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Update

Sheriff's detectives interdict vehicle theft suspects

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Silverdale, Wash. -- An investigative teamwork effort into a rash of foreign import vehicle thefts, over the past six weeks, has led to the arrests of three Bremerton men and the issuance of an arrest warrant for a fourth suspect.

The work of Kitsap County Sheriff's detectives and patrol deputies, together with investigative assistance from Bremerton police, Port Orchard police and Washington State Patrol detectives, has resulted in the recovery of more than 20 vehicles out of 32 that were reported to authorities as stolen.

Pursuant to this investigation sheriff's and state patrol detectives, along with a patrol deputy, served a search warrant at a residence in the 2200 block of Northlake Way NW, in Central Kitsap, Wednesday afternoon, resulting in the recovery of stolen personal property and vehicle parts estimated at more than \$20,000, as well as additional stolen property and illegal items. A partial list of items found at the residence includes:

- Laptop computers
- Vehicle sound systems to include dash-mounted players, amplifiers and speakers
- Tires and wheels
- Vehicle seats and exterior vehicle lights
- Computer towers
- Flat screen televisions
- Video gaming consoles
- Vehicle theft & burglary tools
- Illegal narcotics

A number of the stolen property items already were covered in plastic shrink-wrap, leading detectives to believe that the suspect(s) were trying to sell the stolen property items via the Internet.

Kitsap County Sheriff's patrol deputies noticed the start of a trend in car thefts in early June and began to track reports of stolen vehicles. Those stolen were primarily foreign imports, typically manufactured by Honda and Toyota.

The vehicles were being taken from apartment complexes, major retail store vehicle parking areas, shopping mall parking lots, private residences and restaurant parking areas in the Silverdale and East Bremerton areas. They were usually stolen between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. In most cases the vehicles were found within hours.

The stolen cars were located throughout Central Kitsap and in South Kitsap and Mason County.

Those arrested, so far, in connection with this investigation:

Brian Scott Uhlman, age 24, Bremerton resident.

Apprehended by sheriff's patrol deputies following a vehicle and foot pursuit in the 1800 block of Pottery Avenue, Port Orchard, during the early morning hours of Wednesday, June 24. Uhlman tried to avoid being arrested by driving around a containment police vehicle and almost running down a sheriff's deputy with his vehicle. He was turned over into the custody of Port Orchard police for transport to jail.

Currently booked into jail on charges of:

- Assault, 3rd degree
- Attempting to elude a pursuing police officer
- Escape from community custody (serving sentence)

Total bail: \$50,000

Uhlman faces additional charges regarding:

- Assault, 1st degree (deadly weapon)
- Possession of burglary tools
- Obstructing

Robert Lee Pry, age 23, Bremerton resident.

Arrested by sheriff's patrol deputies on Sunday, June 28, in the 1800 block of SE Burley-Olalla Road, South Kitsap, following a K-9 track and apprehension.

Currently booked into jail on charges of:

- Theft: taking motor vehicle without owners permission
- Failure to appear / contempt of court

Total bail: \$150,000.

Pry faces additional charges regarding:

- Possession of an explosive device
- Unlawful possession of a firearm
- Possession of a stolen firearm
- Possession of methamphetamine

Jason David Harry, age 35, Bremerton resident.

Arrested by Bremerton police on Tuesday, June 30, at 15th Street & North Callow Avenue in Bremerton.

Currently booked into jail on charges of:

- WA State Department of Corrections no bail felony warrant for escape from community custody.

Additional charges related to this investigation are pending.

Wanted Person:

Sheriff's detectives are looking for the following person in connection with this investigation.

A warrant of arrest has been issued by Kitsap County Superior Court for trafficking in stolen property, 1st degree.

Name: John Clayton Crooks, age 23, East Bremerton resident.

Description: white male, 5' 06" ht., 170 lbs. wt., brown eyes, brown hair.



John Clayton Crooks

date of photograph: 08/13/2007

As sheriff's detectives continue with their investigation they are asking the public to be especially vigilant. Please note activity that is suspicious in nature or out of place for your neighborhood and report it to 9-1-1.

Persons with any information about motor vehicle thefts are asked to contact Detective Chad Birkenfeld at (360) 337-5619.

Those who wish to remain anonymous may contact Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound at 1-800-222-8477.

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