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Man hospitalized, then jailed, following South Kitsap shooting

Port Orchard, Wash. -- Kitsap County Sheriff's detectives are investigating an early morning assault incident after a 28 year-old Bremerton man was found injured from an apparent gunshot inside a South Kitsap residence.

The injury is not considered life threatening.

Sheriff's patrol deputies responded to a rural residence, a mobile home in the 4000 block of Oakhurst Lane SW, at 12:27 a.m. today, following a 911 dispatch of a report of gunshots in the area and a vehicle heard leaving at a high rate of speed.

Responding deputies could not get anyone inside the mobile home to immediately answer the door, although they had reason to believe that the residence was occupied.

While trying to determine who might be inside the house, deputies discovered a vehicle on the property that was listed as reported stolen out of Pierce County. Further investigation returned that a possible occupant of the residence, the 28 year-old Bremerton man, had an outstanding felony warrant of arrest for escape, issued by the Washington State Department of Corrections.

Deputies called for a tow truck to remove the stolen vehicle from the property.

After a considerable period of time a 21 year-old Port Orchard woman, the girl friend of the Bremerton man, opened a door to the residence and contact was made inside. Deputies found the wounded man lying on a couch with an apparent single gunshot injury to his buttocks. When questioned, the woman said that she initially didn't respond to deputies knocking at the door because her boyfriend knew that he had an outstanding felony warrant for his arrest.

The man was transported to Madigan Army Medical Center, Tacoma, by South Kitsap Fire & Rescue, for further medical treatment. He has since been released from the hospital, into the custody of Sheriff's detectives, and booked into jail for the outstanding warrant.

The woman has been interviewed and released.

Sheriff's detectives have served a search warrant on the South Kitsap premises. Among multiple items recovered as possible evidence were two rifles and a handgun, plus associated ammunition. One of the weapons, a 7.62mm SKS semi-automatic rifle, was identified as having been stolen during a burglary in Mason County. A second firearm, a .22 caliber Ruger semi-automatic rifle, was identified as having been stolen during a burglary in Poulsbo. The third weapon, a .22 caliber Phoenix Arms semi-automatic handgun, is still being traced.

Sheriff's detectives have generated specific intelligence information about this case and are continuing their investigation.

Persons with information concerning this shooting are asked to contact Detective Ken Smith at (360) 337-4998. Those wishing to remain anonymous may contact Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound at 1-800 CRIME-13.

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