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Bremerton Police Department Arrests Prolific Honda Car Thief

In December 2019, Bremerton Detectives and the Bremerton's Police Crime Analyst noticed an increase in Honda vehicle thefts. The analysis revealed there was not only an increase in the City of Bremerton, but Kitsap County wide. BPD General Investigative Unit (GIU) detectives identified several persons of interest.

On December 10th, Nathanial Spaulding became the prime suspect after detectives from the General Investigative Unit and Special Operations Group located Spaulding in East Bremerton at a Honda "chop shop." Just as detectives approached the property to investigate, Spaulding passed by a stolen Honda. Spaulding fled recklessly from the scene and was not relocated. A search warrant was completed for the chop shop that revealed several items including a stolen Honda vehicle, parts and license plates. A female at the scene was taken into custody for an unrelated crime.

The case went cold as stolen Hondas from Bremerton reduced and information received about Spaulding had left the area. Although the number of stolen Hondas in the city of Bremerton had significantly decreased, there appeared to be an increase of stolen Hondas from north Pierce County to south Kitsap County.

On Monday, January 21, 2020 at around 12:00 P.M., an alert Kitsap County Special Investigative Unit Detective Manchester located a multi-colored Honda on Auto Center Way. Detective Manchester checked the plate on the Honda, but it was registered to a truck. Detective Manchester attempted to stop the Honda, but it fled and was not located. Bremerton Police Detective Corn checked an address in the general area of where the Honda was last seen. BPD Detective Corn and KCSO Detective Manchester found Spaulding as he was about to spray paint the stolen Honda. Spaulding was taken into custody without incident. A search warrant was obtained to search the property and recover the stolen Honda. Evidence related to two other stolen Hondas was located there.

Nathan Spaulding was booked into the Kitsap County Jail for Theft of Motor Vehicle, Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle, Possessing Stolen Property 2nd, VUCSA – Possession with Intent to Deliver Methamphetamine, VUCSA – Possession of Heroin.

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