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Search warrant results in drug, counterfeit currency manufacturing and firearms charges

On October 25, 2017, a 40 year old man, identified as Steven Ketchum, was arrested for heroin possession by a Bremerton patrol officer. Information gathered during that investigation led Bremerton detectives to a residence in the 1900 block of Nipsic Avenue. During the course of the follow-up investigation, detectives learned of evidence related to a counterfeit currency operation there. Detectives also learned one of the occupants of the home was a convicted felon and was believed to be in possession of firearms. Detectives sought and obtained a search warrant for the residence. Due to the presence of firearms, the Kitsap County regional SWAT team aided in the service of the warrant.

During the execution of that warrant, detectives located 51 items of evidence related to counterfeiting currency (ie. Computer, scanner, paper, printed US currency including 1 - \$20 bill, 3 - \$100 bills); bank checks and credit cards not belonging to anyone in the house; and three firearms (2 handguns and 1 rifle). The two handguns were linked to a 35 year-old Bremerton man identified as Ryan Riggs. Riggs was not home at the time of the warrant service. Riggs is a convicted felon and currently wanted on an outstanding Department of Corrections warrant. The 50-year-old occupant of the house, identified as Jesse Woods, was arrested for forgery.

Anyone with information on the passing of possible counterfeit money, or the whereabouts of Ryan Riggs (photo attached) is asked to call 911 or Detective Ayers with the Bremerton Police Department @ (360) 473-5228. Please reference BPD case number, B17-008023.

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