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Driver of fatal single car collision arrested

EVERETT – Traffic Safety Unit detectives arrested and booked the driver of a fatal single car collision on vehicular homicide charges.

After 8 pm last night, detectives were called to the 7700 block of Hardeson Rd after officers found a damaged car in the roadway. Earlier, an officer attempted to stop the vehicle as it drove northbound on 5th Ave W without headlights but it did not stop and drove off at a high rate of speed. The officer did not pursue.

The driver of the damaged vehicle fled the scene before officers found it. He left behind an injured 38 year-old male in the front seat and an unresponsive adult female in the back seat. Both were transported to Providence Regional Medical Center Everett where the female died from injuries sustained in the collision.

Based on tips from neighbors and a police K-9, the male driver was located hiding nearby and arrested. The 30 year-old Lynnwood man was booked into the Snohomish County Jail on hit and run (RCW 46.52.020) and vehicular homicide (RCW 46.61.520) charges.

Based on the investigation, it is believed the vehicle continued northbound on 5th Ave W onto Hardeson Rd at a high rate of speed, crossed the centerline on a wide corner, left the road and stuck a rock wall before returning and coming to rest in the center of the roadway.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office took custody of the body to determine cause and manner of death and will provide identity once family has been notified.

The involved vehicle, a Nissan Altima, was impounded as evidence and awaits a search warrant to enter the vehicle.

There is no medical update on the injured male passenger.

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