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## **Sheriff's Office seeking the whereabouts of missing South Kitsap woman**

**Port Orchard, Wash.** – The Kitsap County Sheriff's Office is enlisting the assistance of the general public in an attempt to find a missing South Kitsap woman.

Betty Jean Boyce, age 43, used to reside in the 4000 block of State Highway 3 West, in the community of Gorst in South Kitsap. She was last physically seen at her home on Sept. 15, 2005, by her neighbors. Her whereabouts is unknown.

By all appearances, Betty has disappeared as she has had no contact with friends or family members for several months.

Physical description: white female, age 43, 5' 02" ht., 125 lbs. wt., brown eyes and brown hair.

On Dec. 28, 2005 a missing person report was filed with the Sheriff's Office by James P. Boyce, 53, of Tacoma, the missing woman's former husband. James is the custodial parent of their only child.

James reported that the last instance that he had contact with Betty was in September following a child visitation. Betty missed all subsequent child visits without any notice or contact with the child's father to explain her absence. James became increasingly concerned about his former wife's welfare when she failed to contact him about her visitations. Finally, when there was no contact on Christmas Day, as per past practice, James contacted the Sheriff's Office to file a missing person's report.

In conducting the investigation a Sheriff's deputy contacted the U. S. Post Office that provides service for the missing woman's address. All mail for Betty Boyce had been bundled and held, as personal mail in her post office box had not been retrieved since late September or early October.

The investigating deputy, assisted by South Kitsap Fire & Rescue, checked Betty's residence in Gorst. The house was empty of furniture and possessions and appeared abandoned. Utility services had been disconnected. Although the house was empty, there was nothing suspicious found inside that would provide information concerning the homeowner's disappearance.

A check with relatives indicated that Betty last had contact during the summer. The woman's neighbors last report seeing her on Sept. 15, however they added that they did observe three adult women, together with a male, remove an appliance from the carport on Dec. 24, load it into a rust-colored station wagon, and depart heading southbound on State Highway 3 towards Mason County.

Betty's name and personal information have been entered into state (WACIC) and federal (NCIC) data bases as a missing person.

Anyone with information concerning Betty Jean Boyce is asked to contact the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office at (360) 337-7101. Persons who wish to remain anonymous may contact Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound at 1-800-Crime-13.



**Betty Jean Boyce**

**Date of photograph: 11/01/2004**

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