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### **Four Arrested for Felony Robbery and Assault**

Two men and two women are in custody after an investigation by the Bremerton Police Department. A 33 year old Puyallup man was found at 5:30 AM on Monday, July 24 in the parking lot at Kitsap Lake Elementary School. The man had been severely beaten and had significant head trauma. He was subsequently airlifted to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle where he remains in critical condition.

Surveillance video was obtained from several different sources of possible suspect vehicles. The information was given to area officers, and at 2:53 AM this morning, a Bremerton officer located a pickup and a sedan matching the suspect vehicles in a parking lot on Kitsap Way near National Avenue. An 18 year old female and a 21 year old male, both from Silverdale, were contacted and taken into custody. The vehicles were impounded for evidence.

After further investigation, at 1:00 PM today, a 21 year old male and an 18 year old female, both from the unincorporated Bremerton area, were taken into custody as they exited a West Bremerton fast food restaurant.

Based on information so far, it appears that the Puyallup man had been lured to the area after communicating through an online site, and had brought \$300 in cash with him to meet a woman. Once he drove to the pre-assigned parking lot, he was contacted outside of his car and struck in the head repeatedly by a baseball bat. The cash, along with credit cards and a cell phone, were taken and the man was left in the lot near his car. He was apparently there for several hours before being found by a roofing crew arriving in the morning to do construction work at the school.

All four suspects have provided statements. All four will be booked for felony First Degree Assault and felony First Degree Robbery.

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