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7-year-old boy killed in SR 16 crash not properly restrained, witnesses sought

Port Orchard – A 7-year-old Bremerton boy was killed Monday after being ejected from a vehicle that lost control on westbound State Route 16, west of Tremont Street in Port Orchard.

WSP is asking anyone who witnessed the collision or may have struck debris involved in the collision to call 360-473-0141.

A green 1999 Toyota Sienna minivan was traveling westbound on State Route 16 at approximately 5:42 p.m., driven by 30-year-old Gregorio Calmo Jeronimo of Bremerton. The vehicle lost control and went off the roadway to the right, striking a guardrail. Due to the rainy, wet weather conditions, WSP is looking at speed as a contributing factor, however the collision remains under investigation.

Andy Calmo Jeronimo, 7, was seated on a booster seat in the third-row of the mini-van, but was unrestrained. Upon impact, he was ejected from the vehicle. He was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The vehicle was occupied by four other children ages 6, 8, 9 and 12. All were restrained and uninjured. The front passenger, 34-year-old Alicia Carrillo Cruz, was uninjured.

The Washington State Patrol (WSP) investigated the collision, closing westbound State Route 16 for approximately six hours with detours in place.

The WSP is reminding drivers to ensure their children are properly seat belted while traveling. For information about child restraint safety, how to get a booster or car seat, or how to have a child restraint inspected, visit www.SaferCar.Gov. From there, parents or guardians can locate their local contacts based on their location.

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