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WSP trooper injured when wrong-way vehicle strikes patrol car

BREMERTON – A Washington State Patrol (WSP) trooper was injured after stopping an impaired, wrong-way driver with her patrol car on state Route 3 north of Bremerton Friday, July 10, 2020.

WSP dispatchers received more than 25 reports of a wrong-way, white sedan traveling southbound in the northbound lanes of state Route 3. The first report was received at around 4:46 p.m. stating the vehicle, a 2012 Chrysler 200, was passing milepost 51 near Poulsbo.

WSP troopers responded to the area as dispatchers continued to receive witness updates. The final update said the vehicle was southbound in the northbound lane at Anderson Road near Silverdale.

A trooper responding south of the area began slowing traffic, preparing to intercept the wrong-way vehicle near Newberry Hill Road. Just moments later, the trooper observed the sedan approaching around a corner. The vehicles collided head-on in the left lane of northbound state Route 3.

One additional minor injury collision occurred earlier as a result of the wrong-way vehicle on northbound state Route 3 near state Route 308 as drivers attempted to get out of the way.

“Wrong way drivers can be one of the scariest, most dangerous people on our highways,” said WSP District 8 Captain James Mjor. “Our trooper had to make a grave decision to put herself between the public and a dangerous driver, risking her own safety. No doubt our trooper’s actions tonight perhaps saved innocent motorists and a suspect in crisis.”

The trooper sustained minor injuries and was transported by aid to Harrison Hospital in Bremerton where she was treated and released. She has been with the WSP for five years and transferred to the Bremerton area in May 2017.

The wrong-way driver, a **39-year-old Quilcene woman**, was uninjured. She was taken into custody for suspicion of driving under the influence (RCW 46.61.502) by the Kitsap County Sheriff’s Office.

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