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### **Bremerton Police Arrest Taxi Driver for False Imprisonment; Taxi License is Revoked**

A 44 year old man was arrested Saturday afternoon after he allegedly kept a 50 year old Tacoma woman in his taxi for several hours against her wishes. The man was jailed, has been released on \$25,000 bail and his taxi operator's certificate was immediately revoked by the City of Bremerton.

The victim's car apparently broke down late Friday night, and the suspect, Kenneth Marshall Haines of Gig Harbor driving a fully marked "Can Ken" taxi, stopped and offered to give the woman a ride and said he owned a tow truck. He dropped her off at a motel in Port Orchard at her request, and told her to call him in the morning to help with getting her car.

She did call for the taxi at 7:00 AM on Saturday and Hanes picked her up in the same vehicle. She alleges that after she asked to be taken to the Jeep dealer in Bremerton, he instead picked up several fares and when she protested he yelled "my stuff first!" at her. This continued for several hours, and Haines apparently even went to a golf course several miles away "to hit golf balls." Later in the day, he drove her to the Jeep dealership, the staff noticed she appeared "terrified" and the dealership staff demanded the taxi driver leave without her, and then called 911.

The woman said she was scared and asked to be let out several times, felt threatened by Haines' actions and words, and did not know the area. Officers quickly located Haines in his vehicle, pulled the taxi over, and took him into custody for Unlawful Imprisonment. He told officers "he was training her to be a taxi driver" and when asked if she asked to be let out, said "a couple of times."

Haines held a Bremerton taxi operator's certificate, and both he and his company have been notified that it has been revoked. The taxi was impounded.

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