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If the Text Message is That Important, Pull Over

Naselle - A man who admitted to troopers that he had been texting and driving ran off the road and struck a tree just north of the Bone River Bridge last Thursday evening.

Fifty-five year old Jimmy D. Morris of Chinook was traveling northbound on State Route 101 at around 9:00 pm, when he entered a curve to the right. While attempting to text message on his cell phone, he failed to negotiate the curve and continued straight across oncoming traffic, left the roadway and struck a tree. His vehicle, a 1994 Ford F150 pickup received heavy front end damage and had to be towed from the scene.

Fortunately, Mr. Morris was wearing his seatbelt and was not injured in the collision. He was cited for 2nd Degree Negligent Driving.

This serves as a reminder that texting while driving is very dangerous. Trying to read or type a message can take your eyes off the road for too long. If a message is that important, pull over and send your message. You should only be on the road when you can give driving your full attention.

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