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### Detectives Seek Information, Dash Cam Video In Fatality Investigation

**King County:** At approximately 4:47pm on December 13, 2017, the Washington State Patrol (WSP) responded to a report of a serious injury collision on SR 18 near the Raging River (MP 26). When troopers arrived, two vehicles with heavy damage were partially blocking the westbound lanes. The driver of one of the vehicles was deceased and the other had serious injuries.

Witnesses stated that a Ford Focus was traveling eastbound when it struck a driveline that was in the roadway causing it to slide broadside into the westbound lanes. A Jeep Cherokee that was traveling westbound subsequently struck the passenger side of the Ford which sustained significant damage and resulted in the death of the Ford driver.

Based on the evidence from the scene and witnesses, detectives believe there is a strong possibility that the driveline was lost from a semi-tractor that was being towed using the "piggyback" method by another semi-tractor. According to experts, it is common for a semi being towed in this manner to have one end of the driveline disconnected and secured to make the driveline inactive. Evidence from the scene showed a straight patten of gouges up to a certain point at which time they veered from the westbound to the eastbound lanes where either it struck or was struck by the Ford Focus.



**Piggyback Example**



**Driveline Taken Into Custody**



**Ford Focus**



**Jeep Cherokee**

WSP detectives are seeking any information to include dash cam video including video from commercial motor vehicles traveling through this area between 4:15pm and 5:00pm on December 13, 2017. This would be an integral part in identifying the vehicle that lost this driveline. In addition, if any individual has come to realize they lost this driveline, you are also requested to contact the WSP. Please contact Detective Brody Ford at (425) 401-7742 or by email at [brody.ford@wsp.wa.gov](mailto:brody.ford@wsp.wa.gov).

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