



## BREMERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### Officers Enter Apartment To Save Endangered Baby

Bremerton Officers forcibly entered a second floor apartment Saturday morning after a man, apparently using methamphetamine, broke the glass out of a second floor window and held the baby outside several times. The baby was taken safely into protective custody and the man has been jailed.

Officers responded to a report of an unknown problem at the apartments at 145 Bloomington Avenue at 4:42 AM early Saturday morning. Officers arrived to find a man, sweating profusely and shouting, holding a six month old baby aloft outside a broken second floor window. Shards of glass pointed upward from the bottom of the window, as well as the outside stairs directly below the window. Officers determined that the man was the child's father, and the mother was still inside the apartment, screaming for the man to put the infant down. While one officer attempted to negotiate with the man from the ground, two other officers tried to get the woman to open the door. She said the man was refusing to put the baby down, and had placed metal bars across the front door preventing her from opening it. The man was shouting, "You're going to have to kill me!" and "You aren't taking my baby!" Officers kicked in the door, but did find that it had been reinforced with bars of some sort. They were able to finally kick a hole in the middle portion of the door and crawl through.

The man was now inside the apartment, and officers located him sitting on the floor holding the baby tightly against his chest. Officers pried his arms apart while the baby screamed, and got the infant away from the man. While one officer held the child, the suspect, later identified as Adam David Patten, age 43, began fighting with the officers and resisting arrest. Deputies from the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office responded to assist. A Taser was used to control the suspect.

Patten was handcuffed and taken to Harrison Hospital for treatment. He told officers he had been using meth and was "high and strung out." A meth pipe was recovered from his pocket. After being treated at the hospital, he was transported to the Kitsap County Jail, on charges of Felony Assault, Resisting Arrest, Possession of Methamphetamine, and Drug Paraphernalia.

"Sometimes officers have to make split second decisions, and Officers Frank Shaw, Chris Faidley and Matt Thuring very likely saved a life with their quick actions," said Bremerton Police Chief Steve Strachan. A photo of the window is included below

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