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SEROIOUS TRAFFIC CRASH INVOLVES FIVE CARS

Last night, November 6, 2015 at 9:06 p.m. the Bremerton Police and Fire Departments were dispatched to Kitsap Way and National Ave. for a five car serious injury crash.

Officers determined that a white Honda occupied by three people was stopped at the light and waiting to turn right on National at Kitsap, next to the Starbucks building. Another vehicle, a red Kia, approached form behind, northbound on National coming down the hill, at a very high rate of speed. The vehicle coming down the hill ran into the back of the stopped vehicle, causing extensive damage and pushing it into the roadway on Kitsap Way.

As a result of the initial collision, the white Honda that was struck was pushed into the intersection and collided with a vehicle that was traveling eastbound on Kitsap Way, west of National Ave. The red Kia that rear-ended the stopped vehicle struck a different vehicle that was stopped for a red light westbound Kitsap Way at National Ave., then continued across the intersection, striking yet another vehicle that was westbound on Kitsap way.

The red Kia then struck the curb on the north side of Kitsap Way, causing it to roll. The vehicle finally came to rest on its roof next to a building located well north of Kitsap Way. The Kia was being driven by an adult female, who had an infant in her car at the time of the collision. The infant was in a rear-facing car seat in the back seat and was uninjured.

The white Honda, which had been stopped at the light, was occupied by three people. Two from that car, and the female driver of the Kia were transported to Harrison Medical Center in Bremerton for non-life threatening injuries. One of the passengers in the Honda that was rear-ended was airlifted to Harborview Medical Center and is listed in critical condition.

Speed was clearly a factor in this collision, and at this point, it is not yet determined if drugs or alcohol were a factor. Bremerton Police and Fire were assisted by the Washington State Patrol and Central Kitsap Fire, and the investigation will continue for contributing factors. The intersection was closed for over two hours.

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