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Bremerton Police Arrest Suspect in Marine Drive Car Prowling and Theft Incidents

Bremerton Police Officers last night arrested a suspect in a recent rash of car prowling and thefts in the area of Marine Drive. The department has taken 25 reports of theft, vehicle prowl, and trespassing since December. Our department has been doing extra patrol in cars, on bikes and on foot, and our Community Resource Officer has been working with the neighborhood to report all suspicious activity.

A 33 year old male, who lives in the area, was arrested by officers late Wednesday night. A Bremerton officer was out on foot in the area about the same time that the neighborhood had experienced thefts in the past, and observed the suspect come out of his house, open a neighbor's mailbox, and begin going through it. The same suspect had been arrested in the past for vehicle prowling and trespassing on January 12th in the area of the 2000 block of Marine Drive. The officer arrested the man and took a statement, in which the man confessed to this incident and others as well.

The man's name is not being released at this time because Detectives want to complete additional follow-up investigation with past victims and witnesses. The suspect was jailed, and was released this morning by the substitute Pro Tem Judge at Bremerton Municipal Court on a charge of Attempted Theft. The Judge ordered the man not to have contact with any private property on Marine Drive other than his own. Bail of \$20,000 was sought by the Prosecutor for the defendant's three pending criminal matters, but that request was denied and the suspect was released on his own recognizance.

"The ongoing thefts and car prowling have had a serious effect on this area, and we appreciate the team effort of the neighborhood in working together to help us out," said Bremerton Police Chief Steve Strachan. Detectives will be following up this week.

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