

SHERIFF'S DEPUTY ARRESTED FOR DOMESTIC ASSAULT

Port Orchard, Wash. – A Kitsap County Sheriff's deputy has been arrested following an investigation into an allegation of domestic violence.

Detectives from King County Sheriff's Office arrested Deputy Michael J. Mayson, 40, early Tuesday evening, May 13, 2003, at a residence in Poulsbo. He was booked into Kitsap County Jail on charges of Assault, 2nd Degree (domestic violence), and Felony Harassment (domestic violence). Bail amount was set initially at \$250,000.

The charges stem from a complaint filed with Kitsap County Sheriff's detectives by Cynthia A. Mayson, 37, the former spouse of Deputy Mayson. The Sheriff's Office received the complaint on Monday, May 12, 2003. As the allegations contained in the original complaint were criminal, King County Sheriff's Office was contacted and detectives from that agency assumed responsibility for the investigation. Deputy Mayson was placed on administrative leave Monday evening.

Deputy Mayson is scheduled to make an initial court appearance today at approximately 3:00 p.m. in Kitsap County Superior Court.

Deputy Mayson started work with KCSO as a deputy sheriff in June 1995 after transferring from Linn County Sheriff's Office, Oregon. He had previously worked for Poulsbo Police Department from 1992 to 1993. He holds collateral duty assignments as a field training officer and is involved in the department's reserve deputy program as a coordinator.

“Deputy Mayson has performed admirably as a field operations deputy. He is one of seven officers to receive the department's highest award, the Medal of Valor,” said Sheriff Steve Boyer. “I am aware that the allegations as contained in the complaint, and the results of the investigation so far, may impact the morale of this department significantly.

“However, I have a great deal of confidence in the professionalism and in the quality of this department’s personnel,” added the Sheriff. Our deputies, officers and staff will pick-up, carry on and persevere with the day-to-day business of keeping the peace. Despite recent events locally concerning police domestic-related issues, I consider this to be an aberration.

“This complaint, while difficult, will be handled in accordance with established procedures, due process and the rule of law.”

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