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Burglary / Theft of a Firearm / Arson B18-000005

On January 1, 2018 at approximately 0219 hours, officers and firefighters responded to the report of a structure fire at 646 Washington Avenue. Further investigation by fire inspectors revealed the fire was caused by suspicious circumstances. The apartment's tenant arrived home a short time later and confirmed a handgun had been stolen from the apartment. The tenant also believed he may have left the apartment unlocked. Fire investigators looked at video surveillance and immediately identified a "person of interest." A section of that video was released to the public on January 2, 2018. A Kitsap County Sheriff's Deputy was able to positively identify the "person of interest", a 45 year-old Gig Harbor man.

On January 3, 2018, the "person of interest" called Bremerton Police detectives who later agreed to come to the police station for an interview. At the conclusion of the interview, the 45 year-old man was arrested and will be booked into the Kitsap County Jail for the crimes of Burglary, Theft of a Firearm, and Arson. The suspect's name will be released pending a charging decision by the Kitsap County Prosecutor's Office.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation are urged to contact detectives with the Bremerton Police Department at (360) 473-5228.

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