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## **Driver Using Cell Phone Hits Pedestrian on I-5**

A Bellevue man was transported to Harborview Medical Center with life-threatening injuries after he was hit by a passing motorist while filling up his gas tank on the right shoulder of I-5 in Sea-Tac. The driver that hit him had been drinking and detectives believe he may have been using his cell phone at the time of the collision.

At approximately 2:08 p.m. Sunday afternoon, Mugiraneza Vianne, a 24-year-old Auburn resident, was driving his maroon 1999 Nissan Quest minivan southbound I-5 just north of the 200<sup>th</sup> street exit in lane 1. Vianne drifted onto the right shoulder and collided with Patrick Franklin, a 40-year-old Bellevue resident, as he was completely off the roadway and in the process of filling up the gas tank of his disabled 1980's model GMC pickup.

Franklin was transported to Harborview Medical Center with life-threatening injuries. There was one passenger in Franklin's vehicle at the time of the collision who was not injured.

Vianne was booked into King County Jail for investigation of vehicular assault. Alcohol was a factor and it is currently being investigated to what capacity Vianne was using his cell phone when the collision occurred.

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