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Bremerton Police and SOG Serve Warrant, Arrest Man for Heroin Possession

Concluding a lengthy investigation, officers and deputies served a search warrant at 5:15 a.m. this morning at an address in the Port Orchard area for heroin. An adult Port Orchard man was arrested, and a quantity of heroin as well as cash and a handgun were recovered.

The investigation has been conducted by the Special Operations Group (SOG), a multi-agency undercover team which includes detectives from the Bremerton and Poulsbo Police Departments. Once the search warrant was obtained from a Judge, the warrant was served by the Kitsap County SWAT team, which is also a multi-agency team. The residents of the house were ordered out, and were taken into custody. One man was subsequently arrested and has been jailed on multiple felony charges.

During the search of the residence, detectives seized 22.4 grams of heroin, \$4670 in cash, and a firearm. The handgun and cash had been tossed into an air duct sometime before the suspects left the house. A photo is attached. The resident is a convicted felon, so possession of the handgun is a crime.

The heroin seized appears to be a type that is laced with Fentanyl, which is a very potent synthetic chemical making the heroin much more potent, and would cause users to have a much higher risk of overdose. According to the DEA, a large percentage of heroin overdoses recently have involved Fentanyl laced heroin. Addicts are misjudging dosages with wide variances in potency, resulting in injuries and deaths from overdoses. A few years ago, black tar heroin was typically 5-10% heroin, and some newer Fentanyl laced heroin can have purity as high as 80%. The federal government is increasing cooperation and initiatives to assist in fighting the increases in the influx of more varied and potent types of this drug.

“Every community is seeing the effects of more heroin use, and we will continue to work with our partners to reduce the supply and educate the public about the higher risks associated with this very dangerous drug,” said Bremerton Police Chief Steve Strachan.

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