



BREMERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



BPD Weekly Update

At least he's an honest guy.

911 callers reported a hit and run at a local tavern where the driver struck a parked car and then did a burnout while leaving the area. He must have had a Jiminy Cricket moment because he returned to the scene prior to police arrival. Corporal Polonsky was first on scene and quoted the suspect as saying, "I'm an honest person. I'm not saying that just because I'm drunk." Solid gold! At any rate, he was right. Officer Steven Forbragd had the driver go through Field Sobriety Tests. Any guess on how those went? He blew a .177 into the Portable Breath Test and in the .170 neighborhood on the Draeger back at the station. He was booked into jail. [Sergeant Jeff Schaefer]

Rollin' stolen jackpot.

Officer Kevin Peterson stopped a car for not having headlights on at night. Cencom advised him of a recent stolen hit on the vehicle out of Fife. The driver and two passengers in the back seat were detained. A pistol was observed at the feet of one of the passengers. About 24 hours and a search warrant later, the driver and passenger were sitting in the can on seven charges a piece. We learned the gun had been stolen in Fife about two days before the car was stolen. Tons of stolen mail, access devices and a little bit of smack were found in the vehicle too. [Sgt. Schaefer]



Thanks a lot, man.

Officer Madison was dispatched to a local bar to investigate an employee's report of a patron with a fake hundred dollar bill. The employee felt the bill was fake, but didn't have a counterfeit detector pen to confirm it. Officer Madison contacted the suspect, who had a misdemeanor warrant. On the way to jail, Officer Madison stopped at a gas station where the clerk checked the bill with one of those pens. Turns out the \$100 bill was legit. The hundred was returned to the man and he was booked on his warrant. Chances are when he's released from jail, he won't be using his inmate's issued debit card at the bar. [Sgt. Schaefer]

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Can I get a second opinion?

Officer Chris Faidley observed a silver Toyota Corolla traveling in the wrong lane on 15th Street. At one point, the driver nearly collided with Officer Faidley's patrol vehicle. When he stopped the vehicle in the Olympic College parking lot, it bounced off the curb, providing a clue to the problem. Officer Kasey Trask arrived and administered Field Sobriety Tests, which the driver did poorly on, supporting the suspicion the driver was highly intoxicated. Once they arrived at the police station, the suspect spoke with his attorney by phone. Once his call was completed, he requested a second opinion. Officer Trask provided that second opinion with the BAC machine. Second opinion was the same as the first. He secured his trip to jail by blowing a .19, almost 2 1/2 times over the legal limit. Maybe next time our intoxicated driver will seek a second opinion prior to consuming his second, third, fourth, fifth or even sixth Hard Seltzer and then driving. [Sergeant Todd Byers]

Sea Bear and her Cub - A Nautical Yarn.

This is a story about a boat and her trusty dinghy. A watercraft that was once lost, but is now found. That vessel is Sea Bear and her dinghy, The Cub. It all started in 1969 when the Grand Banks boat builders rolled a 42' model off the assembly line. So shiny and new, it went home with one eager mariner that year. Over the past five decades it had been enjoyed by several different sea faring skippers



A 1969 42-foot Grand Bank (not the actual boat from our story)

The current owner put the vessel up for sale on Craigslist. To his delight, a buyer reached out and asked to take the Sea Bear out for a test cruise. The two met and took Sea Bear for a spin on Puget Sound. They piloted the craft from Port Orchard up to Silverdale. When they experienced gale force winds, they had to turn back, seeking shelter in the protected waters of Oyster Bay. The owner anchored offshore from some homes off Kitsap Way. The owner ferried the buyer to a nearby dock aboard a dinghy, and with permission of the dock's owner, was able to tie the dinghy to their dock. The buyer said he'd be back with the money. Seller and buyer parted ways.

The owner returned to the dock and wouldn't you know it? The Cub was gone and Sea Bear was nowhere to be found in the bay. A nearby security cam video

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showed the buyer double-back after the owner left. Apparently this purchaser was not any ordinary seadog, he was a pirate.

Corporal Jason Vertefeuille took the report and on an educated hunch, asked the Sheriff's Office to check the Silverdale Park dock. As luck would have it, Sea Bear was found along with the buccaneer who stole her. He claimed he was just taking the boat up to Silverdale to clean it up in anticipation of buying it. A search of his person incident to arrest yielded everything, but money for buying a boat. The crafty swashbuckler was booked on a Department of Corrections arrest warrant. The report detailing the boat theft was forwarded to the prosecutor's office for review. Sea Bear is back in the hands of her rightful owner who we hope uses a reputable boat listing publication in the future. [Sgt. Byers]

And the award for best actor goes to...

On Super Bowl Sunday, Sergeant Tim Garrity was taking a spin through downtown to end his shift. He observed a westbound car try to pass a westbound taxi in the eastbound lane on Burwell Street after tailgating it just a couple of feet off its rear bumper. The sergeant flipped on the overheads as the violator turned left onto Pacific Avenue. The guy pulled up to the curb on First Street and got out and walked over to a tavern like it was no big deal the cops were behind him. Sergeant Garrity caught up to him and detained him in handcuffs and quickly realized this guy was crooked. After all, it was Super Bowl Sunday. Anyway, this guy should be nominated for an Academy Award for his subsequent performance. The subject collapsed onto the sidewalk dramatically whacked his own head against the building. As Sergeant Garrity watched, all he could say was, "Really?" After Officer Peterson arrived, they escorted him to a patrol car where the guy again smacked his head. He asked, "Why'd you hit my head?" He collapsed again and then wrapped his legs around the pole refusing to let go. It took several officers to peel him off the light post and get him into the back seat. Even with all that amusement, the best part was when he said he couldn't be DUI because he didn't have a car. Some people really shouldn't drink. The coolest part was there was a group of people outside the tavern watching the whole thing. They said we did a great job. WSP was requested to the scene and a rookie trooper and his coach were more than happy to take over. Word is they went straight to the hospital for a blood draw. [Sgt Schaefer]

A bowl-and-a-half.

Officer Forbragd observed a car turn into an alley off 1st Street without the use of a turn signal and almost hit a fence in doing so. He stopped the violator and noticed his bloodshot eyes with dilated pupils, lethargy and body tremors. He had the subject step out and was met with the odor of burnt marijuana on his breath and clothing. The driver agreed to perform some Field Sobriety Tests, which are hard to do when you're high. He was placed under arrest for DUI. The driver said he'd smoked a "bowl-and-a-half." In his defense, he said he had a concussion in 2007 so that might affect his performance in those tests. Uhhh, okay. After donating blood to the WSP Crime Lab, the suspect was booked into jail for DUI. [Sgt. Schaefer]

Way to set the example mom!

Someone reported a car parked downtown by the boardwalk with the engine running and two people asleep inside. The vehicle was not really in a parking area. Officer Kennedy responded and immediately noticed a loaded rig along with some syringes and little Ziploc bags on the driver's lap. That would explain sleepy time on the boardwalk. Officer Kennedy woke the driver up and had her step out.

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He seized the loaded syringe and set it on the roof of the car as to not risk anyone getting poked by it. The woman identified herself, confessed she had used heroin and then said the other person in the car was her 15 YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER! The suspect consented to Officer Kennedy retrieving the other paraphernalia from inside the car which yielded some more heroin plus a little meth. The mom was booked for possession of illegal narcotics and Child Protective Services was notified. [Sgt. Schaefer]

He should stick to wine coolers.

Officer Bill Prouse's services were requested at a local bar for a patron who wore out his welcome and refused to leave. The bartender noted the subject started acting irrational after his one Jack and Coke. When he started to get weird and bother other patrons, she asked him to leave. Like a half a dozen times. She finally called 911 when he ignored her. Officer Prouse arrived and also asked the man to leave about a half a dozen times. After the guy just stared at him and laughed, the request turned into an arrest for criminal trespass but the subject had a different agenda. Officer Prouse took the man down to the floor after the guy tried to pull away from his attempts to take him into custody. As they grappled on the floor, Officer Adam Merritt arrived to assist. After a moment of trying some ground control that didn't work, he zapped the man in the back with his TASER. That did the trick. The man continued to rant and rave about nonsense. He went to jail for trespassing and resisting. According to Corporal Hall, he went straight into a crisis cell in the booking area. [Sgt. Schaefer]

Royal Flush

Officer Ryan Avery recently stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. After contacting the occupants, he suspected more than just violations of the vehicle code were afoot. Officer Avery applied his partner, K9 Remy to the exterior of the vehicle. Wouldn't you know it, she alerted very convincingly. Officer Avery obtained consent from the driver to search the car. During the search, an aspirin bottle was located which contained heroin and methamphetamine. Officer Avery continued his search, subsequently locating crack cocaine. In the narcotics K9 world, this is known as a "Royal Flush" (methamphetamine, heroin and crack). Both the driver and passenger were booked into jail on their respective drug charges. [Sergeant Billy Renfro]

Stolen Car located in Minutes

Early in the shift, Cencom advised that a vehicle had just been stolen from Ivy Road. The victim said he had left their keys in their car while they checked on a vacant apartment they were managing. They heard the car door slam shut and the engine rev. He went outside to see someone drive south on Wheaton Way. Pretty much the whole shift headed that way. Corporal Rodney Rauback located the vehicle driving south on Warren Avenue. Officers conducted a high risk stop and took the suspect into custody. The owner of the car had never seen the suspect before. It was later learned the suspect lived right next to where the car was stolen. He was booked for Theft of a Motor Vehicle. [Corporal Mike Nelson]

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