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Silverdale Man Arrested Today in Robbery of Manette Store on October 13th

Following an extensive investigation and in conjunction with the Tacoma Police Department, Bremerton P.D. detectives interviewed and will seek charges on the suspect in the robbery of a man at the R&K Market in Manette on October 13th. 23 year old Kobie Hawley is being held in the Pierce County Jail.

Officers were dispatched to the market at 4:21 pm on Oct. 13 after receiving information that a 23 year old Bremerton man had been threatened with a machete in the parking lot. He was told to get money from the ATM inside the store, and turn over cash to the suspect. Officers located the suspect in a green 2000 VW Jetta driving away from the scene, and the suspect fled in his vehicle, placing others at risk in the heavy traffic coming from the ferry and the shipyard. A Bremerton Sergeant's squad car was struck by an uninvolved motorist during the pursuit with no injuries. The suspect's car was not located. Officers also received information that a suspect with the same description and with the same car had stolen a flat screen TV from the Walmart in Port Orchard about two hours before.

After detectives had developed Hawley as a suspect and were seeking to arrest him, Hawley allegedly committed another armed robbery on October 21st in Tacoma. Hawley was allegedly armed with a handgun when he carjacked a woman and took her car, eluded Tacoma P.D. officers, ditched the stolen car and then fled on foot near Interstate 5 and Highway 16, jumping down a 40-50 foot wall onto the freeway, shattering his right leg. Tacoma P.D. recovered a 9mm handgun from the stolen car. Hawley had been at Harborview Medical Center to treat his injuries until last night when he was transferred to the jail. Bremerton detectives interviewed him there and received statements confessing to the Bremerton robbery, the Port Orchard theft, and also to a theft and eluding police incident at Toys R Us involving the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office in July.

"This is a very concerning and violent crime, and our detectives worked diligently with other agencies to get the evidence to put a stop to this one-man violent crime wave," said Bremerton Police Chief Steve Strachan. Detectives forwarded information to the Kitsap County Prosecutor's Office for review for charges of Felony Robbery, Assault and Eluding Police. Hawley would be transferred to the Kitsap County Jail if necessary.

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