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Suspect in two bank robberies apprehended

Bremerton, Wash. -- A 24 year-old Bremerton man is being held on charges in connection with the robbery of two branch banks inside Safeway Stores in Kitsap County.

Kitsap County Sheriff's detectives and special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested the man around 5:45 p.m. this evening at a bus stop in the 2400 block of Perry Avenue, East Bremerton. The arrest occurred without incident.

The man was taken into custody on two counts of bank robbery, pursuant to a warrant of arrest issued by U. S. District Court.

The man in custody is alleged to have robbed a Wells Fargo Bank branch, around 5:00 p.m. Dec. 10, located inside the East Bremerton Safeway Store at 1401 NE McWilliams Road. He is also believed to be the person responsible for the Tuesday afternoon robbery of a branch of the Bank of America, located inside the Safeway Store at 3355 Bethel Road SE, in South Kitsap.

The robbery suspect was released from prison in April of this year, after serving a five year sentence following convictions for the robberies of two banks in September 2002: a Washington Mutual bank in Silverdale, Wash., and a U. S. Bank in Kent, Wash.

The man was booked into Kitsap County Jail on the warrant of arrest pending transfer to a Federal detention facility.

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