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Update

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The driver of the motorcycle involved in this morning's fatal collision has been identified as a 43-year-old Mount Vernon man. The trooper originally attempted to stop the motorcycle northbound on I-5 near Bow Hill for speeding. The motorcycle exited I-5 at the Bow Hill exit and then immediately got back onto I-5 southbound at Bow Hill.

The trooper initiated a pursuit of the motorcycle as it passed the Bow Hill scales on I-5 southbound. The trooper continued to pursue until the motorcycle eventually entered I-5 heading northbound in the southbound lanes at College Way in Mount Vernon. At that point, the trooper terminated the pursuit.

This investigation is ongoing.

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Shortly before 3 AM on 02/13/25, a trooper with the Washington State Patrol attempted to stop a motorcycle on southbound I-5, north of Mount Vernon. The driver of the motorcycle did not stop for the Trooper and fled southbound on I-5. The driver of the motorcycle exited I-5 southbound at the College Way exit in Mount Vernon. At that time the trooper discontinued efforts to stop the motorcycle.

The Trooper relocated the motorcycle in Mount Vernon and attempted to stop it again. The driver of the motorcycle fled again; this time it re-entered I-5 at College Way traveling northbound in the southbound lanes. Once again the trooper discontinued efforts to stop the vehicle. The trooper did not follow the motorcycle into the southbound lanes of I-5.

As the motorcycle approached the Skagit River Bridge it struck a part of the bridge and ejected the driver. After being ejected, the driver was hit by an oncoming semi-truck. The driver of the motorcycle was pronounced dead on the scene. No one else was injured because of the collision.

Skagit-Island SMART has been asked to investigate this fatality collision. This investigation is ongoing, and we will issue another release when more information is available.

