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NOVEMBER 6TH FATAL CRASH AT KITSAP WAY AND NATIONAL AVENUE

As has been reported in the media, Gian King, a passenger in one of the cars involved in this 5-car crash, passed away Sunday at Harborview Medical Center.

The investigation of the causes and issues related to the crash is continuing. The female driver of the red Kia, which rear-ended the Honda Accord at the intersection, reports having a newborn at home and interrupted sleep. She also related to investigators that she likely fell asleep, which caused the crash. The Kia was travelling onto the sidewalk on the east side of National well before the crash occurred, and there is no indication of any attempt to correct the vehicle, which is consistent with the driver being asleep. There was no indication at the scene of alcohol or drug use.

There is more investigation to be completed, but this preliminary information indicates strongly that the driver likely fell asleep, due to a chronic lack of sleep over the past several days. Along with any additional information, this case will be forwarded when completed to the Kitsap County Prosecutor's Office and it would be their decision whether criminal charges would be appropriate.

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