One Vehicle Collision Nets DUI Arrest

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HOQUIAM, Wash. - On January 29, 2010 at about 2:05 AM a Hoquiam officer was dispatched to a one vehicle collision on the Simpson Avenue Bridge. It was report that the vehicle was partially on the barrier on the right side of the entrance to the bridge and blocking the right lane.

Investigation at the scene revealed that the driver, a 43 year old California man, was attempting to drive his 2002 Ford Pick-up onto the on-ramp to the bridge when it struck the cement barrier on the right side at the base of the bridge. The rear of the truck came to rest on the side of the barrier.

The driver who was standing near the truck told the officer that he was having trouble with the transmission in the truck and that it had quit working. As the man spoke the officer could smell a strong odor and an intoxicating beverage on his breath.

Another officer at the scene saw that there was a small about of blood on the inside of the passenger door of the vehicle and asked the driver if there was a passenger. The man originally denied that the was a passenger in the vehicle at the time of the collision but he later changed his story and said that his friend had ran off when he saw the lights from the police car.

The driver was subsequently arrested for DUI and taken to the Hoquiam police station for processing where he was issued a citation and later released to a sober, responsible adult.

The driver had not been injured during the collision.

The passenger was located in a bar in the downtown area and identified. He had sustained a small cut above his eye but he did not require medical attention.

The amount of damage to the vehicle or the cement barrier (if any) is not known.