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Update: East Bremerton all-night domestic assault

Suspect released from hospital, now in custody

Port Orchard, Wash. -- The 49 year-old Central Kitsap man who is alleged to have held his former girlfriend captive for more than 14 hours in her East Bremerton home last week, where she was repeatedly beaten and sexually assaulted, has been released from Harborview Medical Center, Seattle.

When cleared for release from hospitalization yesterday, the suspect was turned over into the custody of Sheriff's deputies and transported to the Kitsap County Jail. He was booked into jail on charges of rape, 1st degree (DV) and burglary, 1st degree. His bail was set at \$500,000.

A warrant for the man's arrest was issued last Friday. He has been under 24-hour guard at Harborview, by Sheriff's deputies or corrections officers, since Friday evening.

It is expected that the suspect will make an initial appearance in Kitsap County Superior Court tomorrow at 3:00 p.m.

The man was airlifted to Harborview after a Sheriff's K-9 deputy responded to the victim's home to investigate a 911 hang-up call placed to Kitsap County Central Communications (911 dispatch) just after 11:00 a.m., Thursday (01/12/2006). When the deputy knocked on the front door the 43 year-old victim rushed out of the house screaming for help.

Once security of the scene was established by additional sheriff's patrol units together with Bremerton Police officers, a forced entry into the house was made. Inside the master bedroom the entry team found the suspect laying on the bed, unresponsive, and bleeding profusely from apparent self-inflicted, knife-type injuries. The man was transported to Harrison Medical Center, Bremerton, and then airlifted to Harborview.

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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