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Man Arrested After a Report of a Man Carrying a Rifle on the Street

Officers responded at 8:49 AM this morning to the area of the 600 block of Washington Avenue on several reports of a man carrying a rifle and waving at cars. The callers described the man as carrying what appeared to be a long rifle and he was apparently attempting to stop cars. One of the callers said the man referred to “protecting his children” and “Revelations”. One caller reported that he was holding the rifle horizontally. Officers located the man in a parking lot between 6th Street and the Manette Bridge on Washington as he was placing reflective signs in the roadway. They located the rifle in the bed of his pickup truck. The man commented to the officer, “I have been waiting for you.” The rifle is a .308 caliber and there were rounds in the clip, and officers also found a matching bullet in the man’s pocket. The truck also had multiple license plates, apparently configured so they could be changed quickly. Photos are attached.

The suspect, 31 year old Aaron Tubbs, was taken into custody. He made repeated references to “his children” and his thoughts were disjointed. He was jailed on charges of Displaying a Weapon (Brandishing) and Disorderly Conduct. “Our officers responded quickly to stop this man’s dangerous behavior, which from our preliminary information is based on a combination of mental illness, possible drug use, and access to a gun.” Tubbs was placed in the Kitsap county Jail.

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