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# BREMERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



## Chief Strachan's Weekly Update

We started the week with a case where a "minor" shoplifter turned into something much more serious. Officer Trevor Donnelly responded to a West Bremerton grocery store on a report of a fight. It turned out to be the Loss Prevention staff trying to detain a shoplifter. They had watched as the suspect selected a can of tire inflator and tried to walk out without paying for it. When loss prevention tried to stop him, he struggled and told them he had a gun. With this statement, the employees then wrestled him to the ground, just in case he wasn't bluffing. The suspect confessed to stealing the item because his car was parked nearby with a flat tire. His car is still sitting somewhere with a flat tire because he was booked into jail for felony robbery, for threatening the loss prevention agents while attempting to overcome their attempts to subdue him. The \$4.00 can of tire inflator just got way more expensive.

[Click here](#) for the latest Unlucky 7 list which includes one suspect who was arrested shortly after the list was compiled. Officer Chris Faidley was at a local motel on an unrelated call when he glanced into the office to see who he thought was one of our Unlucky 7. The man left on foot, but was stopped just up the street by Officer Donnelly. The man formulated the false name of "Richard Smith" (seriously?). Our records showed that our suspect has a tattoo of a basketball on his arm. When officers pointed out the matching tattoo, the man claimed, with a straight face, that it wasn't a basketball, it was a...melon. Nice try. He was arrested when assisting Officer Hughes showed up and positively identified him. Case closed. The man was booked for his arrest warrant and drug charges.

We received a great note from one of our firefighters this week:

*I wanted to make sure that I pass along to you kudos to Officer Jen Corn. She arrived prior to our whole cavalry of fire trucks at a CPR call. When we arrived we found that she had assisted in removing the patient from a bathroom and immediately began hands-only compressions. She had enough situational awareness and common sense to also attach her defibrillator. I have been with the Fire Department for a long time and have seen many amazing acts of kindness and authentic teamwork from your officers. Please accept my sincere appreciation for hiring an officer of her caliber and I look forward to working with her and your other officers in the future. As you know, these calls can be emotional, but she maintained excellent composure (and perfect CPR form I might add).*

We also had this comment posted on our Facebook page this week:

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*So my boy Noah and I had a conversation after I took him shopping with his chore money, and he bought himself a police badge, cuffs, wallet with the "official I.D." all of what he believed was real. Well, we were discussing how much he'd work etc. etc. I told him he'd have to work 40 hours a week to which his only question was "but can you bring me 10 snacks because I'm going to get so hungry"? Well of course little buddy! Come Sunday evening, I figured Noah had forgotten his job as a police officer, but nooooo, little guy was up putting his outfit together for work in the morning! Oh gosh, what do I do? So I had to be the bad guy and tell him he couldn't because I needed to go to work, but I'd be sure to get him down to the police station to talk to his future boss. So I put in a request to the Bremerton Police Department, and Officer Kenny Davis responded and came out almost immediately. I was so thankful and today was the day!! Noah was beyond happy and incredibly excited!! Big shout out to Officer Davis for taking his time to make this happen!! You have my mad respect and Noah can't wait to be 21 & go to work for you!! Thank you so much!!*

Toward the end of the week, Officer Corn and Officer Alec George did a patrol check of Evergreen Park, where she had located a couple sleeping in their car. Officer Corn contacted the couple because people can't be in the park after hours. When she did, the man began reaching around his waist and beneath him, so he was ordered out of the car. It turns out he was getting rid of a pocket full of OxyContin, a narcotic for which he had no prescription. The female was also contacted and it was discovered there was a No-Contact Protection Order between the two, issued in Olympia. Both immediately requested attorneys and declined consent to search the car. The car was seized pending a search warrant, and we will search the car once a warrant is obtained.

These two officers, on a routine night like any other, were just checking a suspicious car after hours in the park, when the man put his hands under his body or his seat. Happens all the time and officers have to decide what to do. If they pull out their gun or react in any way that looks bad on video, everyone wants to make social media comments about "trigger happy" cops and how they overreact, and how anyone should be able to de-escalate a person with a knife, or a gun or any other weapon based on a video they watched on their phone. Take a look [at this video](#), in which an officer in South Carolina finds a person who may have been involved in a robbery, as he attempts to contact him. What would you do? Also, take a look at how much time the officer had to decide what to do, once things start to happen.

As we continue to see emotional viral videos about officers who "overreact" or who "should have shot the gun out of his hand" or "are trigger-happy", think about this officer who attempted to use a Taser when he was not sure if the man had a gun. For making that choice, the officer was shot in the neck. If every person with a Twitter account is going to be an expert on police tactics and life and death decisions made by officers, I hope they would also take a look at how these actually occur in real time.

The good news is the officer, Quincy Smith of the Estill, South Carolina Police, is recovering and the suspect was convicted.

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