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### **Bremerton Police Arrest 13 Year Old After Shots Fired**

A 13 year old male has been arrested and placed in Kitsap County Juvenile Detention following reports of several shots fired early just after midnight on Sunday morning, October 18. The shots were fired from a handgun in Matan Park at the 2200 block of Anderson Street in the Anderson Cove area of west Bremerton.

A Bremerton Police Sergeant on an unrelated domestic violence call across Sinclair Inlet, north of Anderson Cove, heard as many as five gunshots coming from the area of the water at 12:50 am. Sunday morning. Officers began checking the area, and another shot was fired from an area in Anderson Cove. Another shot was later heard at about 1:05 am near Olympic Avenue. Residents calling the Cencom dispatch center reported shots being heard from the area of Matan Park.

Police officers located three juveniles in the park at 1:07 am. After interviewing all three, it was determined that one of them had brought a backpack while they “snuck out” and met in the park. The male with the backpack had begun firing with a Glock handgun in the air and into the water north of the park. Shell casings, the backpack and the handgun were all recovered by police officers.

The juvenile suspect had an outstanding arrest warrant issued by the Kitsap County Juvenile Court. He was also placed at Kitsap County Juvenile Detention on new charges of Reckless Endangerment, and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm. He has no current home address listed. The other two juveniles with the suspect were released to their parents.

“Our officers worked together and located the suspect right after the first shots were fired, and worked to peacefully end this incredibly dangerous incident very quickly,” said Bremerton Police Chief Steve Strachan. The name of the suspect will not be release because of his age.

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