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### Four Traffic Fatalities In Two Days On King County Roads

**King County:** The Washington State Patrol (WSP) in King County alone investigated three collisions this past Thursday and Friday which resulted in four individuals losing their lives.

The first collision was on SR 167 Thursday evening where a motorcycle rider lost their life after being rear ended by a pickup due to speed, inattention and following too close.

The second collision happened yesterday morning on I-90 near MP 42 where a driver of a vehicle lost their life when they left the roadway and struck an overpass support pillar. The cause of this collision is still under investigation.

The third collision occurred yesterday afternoon on SR 410 west of Greenwater where a vehicle crossed the centerline and struck another vehicle which resulted in the two occupants of that vehicle losing their lives. The driver that crossed the centerline was airlifted to Harborview with serious injuries. The investigation in this tragedy led to the conclusion that the driver was reaching for their cell phone.

The Washington State Patrol wants to stress the importance of not driving distracted and adhering to all traffic laws which are in place to make the roadways a safe place to travel. As the weather gets nicer there will be more vehicles on the roadways especially motorcycles. Please remember motorcycles are harder to see and like all other times of the year eliminate distractions and use all your attention to drive safely.

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