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STOLEN VEHICLE / SUBBASE BANGOR INCIDENT

On March 8, 2019, at roughly 11:42 am, Bremerton Police responded to the report of a woman who just had her car stolen at knife point. The woman was at a gas station located at Sheridan Road and Wheaton Way in Bremerton. The male suspect had asked the victim for a ride before displaying a knife and shoving the victim out of her car. The male suspect was accompanied by a small child whom he fled with in the stolen vehicle.

While that investigation was taking place, and Bremerton PD was trying to locate the suspect, Subase Bangor Police had a male subject run the gate onto the base. The male suspect crashed the vehicle, which turned out to be the suspect from the car theft. The crashed vehicle was the stolen vehicle from Bremerton and the suspect was still accompanied by his daughter at the time of the crash. Base security took the suspect into custody. NCIS and Subase EMS attended to the child. As a precaution, EMS transported the child to Harrison Hospital for an evaluation. Both the mother and grandmother of the child were eventually contacted and reunited with the child.

Bremerton Police responded and took the suspect, Joshua Johannessen into custody. He was acting bizarrely and told the officers he had been taking methamphetamine. He was paranoid that people were out to get him and believed bombs had been placed in the crashed vehicle and under his Bremerton house. Both the house and the vehicle were cleared by law enforcement personnel.

The investigation is still ongoing at this time.