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**ARSON ON 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

On Monday, July 30, 2018, around 11:20 PM, Bremerton Police were dispatched to 1000 block of 5<sup>th</sup> Street regarding an unknown problem involving a female who was in mental distress. This same address received several calls from neighbors reporting the house was on fire.

When officers arrived, they found the structure fire growing and the female near the burning building armed with a utility knife. She refused to leave the porch or drop the knife. It was discovered she had self-inflicted lacerations, and she refused to comply with officers orders.

Due to the significant safety concerns for the female, and her unwillingness to disarm herself or leave the confines of the now fully involved building; officers were forced to deploy the use of a Taser to take the female into protective custody. She was transported to Harrison Medical Center for a mental health evaluation and then to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle to receive treatment for her burns.

During the course of both Bremerton Police and Bremerton Fire's investigation, probable cause has been established for the female located at the scene. Their investigation continues.

If you have any questions, please contact Detective Matt Thuring (360.473.5482) or Captain Michael Six (360.473-5386).

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