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### **Murder 1<sup>st</sup> degree – Domestic Violence (B20-002830)**

At 3:20 PM, on May 8<sup>th</sup> 2020, Kitsap 911 received an aid call to 643 N. Montgomery for an unconscious adult female. Medical aid and law enforcement personnel responded. The 23 year old Port Orchard woman was pronounced deceased at the scene. The presence of blood, and the condition of the female's body found inside the home led officers to immediately suspect foul play was involved.

The location was preserved, and a search warrant was sought to process the scene and retrieve evidence. 28 year old Sean M. Howell, who was found in the home with the victim, was interviewed by detectives. Evidence collected, and the interviews completed as part of this investigation led to the arrest of Howell for Murder 1st degree (DV). Bremerton detectives have released their possession of the crime scene yesterday.

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, the medical examiner conducted an autopsy with Bremerton Detectives in attendance. The Kitsap County Coroner's office will complete a report, which will list the cause and manner of death. The Coroner's office will also release the victim's name when appropriate.

The arraignment of Howell has been postponed, as he is under medical care. Questions regarding his status should be directed to the Kitsap Critical Incident Response Team PIO, WSP Trooper Chelsea Hodgson. ([Chelsea.Hodgson@wsp.wa.gov](mailto:Chelsea.Hodgson@wsp.wa.gov))

The evidence located along with the interviews completed during the process of determining what happened has turned up many disturbing details. Out of respect for the victim's family and friends, the Bremerton Police Department will not be expounding on those in media interviews.

Bremerton detectives continue to work on this criminal investigation.

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