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## **Off Duty Seattle Police Officer Struck And Killed Rendering Assistance At A Collision On I-5**

**King County:** At approximately 11:45pm on June 12, 2021 Washington State Patrol (WSP) troopers responded to a multiple vehicle collision SB I-5 just south of the Spokane St on ramp. This collision was blocking all but the HOV lane with minor injuries involved.

This collision caused a lengthy backup and at approximately 1:18am on June 13, 2021 WSP communications received a 9-1-1 call about a three car collision that occurred in the backup SB I-5 near Columbian. At 1:19am, another 9-1-1 call was received advising that a pedestrian at the scene was struck by another vehicle.

Troopers arrived at 1:24am and a short time later were advised that the pedestrian was deceased. Through the investigation it was determined that the pedestrian was an off duty Seattle Police Officer heading home from work and stopped to assist at the collision scene. Subsequently as they were outside of their vehicle another vehicle came into the scene and struck them. That driver remained at the scene and is cooperating with investigators.

It was discovered that one of the drivers from the initial three car collision fled the scene in the SPD officer's personal vehicle prior to troopers arriving.

The vehicle was found abandoned this morning and is being held for evidence. Numerous WSP detectives along with assistance from other agencies are actively searching for the suspect that fled the scene.

The Washington State Patrol extends our thoughts and prayers with heavy hearts during this time of grief for this officer who went above and beyond to stop and provide assistance at this scene.

Washington State Patrol detectives are seeking witnesses to this collision or anyone with information on the suspect that fled the scene. Please contact the Washington State Patrol at (425) 401-7742.

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