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### **Commercial Burglaries**

The Bremerton Police Department has been investigating a series of commercial burglaries wherein BPD Detectives made a significant break in the case.

On Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, the last reported commercial burglary in the city occurred. Unsure of why they stopped, Bremerton Detectives began to search other jurisdictions for similar commercial burglaries. Detectives noticed a similar burglary in Poulsbo that occurred on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> with a description of the suspect wearing a dark jacket with white “paint transfer.”

On Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, a Bremerton Patrol Officer investigated a domestic assault where the victim provided information about the suspect, Roger Murdock. The victim was subsequently interviewed by Bremerton Detectives who were able to obtain general information about Murdock’s recent criminal spree citing his drug and gambling addiction.

On Feb 25<sup>th</sup>, Spiro’s on Kitsap Way in Bremerton was burglarized. The MO was similar to other burglaries as the office safe was pried open.

On Feb 26<sup>th</sup>, a Bremerton Patrol Officer observed suspect Murdock driving his truck, and Murdock was arrested for DWLS 3<sup>rd</sup>, as well as domestic crimes from the previous incident. Inside the truck could be seen, not only a Well’s Fargo bank bag believed to be the bank bag from a recent burglary, but also a dark jacket with white paint splatter. BPD Detectives obtained a search warrant for the truck and were subsequently able to positively match the jacket to the suspect observed in the surveillance video of a Poulsbo burglary. In the bed of the truck were numerous burglary tools, and a piece of a locking mechanism. The night before the traffic stop, a restaurant in Poulsbo was burglarized and a lock box was taken. Keys for the lock box (taken in the burglary) were found to operate the locking mechanism found in the truck.

A Garmin GPS system from the truck was removed and forensically analyzed. Detectives not only extracted the GPS coordinates from the Garmin, but were also able to plot the waypoints and confirm Murdock was in the area of three Poulsbo burglaries and one Bremerton burglary.

Murdock is currently in custody on charges for two of the burglaries that occurred in Poulsbo. Information reference other burglaries have been sent to the Kitsap County Prosecutor for review.