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WSP Seeks Witnesses to Collision That Killed Six People

Fife, Wash. – Six people have died and three more were injured in a two-car collision Sunday morning at the intersection of state Route 509 and Alexander Avenue. Washington State Patrol (WSP) detectives are seeking witnesses to the collision, as well as others who may have dash-cam footage from the surrounding area at the time of the crash.

The collision occurred at approximately 11:17 a.m. on July 16, 2023. A white 2021 BMW X7 with two occupants was traveling northbound on SR 509 approaching the intersection of Alexander Ave. At the same time, a grey 2021 Kia Forte with seven occupants was traveling eastbound on Alexander Ave. approaching northbound SR 509.

The two vehicles collided in the intersection. As a result of the collision, six of the seven occupants in the Kia were killed. The surviving occupant is in critical condition in an area hospital. The two occupants of the BMW are in stable condition.

Our hearts go out to the family and friends of the individuals who lost their lives today. When an incident of this magnitude occurs, we strive to be as thorough as possible with our investigation in order to provide those affected by it with as many answers as we can. We appreciate the public's patience and flexibility with the road closure which lasted for over six hours.

Investigators are seeking further information regarding the circumstances that led to the collision. WSP detectives are asking anyone who has a dash-cam that recorded the vehicles or the crash to contact them. Additionally, if you drive a Tesla and think you may have video footage but aren't sure how to access it, detectives may be able to help you retrieve it.

Those with video footage, and anyone else who may have additional information regarding the collision or the persons or vehicles involved, are asked to contact **Detective Michael Pry at (360) 827-1401**.

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