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## East Bremerton double homicide (update)

**Port Orchard, Wash.** -- Kitsap County Sheriff's detectives continue their search for the primary suspect identified in the domestic violence homicide of an East Bremerton woman and her son.

The Kitsap County Coroner has confirmed the identity of the deceased woman as Evelyn Matsen, age 34, and that of her son as Wahren Agonoy, age 13.

An autopsy of both victims was completed this afternoon. The Coroner has determined the cause of death of both Evelyn Matsen and Wahren Agonoy to be from a gunshot wound. The manner of death is listed a homicide.

Sheriff's detectives are aggressively pursuing the apprehension of Bryan Christopher Matsen, age 35, the husband of Evelyn Matsen and the stepfather of Wahren Agonoy. Bryan Matsen was previously listed as a person of interest. A warrant for his arrest has been issued for two counts of first degree murder (domestic violence).

Further to the investigation into the double homicide, Sheriff's detectives have learned that Bryan Matsen was detained by officers with Edmonds Police Department at approximately 5:05 p.m., Friday, Nov. 4, on the M/V Walla Walla (Washington State Ferries) after being found slumped over the steering wheel of his car by ferry crewmembers. At the time Walla-Walla was en route from Kingston to Edmonds.

Matsen's vehicle, a white-colored 1981 Mercedes 300D 4-door, was parked on the car deck of the Walla Walla with the motor running and the gear shift selector in park. Ferry crewmembers requested law enforcement assistance due to Matsen's apparent intoxicated state.

Edmonds PD officers detained Matsen for being in physical control of a motor vehicle. While in their custody Matsen made several statements expressing his intent or wish to commit suicide.

Due to his statements Matsen was transported to Steven's Hospital, Edmonds, for a mental health evaluation. While at the hospital he was processed for being in physical control of a vehicle while under the influence of alcoholic intoxicants / narcotics. Matsen refused to provide a breath or blood sample to investigating officers. A criminal citation was completed and issued to Matsen assigning a date and time to appear in court on the physical control charge, as well as for operating a vehicle while his license is suspended / revoked (2<sup>nd</sup> degree) and for not having an ignition interlock device installed in his vehicle as required. Matsen was issued a traffic notice of infraction for failure to provide proof of vehicle liability insurance.

Upon completion of the impaired driving investigation, Edmonds PD officers left Matsen in the custody of mental health professionals at the hospital. He was subsequently discharged from the hospital later (time & date not known).

Matsen's vehicle, the 1981 Mercedes, was impounded by Edmonds PD. During an inventory search of the vehicle officers discovered a 12-gage shotgun in the rear of the car. The shotgun is believed to be the weapon used in the murders. Both the Mercedes and the shotgun have been turned over into the custody of Kitsap County Sheriff's detectives as evidence.

A criminal background check on Matsen returned with a May 1995 arrest in Flagstaff, Arizona, for DUI, and another arrest in Flagstaff in July 1996 for trespassing, assault and disorderly conduct.

Matsen was arrested by Sheriff's deputies at his East Bremerton residence on Dec. 18, 2004 for DUI, which resulted in a deferred prosecution.

Sheriff's deputies responded to the residence on Sep. 24 for a complaint of simple assault (domestic violence) and malicious mischief involving Evelyn Matsen being pushed and shoved by her husband. Bryan Matsen fled prior to law enforcement arrival. Despite a thorough area search he was not located.

On Oct. 26 Sheriff's patrol deputies responded to the residence, again, when Evelyn reported that Bryan Matsen was intoxicated and had locked her and her son out of the house. The investigating deputy advised Evelyn to obtain a restraining order against her husband. That evening Evelyn spent the night at a friend's residence.

The following evening, Oct. 27, Sheriff's deputies returned to the Matsen residence again, this time to serve Bryan Matsen with a copy of a temporary order of protection. Bryan Matsen was required to vacate the residence per court order. Matsen packed a small bag and departed on foot.

Deputies were called to the house twice that same night. At 7:03 p.m. Evelyn Matsen called to report that her husband had returned home and taken one of their vehicles, the 1981 Mercedes, and driven away, in violation of the court order.

At 8:36 p.m. Bryan Matsen was reported to have returned, again in violation of the court order, and had attempted to assault his wife with a metal baseball bat. Matsen fled from the house prior to deputies' arrival. The baseball bat was taken as evidence and probable cause was established for his arrest for 2<sup>nd</sup> degree assault (domestic violence) as well as for violating the protection order. Deputies conducted a lengthy and thorough search of the greater surrounding area without locating Matsen.

Bryan Matsen contacted his spouse by telephone on Tuesday, Nov. 1. He would not reveal his whereabouts to Evelyn Matsen as he knew that law enforcement were looking for him.

Bryan Matsen is presently running at-large. His whereabouts are unknown.

Kitsap County Sheriff's detectives are working closely with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies in their attempt to find and arrest Bryan Matsen. A copy of the arrest warrant / wanted flyer has been submitted to the web site America's Most Wanted.com:

<http://www.amw.com/>

Bryan Christopher Matsen is considered armed, dangerous and suicidal. Do not attempt to apprehend Matsen, but rather pass all pertinent information to your local law enforcement agency or 911.

Anyone with information concerning Matsen's whereabouts is asked to contact Kitsap County Sheriff's Detective Tim Keeler at (360) 337-4825 / (360) 792-3605, or Detective Mike Rodrigue at (360) 337-4479 / (360) 308-4100.

Persons wishing to remain anonymous may contact Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound at 1-800-CRIME-13.



**Bryan Christopher Matsen**

**Date of photograph: 10/01/2002**

**White male, age 35**

**Height: 5' 10"      Weight: 185 lbs.**

**Hair: brown      Eyes: blue**

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