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THURSTON COUNTY

A Black Hills High School student might face a felony assault charge for punching another student in the eye after school this week, according to the Thurston County Sheriff's Office.

The freshman who was struck and his parents are seeking criminal charges against a sophomore who allegedly punched the 15-year-old in the eye Tuesday after school.

A sheriff's deputy forwarded a report Thursday to the juvenile division of the county Prosecuting Attorney's Office stating there is probable cause for a second-degree assault charge to be filed against the sophomore, who also is 15.

The freshman's parents kept him out of school the rest of the week due to the severity of his

eye injury, but he doesn't appear to have suffered permanent damage to his vision.

Prosecutors haven't yet decided whether to pursue charges.

State Patrol seeks big rig that caused I-5 crash

The State Patrol is seeking the public's help in finding the driver of a tractor-trailer who caused a Friday morning crash on Interstate 5 and kept driving.

Ethan M. Peterson, 23, of Centralia was headed north about 5 miles north of Centralia in a 1991 Geo Metro when the tractor-trailer made a lane change and collided with him, according to Trooper J. Ashley.

The Geo went into the median, striking the cable barrier and coming to rest facing the wrong way on top of the barrier.

Anyone with information about the big rig, which might have had an orange tractor or trailer, is urged to call the State Patrol at 360-586-1998.

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