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## South Kitsap man arrested on suspicion of kidnapping and rape

**Port Orchard, Wash.** -- A South Kitsap man is currently in custody for investigation of kidnapping and rape of a 14 year-old girl.

Kitsap County Sheriff's patrol deputies responded to a residence inside Kitsap West Mobile Home Park, 3370 SE Bielmeier Road, around 8:30 p.m. Thursday, to investigate an alleged sex offense complaint.

Deputies met with the victim who stated the following:

- She performs chores for a 54 year-old man who lives alone in a separate residence inside the park. She went over to his residence last night and was washing dishes when the man began yelling at her about charges on her cellular telephone bill. According to the victim, the man had purchased a cell phone for her some time ago. The suspect was angry with her that she had accumulated \$700 worth of cell phone charges.
- The victim reported that the man had been drinking alcohol.
- According to the victim the suspect grabbed her by the arm and led her to a bedroom. Inside the bedroom she stated that she was handcuffed to the headboard of a bed inside the room. The man next allegedly undressed the victim and sexually assaulted her.
- The victim reported that the suspect took photographs and video taped her while she was restrained. Prior to releasing the victim, the suspect was reported to have said, "I'll kill you if you tell anyone!"
- The victim returned home and notified an adult guardian. Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the complaint shortly afterwards.

A patrol deputy completed the initial interview with the victim. Sheriff's detectives were notified and responded to continue the investigation.

Two deputies contacted the suspect in his vehicle as he was leaving his residence. He was taken into custody without incident and booked into jail for investigation of kidnapping and rape of a child, 3<sup>rd</sup> degree. Bail was set initially at \$200,000.

The suspect is scheduled to make an initial appearance in Kitsap County Superior Court at 3:00 p.m. today.

The investigation continues.

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