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Four arrested in connection with numerous South Kitsap burglaries

Port Orchard, Wash. -- Four South Kitsap men are now in custody following an early Monday morning burglary spree that included two churches and an automobile dealership in the South Kitsap and Port Orchard areas.

- (a) Sheriff's patrol deputies responded to a 3:05 a.m. burglary alarm activation at the Bible Baptist Church, 6703 Bethel Road SE, South Kitsap. Upon arrival they discovered that the front door glass was shattered and confirmed that a computer monitor was missing from the pastor's office. No suspects were located.
- (b) Deputies also responded to the Christ The Rock Church, 4000 SW Old Clifton Road, South Kitsap, to a 4:32 a.m. report of suspicious persons seen near the back of the church. The report was made by an early morning newspaper delivery person.

The initial arriving deputies at the Christ The Rock Church found two individuals running southbound through the church's parking area. The suspects separated and ran in different directions. Additional arriving deputies searched the church proper and found evidence of a break-in. Patrol deputies set containment of the area and a K-9 officer from Bremerton Police Department arrived at the church to initiate a track.

The first suspect was located in the woods across Old Clifton Road, approximately 200 yards northeast of the church. The suspect was kicking at the K-9 when he was found and refused to comply with verbal orders. The K-9 was recalled and the suspect was taken to the ground and secured in handcuffs. The K-9 located the second subject approximately 15 yards south of the church parking lot lying in brush. He was found wearing latex gloves and had a black-colored, long sleeve shirt wrapped around his neck and head. This subject also had a two-way radio, a programmable radio scanner and a hammer in his possession.

A medic unit from South Kitsap Fire & Rescue responded and treated both suspects for minor injuries related to the K-9 arrest. One suspect was eventually transported to Harrison Medical Center, treated and released back into the custody of the Sheriff's Office.

Further to the investigation, deputies discovered that a locked gate to the Christ The Rock Church had been forced open. This was later determined to have been caused by one of the suspects ramming the gate with his pickup truck to gain access to church property.

Deputies found a number of office windows of the Christ The Rock church shattered where the suspects had forced entry into the facility.

The suspects' vehicle, a 1993 GMC pick-up truck, was located by a Port Orchard police officer parked nearby on the shoulder of SW Hudson Drive at SW Feigley Road. Hidden in bushes in the immediate vicinity deputies found a number of equipment items, all removed from the Christ The Rock Church. In the bed of the truck were found additional equipment and power tools. Among the stolen items recovered were: flat screen computer monitors, computer processors, a video cassette recorder, stereo equipment and a bag containing a combination of cash and personal cheques.

As deputies continued their investigation they uncovered evidence that the suspects had been involved, earlier in the night, with burglarizing the premises of Bay Ford, 1215 Bay Street, Port Orchard. This investigation is being handled by the Port Orchard Police Department.

Sheriff's detectives continued the initial investigation and learned of the participation in the burglaries by two additional individuals, who were not on-scene when Sheriff's patrol deputies arrived at the Christ The Rock Church. One was apprehended just after 2:00 p.m., Monday afternoon, during a vehicle traffic stop near his residence in South Kitsap. The fourth was contacted and taken into custody at the main Sheriff's Office in Port Orchard at approximately 4:20 p.m., Monday afternoon.

As detectives progressed into the investigation they were able to make a positive link of a number of recent Port Orchard and South Kitsap burglaries and thefts to the suspects:

- (1) Tuesday, March 7, 2006: residential burglary in the 4000 block of SE Bear Tree Lane, South Kitsap; a forced entry into a detached garage. Taken were two off-road vehicles, a 2000 Honda XR-200 motorcycle and a 1996 Yamaha YFS-200 Quad Runner.
- (2) Thursday, March 16, 2006: residential burglary in the 7000 block of Bayview Drive SE, South Kitsap; a forced entry into a detached garage / work shop. Taken were off-road motorcycles, a 1974 Honda 50 trail bike motorcycle and a Yamaha YZ-250F trail bike motorcycle. Also stolen were a variety of power tools, totaling approximately \$800 in value.
- (3) Saturday, March 25, 2006: vehicle theft in the 4000 block of Black Swan Lane, Olalla. Taken was a 2000 Subaru Legacy that was recovered later that day, abandoned, on Burley-Olalla Road.

- (4) Saturday, March 25, 2006: burglary to the Spirit of Life Lutheran Church, 3901 SE Mullenix Road, South Kitsap. The suspects used the Subaru Legacy taken from Black Swan Lane to gain access to the interior of the church by ramming the front doors with the stolen vehicle. Computer equipment was removed from the church.
- (5) Saturday, March 25, 2006: burglary to the First Christian Church, 4885 SW Hovde Road, Port Orchard. This investigation is being handled by Port Orchard Police Department.
- (6) Saturday, March 25, 2006: burglary to Burley-Glenwood Elementary School, 100 SW Lakeway Blvd., South Kitsap. The suspects used the stolen Subaru Legacy to force open a locked gate to school premises. The suspects forced entry into the school by breaking a window on the south side of the school building. Taken were three laptop computers and electronic musical equipment.

All four suspects were booked into Kitsap County Jail on the following charges:

- **Brian Keith Garton**, age 18, South Kitsap resident: burglary, 2nd degree (2 counts); malicious mischief, 2nd degree; vehicle prowling, 2nd degree, and theft, 3rd degree. Total bail amount set initially at \$244,000.
- **Samuel Dean White**, age 18, South Kitsap resident: burglary, 2nd degree; residential burglary; malicious mischief, 2nd degree; vehicle prowling, 2nd degree and theft, 3rd degree. Total bail amount set initially at \$194,000.
- **Alexander H. Charbonneau**, age 18, South Kitsap resident: burglary, 2nd degree. Bail amount set initially at \$75,000.
- **Beau Leroy McGavran**, age 18, South Kitsap resident: burglary, 2nd degree. Bail amount set initially at \$75,000.

The suspects made their initial appearance in Kitsap County Superior Court this afternoon at 3:00 p.m.

Sheriff's detectives continue with their investigation. Persons with information concerning South Kitsap burglaries are asked to contact Detective Chad Birkenfeld at (360) 337-5619. Those wishing to remain anonymous may contact Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound at 1-800-CRIME-13.

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