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Man Escapes Serious Injury After Slamming into Rear of Semi-Truck

Thursday evening a 37 year-old Bonney Lake resident escaped serious injury after slamming his vehicle into the rear of a semi-truck in the northbound I-5 Federal Way weigh station.

At approximately 9:04pm a black Mercedes sedan entered the weigh station at an extremely high rate of speed and slammed into the rear end of a semi-truck as the driver was conducting a self initiated routine weight check on the east scales. Witnesses advised investigating troopers that the Mercedes was traveling at an estimated 70mph on the exit ramp to the scale house (10mph speed limit through scales) and barely slowed down before slamming into the rear of the semi-truck.

The driver of the Mercedes, Jason Fritzler, was transported to Auburn General Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Alcohol is believed to be a factor and Fritzler is being investigated for driving under the influence.

The driver of the semi-truck was not injured and the scale house was not damaged. The northbound Federal Way weigh station was closed for approximately 2 hours while troopers investigated the collision.



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