



# BREMERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



## Chief Strachan's Weekly Update

Friday night Officer Bryan Hall handled a messy call involving the mother of a one-year old who decided to allow her ex-boyfriend, who happened to be a registered sex offender, for Rape of a Child, to babysit the child. Yes, we thought that was about as messed-up as you do. When the mother left, so did the ex-boyfriend with the child. Officer Hall learned the man was intending to go to eastern Washington. Officer Hall did a very nice job in communicating with both people and arranging a meeting with the guy before he left town. Both people informed Officer Hall that the other was a bad person and should not have the child. Child Protective Services was contacted and the (easy) decision was made to take the child into protective custody. As you might imagine, the child cried non-stop for at least two hours while waiting for word of when foster care was going to arrive. Officer Hall watched the child at the police department until our newest Officer, Derek Ejde, arrived to work. Officer Hall was quick to give the child to Officer Ejde as he needed, as part of his Field Training, to experience holding a crying child for well over an hour. Actually, Officer Ejde ended up enjoying the cartoons on the big screen with the child in our briefing room while waiting. The end result? Two tired officers, a mad mother and ex-boyfriend, and a child safely in foster care. You don't see these cases on a TV series about cop work, but this is what we really do.

**You Shall Not Park - Part II:** If you read our newsletter last week, we had a tractor-trailer get "high centered" on the median on the Warren Avenue Bridge. Can't remember the last time that happened; very rare. So, of course, this week we had another one. A man and his two kids had just picked up some food at the Burger King and headed towards home over the bridge. The dad took a drink of his Coke and began to cough; he had been battling bronchitis recently, and became light headed. He inadvertently jerked the wheel to the right, and then over-corrected causing the Yukon SUV to run up and over the center median. The truck would not start after coming to a stop. The dad and kids went home without their Yukon but with their food and no injuries other than a bruised ego for dad.



Monday evening Officer Brandon Greenhill was out doing patrol on a bicycle, even in the less than perfect weather. Some people assume we only do bike patrol in the summer, but we get out all year long. While on the bike, Officer Greenhill contacted the occupants of a vehicle in a fast food restaurant as they were about to use heroin. He observed the driver in possession of a pipe and a lighter. It's amazing how much more officers can see from a bike. The passenger had a misdemeanor warrant for her arrest, and was immediately detained. A search of the car yielded a small amount of heroin and paraphernalia. The passenger was booked into the Kitsap County Jail on the warrant and possession of heroin. The driver said she just finished 30 days of drug treatment, and had just met the passenger today at a Narcotics Anonymous meeting. Say it with me, everyone, "You Can't Make This Stuff Up." Nice work by Officer Greenhill!

Our current "Unlucky 13" list is available on the [City's website](#), and one of our 13 from last week was Sonny Belgard. Tuesday afternoon, Officer Steven Forbragd spotted Belgard as a passenger in a car. Officer Forbragd stopped the car, and Belgard failed to comply with directions. He kept moving around inside the car, either hiding something or trying to grab something. Officer Forbragd was able to hold Belgard at gun point until other officers arrived. Once Belgard was taken safely into custody, officers located a loaded 45 cal. magazine, as well as a large knife and suspected OxyContin pills. After impounding the car and getting a search warrant, officers found the handgun as well. Belgard is a convicted felon and prohibited from having a firearm. He is in jail, hopefully for a while. Well done getting this chronic "Unlucky 13" suspect off the street!

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Wednesday night a little after 10:00, an officer saw a vehicle traveling southbound on Perry Avenue. A woman was lying face down on the hood, grabbing onto the base of the windshield, a la "T.J. Hooker". It was raining heavily, so that was even...weirder. Once the vehicle was pulled over, the highly intoxicated woman went from holding onto the hood to becoming highly uncooperative. The officer also spoke with the driver, who was also, not surprisingly, highly intoxicated. After additional officers arrived, and as the driver was being checked for probable cause to arrest for DUI, the formerly hood-riding female became even more uncooperative, to the point where the officers had to physically restrain her. Eventually, as the driver was being arrested for DUI, the female was arrested for Obstructing a Police Officer. She then slipped out of her handcuffs and began swinging one handcuff around, striking two officers. Both restrained her again, and in their attempts to use the least amount of force possible, the female bit down on one officer's index finger, and would not let go. She was jailed for Assault in the Third Degree (on a Police Officer), and Obstructing. Our officer will be out on sick leave for a week. In these types of circumstances, officers need to use force properly and safely, in heavy rain, chaotic situations and with aggressive and violent suspects. The end result? A story in the paper and a Facebook posting where the responses consist mostly of comments like "Did it taste like bacon?" and "WTF?" and "That's crazy!" In all the social media "viral" elements of reacting to the latest police video or story, let's keep reminding ourselves that these are human beings making difficult decisions in the middle of the night, knowing everything they do will be picked over, reviewed and commented on. And as you can see, I like to remind all of us that the job they do is tough and I respect how they do it!

Speaking of viral social media videos, [click here](#) for one that was viral for the right reasons. You may have seen this, but I really like this story about a Florida officer's response to a 5:00 PM 9-1-1 call about "kids in the street." They were playing basketball, so he joined in and played for a while. The video went viral, and Shaquille O'Neal later came out to play as well. The best part? Shaq's message to the kids: "Respect your peers, your elders, and especially your parents." We should put that advice on the wall.

Finally, here is a note about the upcoming ceremony for the designation of the Trooper Tony Radelescu Memorial Highway. Special thanks to Lt. Penny Sapp and everyone who was involved in this important memorial:

*On Tuesday, February 23, at 10:30 a.m., State Route (SR) 16 from milepost 18-28 will be designated as the WSP Trooper Tony Radelescu Memorial Highway. You are invited to the dedication ceremony. Due to the large number of guests expected, those planning to attend are requested to car pool and arrive early. The ceremony is planned to occur outdoors, next to SR 16 at the Department of Transportation (DOT) Mullenix Facility.*

*The ceremony will be held on the DOT Mullenix Facility located on South East (SE) Spring Creek Road (Rd) just west of SE Mullenix Rd. in Port Orchard, WA. For additional information, please call WSP Lieutenant Robert Brazas at 360-473-0102.*

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