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### Anonymous Tip Leads to Arrest of Fatal Hit and Run Suspect

**Eatonville** – An anonymous tip led to the arrest of a 37-year-old Roy man suspected of striking and killing a bicyclist on State Route 7 at 320<sup>th</sup> Street East early Thursday morning.

On the morning of August 9, 2018, Susan Rainwater of Eatonville was riding her bicycle on the northbound shoulder of State Route 7 approaching 320<sup>th</sup> St. E. Sometime between 9:21 a.m. and 9:24 a.m. Rainwater was struck as a vehicle, also traveling northbound, left the roadway and hit Rainwater from behind.

Washington State Patrol (WSP) detectives were able to locate fragments from what they believed to be the front headlight assembly of a dark colored vehicle on scene.

Friday, August 10, 2018, at approximately 8 a.m., the WSP obtained an anonymous tip received by the Pierce County Sherriff's Office. The tip included a vehicle license plate and described front end damage to the right side headlight assembly of a pickup truck. This tip led detectives to the location and arrest of 37-year-old Jeremy Simon on Tuesday morning. Simon was booked in Pierce County Jail for vehicular homicide and hit and run resulting in a death.

Simon is known to drive a 1986 Chevrolet K-10 pickup registered to his father. Simon admitted to detectives that he fled the scene after striking Rainwater.



The anonymous tip came after a picture tweeted of broken car parts found at the scene received more than 600 comments on Reddit.com from car enthusiasts and mechanics around the nation. One commenter, who identified himself as a Maryland State Vehicle Inspector, narrowed it down to a mid-1980s Chevrolet truck headlamp bezel.

The WSP and its detectives would like to thank the community for their assistance with providing numerous tips and leads that helped to solve this case.

Simon is scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday, August 15, 2018 in Pierce County Superior Court.

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