

At approximately 16:47 on 02/20/2024 I was dispatched by CENCOM for a report of a hit and run collision that had occurred. The caller/ witness, [REDACTED], had observed a white vehicle, WA plate: [REDACTED], drive off of the roadway at the intersection of Winslow Way and State Hwy 305 and "hop up onto the curb" in front of the old Bainbridge Island Police station at 625 Winslow Way E. [REDACTED] had stated that he observed the pickup smash into one of the blue planters in front of the station, back up, drive north up Ferncliff Ave, then turn back around southbound on Ferncliff Ave towards the downtown area. [REDACTED] further described the pickup truck as having a white canopy and that he had observed that the driver of the vehicle was a female who appeared to be "in her 80s" and appeared confused and was driving very slowly. I observed the smashed blue planter in front of the station and proceeded to check the area with Sergeant Sias (#805)

At approximately 17:01 as Sergeant Sias and I searched the downtown area an unknown injury collision had been called in to CENCOM involving the vehicle described above at the intersection of Wyatt Way and Finch Rd. I turned on my overhead lights and siren and responded to the intersection of Wyatt Way and Finch Rd to find the vehicle, WA plate: [REDACTED]. The vehicle was a white Ford Expedition and was stuck into the driver's side of a second vehicle, WA plate: [REDACTED]. All parties initially declined medical attention, but the driver of the Expedition, later identified as [REDACTED], had been transported by medical personnel due to her being severely confused and disoriented. [REDACTED] did not smell of alcohol, nor did she appear intoxicated. When I had initially spoken to [REDACTED] upon my arrival on scene she spoke clearly and had advised me that she was not injured. [REDACTED] appeared more confused and disoriented to me than impaired. I noted that there was a dark blue paint transfer on the front bumper of [REDACTED]'s vehicle consistent with the color of the dark blue planter in front of the old Bainbridge Island Police Station that had been struck and destroyed.

I interviewed an additional witness on scene, [REDACTED], who had observed [REDACTED], Vehicle 1, driving on the northern shoulder of Wyatt Way while heading westbound on Wyatt Way approaching Finch Rd. [REDACTED] then stated that he observed Vehicle 1 drive back onto the roadway as they approached the intersection of Wyatt Way and Finch Rd, ultimately colliding with her driver's side into the driver's side of Vehicle 2, a dark green Lexus (WA plate [REDACTED]).

Corporal Lewis (#809) had interviewed [REDACTED] about what had happened on scene and she had described the very same scenario that had been described by [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] had a copy of her insurance in her vehicle that showed it was recently expired as of February 2024. [REDACTED] was transported by aid from the scene before a citation could be issued, and so a citation for operating her vehicle without valid insurance has been issued to be sent to her via mail.

It should also be noted that [REDACTED]'s vehicle had been called in earlier in the day for a Hit and Run that had occurred in Bremerton, WA involving the vehicle backing into and causing minor damage to a neighbor's vehicle. The notes from that Bremerton call from the reporting party indicated that he had asked the driver, described as an older female, if she was okay and that she had only nodded her head before driving off. The reporting party had mentioned in the call that they believed that the collision may have been "because of her age" and that "she doesn't see the road."

[REDACTED]'s vehicle had also been called in on Bainbridge Island at approximately 13:57 later that day after driving over a curb near the intersection of Sportsman Club Rd and Wardwell Ln but was unable to be located by Officers during that time.

Due to all of the above circumstances, it appears that [REDACTED] did not cause any of the collisions with criminal intent and that a driver's re-evaluation in conjunction with the insurance citation would be the more appropriate course of action. The driver's retest form was submitted to DOL.

