



## BPD's Weekly Update

### Really? You stopped a bicyclist? Really?

Well...yes we did and yes we do. Three stops of bicyclists took place last week that underscore why we don't overlook this type of enforcement. Sergeant Renfro stopped a violator on a bike who gave several false names. When finally identified, he had a warrant for Domestic Violence. But wait...the jail discovered he had illegal drugs in his possession.

Deja vu...Officer Ejde contacted a woman for a bike violation and who also gave a false name. She had multiple warrants and went to jail.

Finally, Officer Berntsen observed a suspicious male riding a bike on Adele Avenue. During the contact, the subject provided two false names. When Officer Berntsen finally figuring out who he was, the subject had several warrants for his arrest and was booked into jail.

*Note to criminals: We usually win the name game, better to avoid further charges and just fess up.*

### Seek help.

A citizen was sitting in her car on Burwell Street when a male suspect walking by and kicked the mirror off of her car. Officers responded, found and arrested him. He explained that he has "anger issues." Apparently his anger issues previously led him to stabbing himself in the leg.

### Drunks are hard enough to deal with.

Officers responded to the report of a 2 car collision in East Bremerton. On arrival, they quickly determined that one of the drivers was very intoxicated. Processing a drunk can be difficult, more so when he is above .23 alcohol reading, well over the .08 legal limit. It becomes very challenging when he doesn't read or write English and is also a deaf mute. Officers located some of his family who were able to communicate with him using a sign language of their own that they developed through the years. He was booked in the jail for DUI.

### Please hang up and drive.

Officers from Sergeant Cronk's team conducted a traffic emphasis on drivers using cell phones. "When motorists hold a wireless device in one hand and drive with the other, their chances of becoming involved in a traffic mishap increases." 12 citations were issued in the various sectors of the city for cell phone use and another 10 were cited for speed violations, our number one citizen complaint.

### Only two beers? RRRRRright.

Sgt. Olson was driving southbound over the Warren Avenue Bridge when he noted the vehicle in front of him bumping into the center divider. The vehicle crossed over the median, mid-span, crossing over both northbound lanes and impacted the side of the bridge, causing the airbags to deploy. The driver was intoxicated, "I only had two beers officer".

### When does Shoplifting become Burglary? Or Thou Shalt not Steal.

Officer Green was working on a follow up from a shoplifting investigation with a local business loss prevention team when he learned that the female suspect in question had previously been arrested for shoplifting and trespassed from the store. That turned the shoplifting into the crime of Burglary 2nd degree. The diligent loss prevention team found more video of this same woman in the store stealing on another date and, you guessed it, another Burglary charge she gets to answer to.

### You will just go to jail tired and sweaty.

Officers were alerted on two separate occasions last week of meter pickers taking money from the parking lot pay boxes downtown. Both times the suspects took off running. Both times they were caught, out of breath. Both times they went straight to jail.

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Last week the Department began to roll out the new patches. Officer Roessel, who we found out is a direct decedent of Betsy Ross, was so excited he took his uniform home and sewed the new patches on right away.

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