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## Two Wrong Way Drivers Arrested For Vehicular Assault Within Two Hours

**King County:** The Washington State Patrol (WSP) responded to two separate wrong way collisions early yesterday morning, December 1, 2024, involving suspected impaired drivers.

The first collision occurred at approximately 12:20am on SR 520. The causing vehicle was traveling eastbound in the westbound lanes approaching 84<sup>th</sup> when it struck another vehicle that was traveling in the correct direction. The driver of the second vehicle was extricated and rushed to Harborview Medical Center in critical condition. The driver of the wrong way vehicle was arrested for DUI and Vehicular Assault due to suspected impairment.

The second collision occurred at approximately 1:20am in the westbound lanes of I-90 near Rainier Avenue. The causing vehicle was traveling eastbound in the westbound lanes and struck another vehicle that was traveling the correct direction. The causing driver was initially arrested for suspicion of DUI due to suspected impairment. Subsequently it was determined the victim driver sustained broken ribs making this a Vehicular Assault investigation.

In addition to these preventable crimes there was a Vehicular Homicide investigation that occurred last night. At approximately 11:40pm, WSP communications received 9-1-1 calls of a serious collision southbound I-5 near the King / Pierce county line. It was determined the causing vehicle was traveling southbound at a high rate of speed and struck another vehicle. The driver of the vehicle that was struck unfortunately died. The driver of the causing vehicle was arrested for Vehicular Homicide due to suspected impairment.

EVERY ONE of these tragic crimes were completely preventable! It is imperative to make good choices and to drive sober throughout this holiday season as well as every other time of the year.

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