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Fatal Hit and Run Collision

CITY – Newport, Pend Oreille County

On January 17, 2022, Troopers investigated a vehicle versus pedestrian fatality hit and run collision on northbound SR-2 at about MP 333 (directly in front of the Newport Elementary School) in Pend Oreille County.

At about 1845 hours, 911 received a call from a resident hearing a collision at 333432 SR-2. Several minutes later, 911 advised a pedestrian had been struck and was lying in the snowbank along the highway. The reporting party stated the pedestrian was unresponsive and aid was requested. Additional information indicated the causing vehicle had left the scene and headed north towards Newport. Debris from a Toyota was found scattered at the scene.

Evidence from the scene indicated a female was walking south on SR2, on the northbound shoulder of the roadway, when she was struck by a vehicle. The vehicle came to rest in a snow bank on the east side of the roadway, backed up and immediately fled the scene. The female was pronounced deceased at the scene.

UPDATE:

A vehicle of interest was located in Newport, by Newport Police. The vehicle was impounded into State Patrol evidence, No arrest have been made at this time. The female victim has been identified with assistance from Spokane County Medical Examiner for the Pend Oreille County Coroner as, Shileen L Poitra 33 YOA of Spokane. Next of Kin notifications have been made.

State Patrol Detective Spangler is seeking any information and/or witnesses of the collision or information. Anyone with information is requested to please contact Detective Spangler at (509) 227-6644 or Ryan.Spangler@wsp.wa.gov.

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