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### Bremerton Police Locate Stolen Car, Driver Arrested for DUI

A 39 year old man is being jailed following a pursuit and traffic stop involving a stolen car. At 12:05 PM, Traffic Officer Steven Forbrag observed a red Honda Civic with no license plate, and attempted to stop the car near Sylvan and Wheaton. The car continued to the area of Clare Avenue, and then fled at a high rate of speed onto Lebo Boulevard. The officer terminated the pursuit due to the time of day and area in the neighborhood. He did provide the description of the car to other officers.

The officer again observed the car a short time later and attempted to stop it on Schley and Wheaton. The vehicle again fled and the officer again terminated the pursuit. As officers checked the area, a person walking their dog on East 18<sup>th</sup> in Manette flagged down officers and told them they had almost been hit by the same vehicle driving recklessly.

At 12:10 PM, undercover officers checking the area in unmarked cars located the suspect vehicle near 11<sup>th</sup> and Cogan in an alley. They surrounded the car and arrested the driver, a 39 year old man from Shelton. Officers determined that the car had been stolen from unincorporated Kitsap County, and the plates had been removed. The man was arrested and a blood sample was taken at the hospital for suspicion of driving under the influence of narcotics. The man also had a felony arrest warrant from Mason County for Vehicle Theft, and had a revoked license. He will be jailed for the arrest warrant, DUI, Vehicle Theft, Eluding Police and Reckless Driving.

“Our officers did a great job of avoiding a pursuit in the middle of the day while working together as a team to quickly and safely apprehend this very dangerous driver, who showed no regard for other peoples’ safety,” said Bremerton police Chief Steve Strachan.

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