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East Bremerton woman survives all-night domestic assault

Port Orchard, Wash. -- A 43 year-old East Bremerton woman is alive and has been treated and released following a harrowing domestic violence assault lasting more than 14 hours inside of her residence.

Her alleged assailant, a 49 year-old Central Kitsap man, is at Harborview Medical Center, Seattle, with apparent suicidal knife-type injuries that he sustained after an alleged, prolonged aggravated domestic violence spree that involved rape, burglary, unlawful imprisonment and assault.

The two had been in a previous dating relationship for more than a year, which the female victim had ended.

Sheriff's detectives are continuing the investigation initiated by responding Sheriff's patrol deputies.

Shortly after 11:00 a.m. yesterday (Thurs., 01/12/2006), a K-9 patrol deputy responded to the woman's residence in East Bremerton to investigate a hang-up call placed to 911. As the deputy knocked on the front door it immediately opened and the victim rushed out of the house screaming hysterically, yelling for help. The deputy took tactical action to protect himself and the victim, but only caught a glimpse of a male figure inside the house.

Additional Sheriff's Office and City of Bremerton Police Department patrol units responded to the residence to contain the scene and assist. The victim, attired only in nightclothes, had been relocated to a neighboring residence for her safety and to get out of the pouring rain. A deputy then spoke with the victim to ascertain additional information about the situation and who else may be inside her residence.

The victim provided a brief synopsis of her ordeal:

- After returning home at approximately 7:45 p.m. Wednesday evening, she took care of some routine chores and then sat down in her living room to watch television. At approximately 9:00 p.m. she heard a noise coming from the master bedroom. When she went to investigate she was surprised and accosted by the assailant, her former boyfriend, who had been inside her bedroom closet hiding, awaiting her return home.
- During the course of the night the victim stated that she was repeatedly hit with a baseball bat, bound-up with rope and tied to her bed, and sexually assaulted numerous times.
- The victim stated that during the course of the assaults, her assailant would yell and scream accusations that she was cheating on him, and that he threatened to kill her, or kill himself, or both.
- Once daylight came, the victim stated that she was in fear of the eventual outcome. She was able to convince the suspect to untie her to allow her to use the toilet. When the suspect was briefly distracted, the victim was able to use her cordless telephone to dial 911; after dialing she threw the telephone underneath the bed, in hopes that law enforcement would respond to the call.

By this time containment of the residence was set and patrol deputies were attempting to contact the suspect inside by telephone and by utilizing a loud speaker. The man inside the victim's house opened the front door and peered outside, but he wouldn't communicate with the on-scene deputies.

Sheriff's deputies, with assistance from Bremerton PD officers, formed a tactical team and forced entry into the residence to arrest the suspect. Entering deputies found copious amounts of blood throughout the entire house. Inside the master bedroom, the team found the suspect laying on the bed, unresponsive, and bleeding profusely. No other persons were found.

A medic unit from Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue responded to the scene, provided immediate medical attention to the man, and then transported the suspect to Harrison Medical Center, Bremerton. The suspect was subsequently transferred by an Airlift Northwest helicopter to Harborview Medical Center.

The residence was processed for evidence by Sheriff's detectives. Recovered inside the house were a number of items used by the suspect, including a baseball bat, rope and two knife-edged type weapons.

The suspect's vehicle, a 1989 Ford van, was later found by the initial responding K-9 deputy in the parking lot of a local tavern, within walking distance of the victim's home. The van was impounded as evidence.

The suspect is under guard by Sheriff's corrections officers at Harborview Medical Center, pending medical release. A warrant has been issued for the suspect's arrest, with a bail amount set at \$500,000. When medically cleared for release from hospitalization, the suspect will be taken into custody and transported to the Kitsap County Jail for booking. Formal charging by the Kitsap County Prosecutor will occur later.

The female victim was examined and treated at Harrison Medical Center.

The investigation by Sheriff's detectives continues. Anyone with information concerning this assault is asked to contact Detective Fel Abille at (360) 337-5620. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may contact Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound at 1-800-Crime-13.

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