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Bremerton Officers Arrest Department of Corrections Escapee During Burglary in Progress

At 4:15 AM this morning, a resident at the 1900 block of Trenton Avenue called 911 to report a burglary in progress. The caller reported that they observed a man wearing a yellow shirt and black hat in their kitchen, who fled out the back porch. Officer David Hughes and K9 Officer Bryan Hall were in the neighborhood and were in the area within two minutes. Officers located a car about one block north of the call, parked on the street with a black hat and yellow shirt lying next to it. Officers located two males and a female in the car. The driver was breathing heavily and sweating profusely, but told the officers that he and the others had been sleeping in the car before officers contacted them. A meth pipe was located on the front seat. Deputies from the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office were also in the area and assisted in the arrest.

The driver, Elgen Eugene Bowser-McCoy, age 23 with no known permanent address, was also determined to have an active felony arrest warrant for Escape from Custody from the Washington State Department of Corrections. The resident positively identified Bowser-McCoy as the person who had been inside her home. Bowser-McCoy was placed in the Kitsap County Jail on charges of Burglary in the Second Degree and the warrant. Bail was set at \$100,000 for the Burglary and the warrant has no bail.

“This was a brazen and dangerous crime committed by a transient who chose to come into our city and enter a person's home” said Bremerton Police Chief Steve Strachan, who added, “because our officers were actively patrolling our city after 4:00 AM they were there almost immediately and this escaped felon was in custody within minutes.”

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