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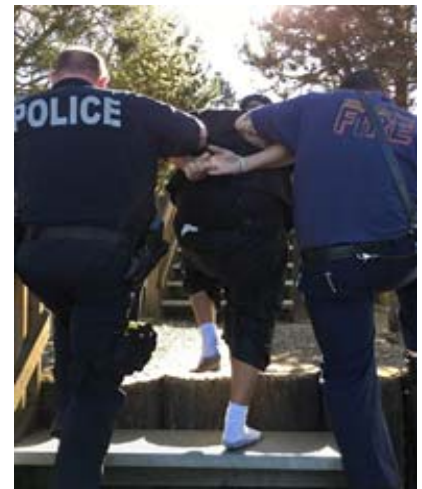
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Bremerton Officers Arrest Domestic Violence Suspect After He Jumps in Oyster Bay

Thursday afternoon Bremerton Officers responded to a report of screaming behind a gas station on Kitsap Way. Officers located a woman and a man in a car, and noticed an abrasion on the woman's forehead. When asked if he had assaulted her, she responded, "yes, and he's about to run". At that moment, the male got out of the car and began running. He went to the front of the station, got into a customer's car, and bounced back and forth in the front seat before running again across the street and down to the beach near Oyster Bay. As officers closed in on him, he jumped into the water. Officers were allowed by a nearby resident to take their rowboat, where they kept an eye on the man as he bobbed in the water for 45 minutes, resisting any offer of a life preserver or rope to come back in. The marine unit of the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office also responded, and he still refused to come out of the water, but he became progressively more tired and cold. After over an hour, the man got into the boat and was taken into custody. The man had a court-issued Order of Protection against him from the woman, making this assault a felony. He also has previous Order of Protection violations. He was jailed for these crimes as well as Domestic Violence and Resisting Arrest.



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