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Attempted auto theft caught on video B18-001747

On March 7, 2018, around 1625 hours, Bremerton PD officers were dispatched to an attempted vehicle theft in the 1500 block of Elizabeth Avenue. Officers on bicycles were in the area and immediately responded. Cencom provided a description of the male suspect and also advised the suspect had punched the victim in the face during the attempted vehicle theft. The suspect was located by one of the bike officers running from the direction of the crime. That officer gave chase after the 24 year old suspect would not comply with the officer's commands to stop. A lengthy foot chase ensued southbound on Elizabeth Avenue. During the pursuit, the suspect unsuccessfully attempted to gain access to an unoccupied, parked vehicle in the 1100 block of Elizabeth Avenue by using a key. The suspect continued running toward 11th Street. Once there, the suspect jumped into the bed of a truck that had stopped at a red light at 11th Street and Warren Avenue. Officers confronted the suspect there and he bailed from that truck, continuing to run in a southerly direction.

The suspect ultimately ran into a residence in the 1000 block of Warren Avenue in an attempt to hide from police, where he was confronted by the home occupants. The occupants ordered the suspect out of the house. While inside, the suspect continued to walk toward the occupants with a gold key in his hand. The suspect only left the house when he heard sirens in the area. By this time, several officers had saturated the area and as the suspect fled the house on Warren Avenue, continued to chase him. A short distance later, the suspect slipped and fell to the ground and was taken into custody. The suspect was treated by medics as it was believed the he may have been under the influence of drugs. During that treatment, the suspect kicked one of the medics in the face.

The suspect was transported to Harrison Medical center, where he was medically cleared to be taken to jail. He was then booked into the Kitsap County Jail. The suspect's name can be released once he is formally charged. During the course of the investigation, officers learned the attempted vehicle theft / robbery, in the 1500 block of Elizabeth Avenue, was captured on surveillance video. That video is attached to this release. Additionally, officers learned the victim's two-year-old child was in the truck when the suspect attempted to drive it away. Thankfully, the female victim was successfully able to fight off the suspect's attempts to steal her truck.

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