would have been in the correct lane of travel and could have easily stopped before striking a deer in the roadway. Furthermore, the skid marks on the roadway show the vehicle never swerved it only lost control due to a rear wheel drive vehicle attempting to accelerate to quickly while not driving in a straight line.

Cpl. Lewis arrested driver 1 for DUI.

