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Suspects apprehended following interrupted burglary

Port Orchard, Wash. -- Kitsap County Sheriff's Office patrol deputies apprehended and arrested four suspects early Thursday evening, following an interrupted residential burglary in South Kitsap.

A female owner was surprised when she returned home to her property in the 10000 block of SE Black Road, Olalla, around 4:30 p.m., and encountered three adults: two males and a female, along with a female juvenile, running out of the front door of her house toward a red-colored 1999 Subaru Forrester parked close to the house. One of the suspects dropped the homeowner's computer on the driveway.

The homeowner backed her vehicle up in an attempt to block the exit of the Subaru. The suspect driver, a male, maneuvered the Subaru onto an embankment bordering the driveway, across the homeowner's lawn and in between a tree and shrubbery, then back down the embankment where the vehicle hit a ditch and finally onto the asphalt pavement. The Subaru was last seen by the homeowner headed westbound from her address.

The initial responding deputy to the burglary complaint noted a front facing side door with a glass panel broken out. An axe, usually stored in the home's carport, was apparently used to break the window out. The deputy found droplets of blood on the axe handle and on the wood decking, indicating that one of the suspects was injured during the intrusion effort.

As the deputy continued with the investigation, the homeowner reported that a 37-inch LCD television, two digital cameras, a pair of binoculars and some 30 (+) music compact discs (CDs) were stolen.

Meanwhile, at another residence in the 11000 block of Black Road, a different scene was unfolding. Kitsap County Central Communications (9-1-1 dispatch) broadcast a report of unwanted persons at this address involving four persons and a red-colored Subaru. The four suspects from the earlier burglary on the same street were attempting to hide the Subaru from public view, by parking it behind a fifth-wheel travel trailer and concealing it underneath a tarp. There is a family connection between one of the suspects and the owners of this second property. The presence and strange activity of this family member and her accomplices was unwanted.

The owner of this second residence telephoned neighbors who responded to assist. One of the neighbors, a 35 year-old man, stated that he knew something wasn't right and attempted to detain the suspects and call 911. The male suspect driver of the Subaru struck the neighbor with the vehicle as the car sped down the driveway. The neighbor was knocked down but not otherwise injured.

The deputy who handled the initial investigation of the burglary in the 10000 block of Black Road responded to the area and observed the red-colored Subaru at a 90-degree turn in the roadway. The deputy maneuvered her patrol car and attempted to initiate a traffic stop. The driver of the Subaru didn't stop, but instead accelerated away. The suspect driver approached the intersection of Black Road with Orchard Avenue SE, failed to stop for cross traffic, and turned north onto Orchard Avenue.

A vehicle pursuit ensued. Traveling from further up the road, however, and heading southbound, was a second sheriff's deputy, approaching the fleeing Subaru. The suspect driver came to a rolling stop as the southbound deputy positioned his patrol car to block further travel and held the suspect driver at gunpoint. The pursuing deputy, along with a third deputy, came up behind the Subaru and initiated a high-risk traffic stop. The male suspect driver, age 23, was taken into custody without further incident. Located inside the Subaru was the LCD television, one of two of the digital cameras, the binoculars and the CDs. The stolen property was returned to the homeowner. The suspect was transported and booked into jail for residential burglary; assault, 2nd degree, and for attempting to elude a pursuing police vehicle. Bail was set initially at \$150,000.

Sheriff's deputies responded back to the last known location of the three remaining suspects: the property in the 11000 block of Black Road. As a deputy turned into the driveway two of the suspects, a 22 year-old man and his 16 year-old girlfriend, fled into the woods surrounding the property. The male suspect had something wrapped around his hand because it was bleeding. The remaining suspect, a 21 year-old woman who is related to the property owner, was detained and questioned. She was evasive in her answers and changed her story. She was arrested and booked into jail for residential burglary and obstructing a law enforcement officer. Bail was set initially at \$27,000.

Sheriff's deputies were setting containment for a possible K-9 track when they were advised by radio that a woman on SE Dullum Lane had called 911 to report suspicious activity. Dullum Lane is located north of Black Road. The woman reported that she had provided a ride for an adult male, bleeding from his hand, and a juvenile female, from Dullum Lane to an address in the 2500 block of Mitchell Avenue, inside the limits of the City of Port Orchard. The woman stated that the two had knocked on her door asking for help, claiming that the man had fallen from a horse and injured himself.

Officers from the Port Orchard Police Department contained the residence on Mitchell Avenue and subsequently detained the male suspect when he walked out of the house. A Sheriff's deputy arrived on-scene and arrested the male suspect and his juvenile female accomplice. The male suspect was transported to jail and booked for residential burglary with bail set initially at \$50,000. The female was transported to juvenile detention and booked for residential burglary.

The investigation into this burglary and possible connections with other South Kitsap burglaries continues.

Persons with information about this incident or other burglaries are asked to contact the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office at (360) 337-7101, or Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound at 1-800-CRIME-13.

A list of arrested suspects follows.

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Persons arrested in connection with residential burglary investigation

(alphabetical order)

Note: All four suspects made initial court appearances today in either Kitsap County Superior Court or Juvenile Court.

Name: Brock, Melissa Marie, age 21, South Kitsap resident.

Date of arrest: Thursday, 03/15/2007

Location: 11000 block of SE Black Lane, Olalla.

Note: Brock is related to the homeowner at this residence.

Arrest charges:

- Residential burglary
- Obstructing law enforcement officer

Bail set initially at \$27,000.

Name: Chamber, Lester Donovan, age 23, South Kitsap resident.

Date of arrest: Thursday, 03/15/2007

Location: 11000 block of Orchard Avenue SE, Olalla.

Note: Chambers was the driver of the red-colored 1999 Subaru Forrester. He was arrested during the course of a high-risk traffic stop following a short pursuit.

Arrest charges:

- Residential burglary
- Assault, 2nd degree
- Attempting to elude a pursuing police vehicle

Bail set initially at \$150,000.

Female, age 16 (JV), South Kitsap resident. Suspect's name not released due to juvenile status.

Date of arrest: Thursday, 03/15/2007

Location: 2500 block of Mitchell Avenue, Port Orchard.

Arrest charge: residential burglary

Note: this suspect, along with Brian Uhlman (below), fled from the property in the 11000 block of SE Black Road, and walked by foot to a house on SE Dullum Lane, where they knocked on the door and asked for a ride into Port Orchard.

Name: Uhlman, Brian Scott, age 22, transient with no permanent address.

Date of arrest: Thursday, 03/15/2007

Note: Uhlman was the subject with the bleeding hand.

Location: 2500 block of Mitchell Avenue, Port Orchard.

Arrest charge: residential burglary.

Bail set initially at \$50,000.

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