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DUI Crash on SR167 Leaves a Female Seriously Injured

A Tacoma man was arrested for Driving Under the Influence today after he lost control of his truck and went into oncoming traffic causing another truck to hit him. The passenger of the other truck was taken to the hospital with serious injuries.

The state patrol received reports of a two car crash on SR 167 at 30th Avenue, just after 2:00p.m. today. Robert M. Phillips, a 54 year-old of Tacoma, was attempting to enter traffic going northbound on SR 167 when he lost control of his 1964 Chevrolet Pickup truck. He slid into the southbound lanes, causing a 1989 Nissan Pickup to hit his truck on the driver side.

The driver of the Nissan, 59 year-old Peggy A. Anderson of Orting, was transported to a local hospital with minor injuries. The passenger in the Nissan, 67 year-old Marilyn Parhan of Orting, was transported to Tacoma General Hospital with serious injuries to her head. Phillips was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of alcohol and may face Vehicular Assault charges upon completion of the investigation.

The northbound lanes of SR167 are closed and traffic is being detoured at Pioneer during investigation of the scene. The southbound traffic is being detoured around the crash scene in the northbound lanes. The roadway is expected to reopen within the next hour.

The Washington State Patrol continues to educate the public on the dangers of drinking/drugging and driving. This is another reminder of why you do not get behind the wheel after consuming alcohol. With the wet roadways it is even more important to drive safely and make sure your vehicle and tires are in good condition to handle the wet roadways.

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