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Four Jailed in Relation to Two Home Invasion Robberies

Two adult men and two adult women have been arrested and jailed following an investigation that began with a “home invasion” type robbery in West Bremerton on May 6. The four individuals arrested are all from the Renton area, and are linked to not only the May 6 incident, but also a home-invasion robbery which occurred in the Anderson Cove area of Bremerton in February of this year. Stolen property and numerous stolen firearms have also been recovered.

Neighbors called 911 on May 6 when they observed occupants of the home on 10th Street, running and yelling in the street clad only in underwear. Responding officers determined that a suspect had entered with a handgun and robbed occupants of the home, forcing them to disrobe to ensure they did chase after him. Cash and marijuana were reportedly taken.

Detectives developed information and, in conjunction with the Kitsap County SWAT Team, executed a search warrant at an address on Charlotte Avenue in Bremerton in the early morning hours of May 15 (photo attached). A female and male were arrested at that time. Earlier today, Bremerton Police Detectives and Agents with the Washington State Dept. of Corrections arrested an adult male and an adult female in the Kent area. Information has also been developed which links the four persons arrested to the February Anderson Cove incident.

Along with the four arrests, Detectives recovered cash, stolen electronics, and three stolen firearms: a .22 caliber handgun, a .40 caliber handgun, and an AR-15 automatic rifle. The firearms were all stolen from the King and Snohomish County areas.

Bremerton Police noted that in both incidents, it was clear that the robberies were not random, but directly related to the suspects’ belief that occupants of the home were dealing marijuana. “While the law on marijuana is changing, the decision by any resident to traffic in drugs results in negative consequences for the neighborhood, and these ‘drug rips’ are just one example,” said Bremerton Police Chief Steve Strachan. Bremerton City officials are using the Nuisance Abatement process to ensure that the situation in the neighborhood does not continue.

The four persons arrested are in the Kitsap County Jail on charges including Robbery, Trafficking in Stolen Property, and Possession of a Stolen Firearm.



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