

On January 27th, 2024, at approximately 0948 hours, I was dispatched via CENCOM to a report of a single-vehicle unknown-injury motor vehicle collision on State Route 305 and Vineyard Lane. The reporting party, [REDACTED], said that the vehicle was in a ditch and that her boyfriend was talking to the occupants of the vehicle, who had since exited. Enroute to the call, [REDACTED] advised that the four occupants had taken off on foot after removing things from the vehicle.

I arrived on scene and confirmed that the vehicle, a black 2018 Chevrolet Impala bearing WA plate [REDACTED], was clear. I immediately noticed that the glovebox was open and empty. I suspected that the vehicle may have been an unreported stolen. Several onlookers advised that the occupants had run toward the condominiums on Vineyard Lane. Officer Bingham looked for the occupants while I remained on scene with the vehicle.

I spoke with [REDACTED] and her boyfriend, who said that all four occupants were black males, all wearing black puffy coats. I advised CENCOM via radio of the suspects' descriptions.

I returned to my vehicle to attempt to find details for the registered owner of the vehicle, [REDACTED]. I located a phone number in EIS and called [REDACTED]. I told her that we were out with her vehicle, and asked her if she knew who might have been driving it on Bainbridge Island. [REDACTED] said no and said she had left it at a friend's house. I asked [REDACTED] if she could give me her friend's name. She dodged the question and requested if she could come out from Bothell to retrieve the vehicle. I told her that the vehicle was not drivable and it appeared to be an unreported stolen. I asked her again if anyone had permission to be driving her vehicle. She dodged this question as well. I told her I would call her back when we had some more information.

I photographed the collision scene. Approximately 50 feet north of where the vehicle came to rest in the ditch, I observed tire tracks heading southwest toward the ditch. There were vehicle parts and collision debris on the shoulder and in the ditch all the way to the vehicle. It appeared that the vehicle was travelling at a high rate of speed before the driver lost control, left the roadway, and travelled for another 50 feet before being stopped by the mud. The vehicle barely missed a "No Left Turn" sign just north of the intersection with Vineyard Lane.

Officer Bingham located the four occupants in the woods just southwest of the condominiums. He advised that they were detained and he was having the subjects walk toward Vineyard Lane. Officer Lasnier arrived on scene with Officer Bingham and they began attempting to identify the occupants. The occupants were identified as [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]. Reference Officer Bingham's supplement for further.

I called [REDACTED] back. She said that only the father of her child had another key and permission to use the vehicle. I asked [REDACTED] for his name and explained that I just wanted to confirm if he was one of the occupants involved, and that I could not disclose to her who was with the vehicle. [REDACTED] dodged my question several times, claimed that the speaker on her phone was broken, and asked if she could call back on a different number. I said yes. [REDACTED] never called me back. It was clear that she did not want to cooperate with the investigation or identify the father of her child as he was likely one of the occupants involved. I noted that the two adults, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], were in a 2nd and 3rd degree suspended/revoked license status, respectively. Additionally, [REDACTED] had an ignition interlock restriction.

I noted that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had the same address listed in EIS, and it was likely that [REDACTED] was the father of [REDACTED]'s child. Ultimately, we were unable to determine if the vehicle was stolen or taken without permission. The vehicle was impounded by Kitsap Tow.



