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Two-Vehicle Crash Sends One into Occupied Apartment

On behalf of the Kent Police Department

Kent, Wash. – April 13, 2016- One person was sent to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries this afternoon after her SUV was struck from behind in the 12700 block of SE 240 Street. The second person in the vehicle, an adult male, did not require hospitalization.

The small station wagon which hit the SUV continued eastbound for one block before crashing through a fence and clipping the corner of an occupied apartment. It then came to a stop after striking a large tree. The two adults in the station wagon were shaken up but declined aid from the Kent RFA firefighters.

The adult male in the apartment was approximately 10 feet from the point of impact and was struck by flying glass. Fortunately, he did not suffer any other injuries and did not need to be transported to the hospital.

Firefighters found debris for 100 feet around the impact site, and a propane bottle from a BBQ that was run over ended up against the apartment complex's office over 200 feet away. A Kent building official was brought to the scene to determine if the building was structurally affected. He recommended some shoring of the exterior for the safety of the occupants.

This crash could have been much worse due to the amount of vehicle and foot traffic in the area. Kent Police are continuing their investigation of the incident.

Media: As a general reminder due to an incident tonight, the Kent Regional Fire Authority asks members of the media to respect private property and move to a public right-of-way if requested to do so by the property owners or managers.

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