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# BREMERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



## BPD Weekly Update

### In Memoriam - Bremerton Police Officer Bob Peck



Kitsap Deputy Coroner Aaron Davis reported the passing of his father, former BPD officer Bob Peck, this week in Arizona.

*"It is, with a heavy heart that I write this letter to let everyone know that one of your own has passed away after a long hard-fought battle with Agent Orange related illnesses. Robert Gerald Peck was one of the "Good Ole Boys" from the Bremerton Police Department. Bob joined the department in 1971 after his distinguished service as a United States Marine in Vietnam, where he was out on the front lines in 3rd Reconnaissance Division. He managed to keep his head down long enough to pull more than his share of duty time (1967-1969) and return home safely.*

*While in the department, Bob enjoyed some of the favorite pastimes, like organizing Baseball tournaments with other Departments and those from Canada. He always had a desire for getting the Department involved with K-9's, long before it became a reality. Once during a repelling exercise at Evergreen Park, something went awry, and Bob plummeted down two stories to land with a resounding thud.*

*The exercise quickly turned into another type of exercise. The guys were galvanized into action...His wife Terry and the kids were watching in horror as it unfolded. The guys quickly reached our family. They whisked the kids off to the Department while some stayed with Terry as Bob was taken to the hospital. What a great group of talented men to have around to safeguard Bob's family.*

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*After leaving the department, Bob went to work for Wackenhut Security where he ran the security at the Tacoma Dome for years. He then went to work for Paul Allyn at the old King Dome and designed the security systems for Century Field before he finally retired to Arizona.*

*Bob was preceded in death by one of his daughters, Brenda Michelle and leaves being Deena, Aaron and his youngest Shane.*

*Bob was one of the lucky guys to make it safely out of Vietnam only to find that he was left with Agent Orange poisoning. He has dealt with a number of medical related issues over the last few years as a result. - Aaron Davis"*

### **More Than We Bargained For**

It was a simple plan. Just a quick tour of Roto Vista Park at the north end of Elizabeth Avenue to investigate a neighbor's complaints about illegal activity under the Warren Avenue Bridge. Unsavory characters were reportedly travelling through the nice neighborhood park and down to the beach where they camped and used drugs. Last Friday afternoon, Mayor Greg Wheeler convened a walking tour with a concerned neighbor, the Parks Department and the Police Department. We found the upper and lower parks were nicely maintained. All the old blackberries, which hid encampments and trash dumps in the past, have been cleared away by the Parks Department's hard-working crew. Open sight-lines now discourage illegal activity and make it a nice place to enjoy the outdoors.

As we walked down to the beach and over to the bridge, the bushes and blackberries choked the hillside. Jeff Elevado, Parks Director, explained the City Park stopped at the top of the bluff and the land under the bridge belonged to the State Department of Transportation. As we headed up a trail that leads from the beach to the area under the bridge, we had to step over the considerable detritus common to transient encampments. The stench of urine permeated the air. While climbing the trail, a man suddenly stood up from where he had been squatting. Bike Officer Brandon Greenhill and I tried to engage him in conversation. He mumbled something as he hurried back down the trail to the beach, right past Mayor Wheeler, and back up through the park to Elizabeth. That's when Officer Greenhill spotted the wadded up \$20 bills, a meth pipe and a baggie of meth right where the man had been squatting. We had interrupted his solo drug party.

Officer Greenhill radioed to his partner, Officer Derek Ejde, who was still up in the park. When Officer Ejde tried to stop our covert meth smoker, the man pushed him to get away. A wrestling match ensued at the corner of 17th and Elizabeth before Officer Ejde was able to take him into custody.

The neighbor who accompanied us on the walking tour was vindicated and gracious, "See? I told you so." The Mayor's reaction? "You couldn't have staged this better if you tried."

Plans are in the works to rectify this blighted area adjacent to one of our neighborhood pocket parks.

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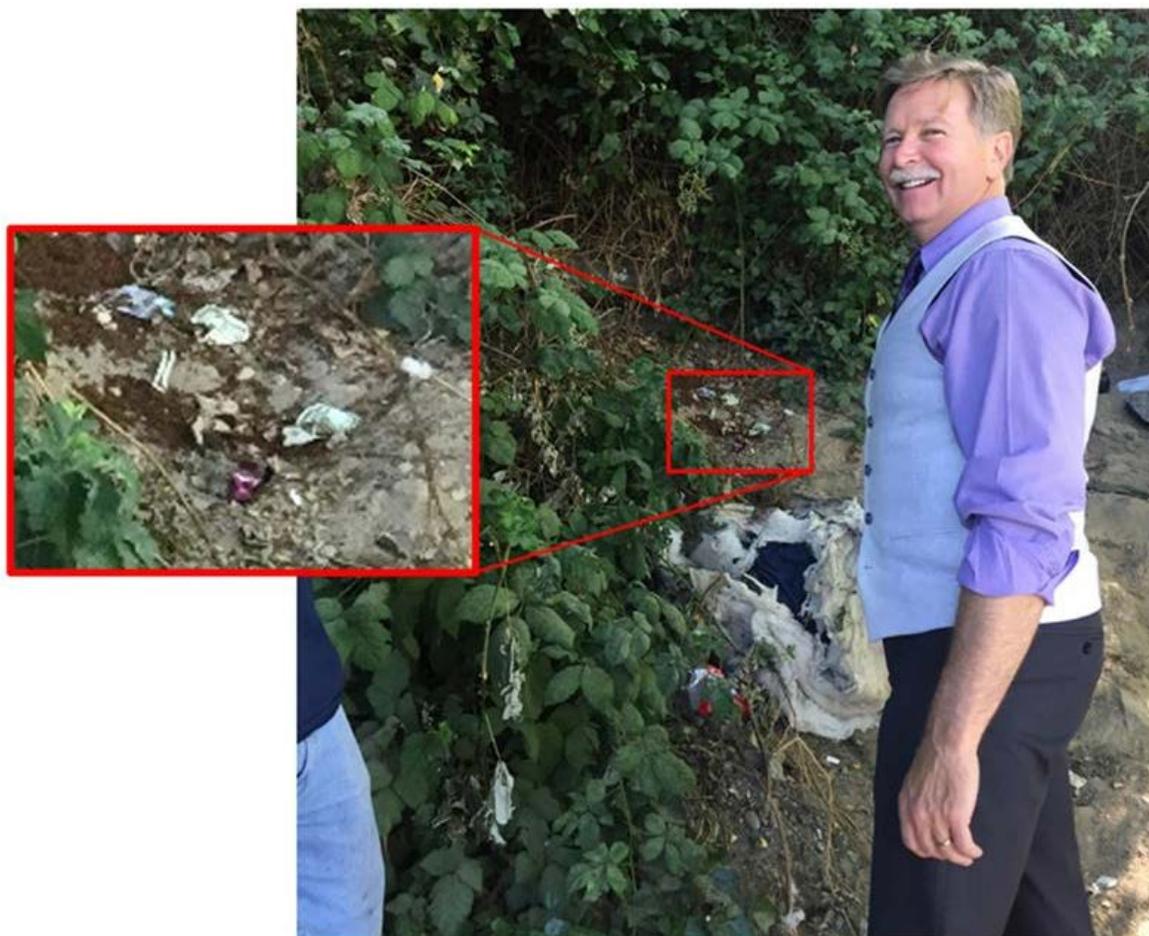
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*Mayor Wheeler standing next to where the man was squatting. The man's money, meth pipe and baggie of meth can be seen on the ground behind the torn up sleeping bag.*

### **Patrol Shift Line-up**

At the start of every shift, the oncoming Patrol officers meet in the Line-up Room where the supervisor passes out area assignments, shares important information and conducts training. Once the supervisor is done, the officers get their turn, passing on or requesting information. Someone else in the room generally knows the answer. It frequently goes something like this:

Officer 1: I'm looking for a guy who goes by the nickname "Edgy." I had a burglary in my area and a witness identified the suspect on the security video as Edgy.

Officer 2: Oh, that's Mike Smith. He's a meth addict who lives in Port Orchard, but hangs out in Seabeck.

Officer 3: Yeah. His girlfriend is Dorcas Badapple who lives on Main Street. Edgy was there last night. I contacted him for lighting off fireworks.

A lot of crime is solved at this daily gathering, which is usually spiced up with a healthy dose of good humor. This week our cherished line-up room had to be vacated so that the aging and tattered carpet could be replaced. Our great City Facilities crew had moved the desks and chairs out to our covered sally port. Not to be denied the beloved line-up time, our ever resourceful Swingshift Gold crew rearranged the stacked furniture into a functional outdoor line-up space.



*Corporal Roessell leading the outdoor Patrol Shift Line up. In the audience are David Shohradov (our newest officer who is waiting to go to the academy), Ryan Avery (hero of the machete incident), Jared France and Chris Faidley.*

### **Hide & Go Seek**

K-9 Officer Chris Faidley reports: One night this week, K-9 Esco and I were requested to head up to the north end of Kitsap County to help locate a suspect who had just been involved in a felony domestic violence assault. The track began in the middle of the woods, down a long dirt road. There were no street lights, nothing but open forest around. K-9 Esco tracked for 2 hours and kept returning to a run-down trailer that had teenagers inside. The trailer's owner initially denied knowing the suspect. Finally, the owner allowed the trailer to be searched. The suspect was found lying under some blankets inside the trailer. The trailer's owner claimed he didn't know the suspect was hiding inside his trailer. As all the kids exited the trailer, one of the teenagers asked the trailer's owner, "Is this why you wouldn't let us go in that back room?" It was clear the trailer's owner was hiding the suspect. He received a very stern talking to from the Kitsap County Deputy on scene. On the other hand, when K-9 Esco got home he was rewarded with his favorite food: CHICKEN. [Officer Faidley]

### **At Least They Had Sharps Containers**

While on bike patrol, officers checked the cove area accessed from lower Wheaton Way and discovered a transient encampment with several tents. There was trash, clothing and syringes strewn about the area. Officers contacted four subjects, one of which had a Department of Corrections warrant. The suspect was taken to jail. Charges were forward to the prosecutor for one of the subjections. [Sergeant Ryan Heffernan]



### **In honor of the World Cup - WSP with the goal, BPD with the assist**

Officer Faidley radioed in a possible impaired driver while on his way home. Officer Guiney was in the area and located the vehicle and observed it make a mess of the lane divider lines that public works was kind enough to install on the roadway for the motoring public. He stopped the vehicle and noticed the driver to be under the influence. WSP was requested to process the violator and he was subsequently arrested for DUI. [Corporal Schaefer]

### **Fan Mail**

Corporal Roessel and Officer Donnelly located a newly commissioned mural indicating the artist's disdain for our wonderful agency. I had to blot out what was painted behind Officer Donnelly's head, but you can probably use your imagination as to what it said. I just hope this wasn't part of the 1% for the Arts program. Do you ever wonder why our supporters don't spray paint their appreciation for us on alley walls? My theory is that it's because they're NOT CRIMINALS! Keep up the good work. This is proof that we are an effective law enforcement agency. [Corporal Schaefer]



*Corporal Duke Roessell and Officer Trevor Donnelly muggin with the new artwork they discovered. Another example of not taking ourselves too seriously.*

### **Marijuana Shop Robbery**

Monday evening, employees of a local marijuana emporium reported a robbery. Two men entered the business, stole marijuana and fled in a silver Nissan Sentra. One of the suspects threw several punches at an employee and lost one of his NIKE Air Jordan sandals as he fled.

Officer Ross Guiney collected statements, reviewed the available video footage and relayed the information to the responding troops. The vehicle was quickly located and stopped at the intersection of Greaves Way and Clear Creek Rd by way-too-many-to-count KCSO deputies, WSP troopers and Bremerton Police officers.

The occupants of the vehicle were removed from the vehicle and detained: the driver (wife of the suspect), front seat passenger (suspect) and rear seat passenger (15-year-young brother of the driver).

The suspect took all responsibility for the robbery. He said marijuana "is real expensive in Washington" and he did not have much money. He explained that when the employee started handing him all the product (2 bags of Strawberry Banana Indicia and 3 bags of Gelato Rogue Green Farm) with a value of \$455, it was \$445 more than he had. He made a bad decision. He pushed his wife's brother toward the door and both took off running out of the store. He explained that as he was running, he realized he had way too much product to hold by himself so he passed several bags of marijuana to the much faster juvenile so they could get away. He admitted to swinging at one of the employees in an

attempt to knock the phone out of his hands. As they both jumped into the car, he told his wife to drive.

The suspect was contrite and cooperative. After confessing his sins to a former pastor [Corporal Byers has a divinity degree], he only had two requests. He first asked permission to return the product with a heart-felt apology and receive only a warning without involving his military command. Request denied. When told he would be going to jail, he then asked if was possible to keep the weed. This request was also denied.

The man was arrested for Robbery 2 and transported to the jail. His second NIKE Air Jordan, which was located on the floor board of the vehicle, was reunited with its matching partner in a BPD Evidence locker. [Corporal Todd Byers]

### **Party in the Parking Lot**

Thanks to the keen eye of a citizen, a 19 and a 20 year-old were arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine and Drug Paraphernalia in the parking lot of a local grocery store. Maybe it was the fact the two were not from Bremerton (they are residents of Kingston and Port Orchard) that they believed getting high in a vehicle with the doors wide open, which was parked in the middle of a fully illuminated and populated parking lot was a sound idea...or maybe it was the fact they were high...but for whatever reason they picked a poor party location. Corporal Roessel arrived and watched as an occupant in the vehicle was hitting the pipe. Both were arrested, booked and the drugs and the paraphernalia were placed into evidence. [Corporal Todd Byers]

### **Noddin' in the Downtown Core**

One evening this week, Cencom dispatched a theft in progress. The caller was following the suspect who was running away. Bike Officer Greenhill nabbed the suspect in the 1200 block of 9th Street. While officers were trying to interview the man, he would start to fall asleep. He said he last used heroin 4 months ago. The hypodermic needles in his pockets would suggest otherwise. At least he didn't try the

"These aren't my pants" line. He was detained and ultimately arrested for criminal trespass. [Corporal Jason Vertefeuille]

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