



# KITSAP COUNTY SHERIFF

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## Purveyor of stolen property arrested

**Port Orchard, Wash.** -- A 'purveyor of stolen property,' a 19 year-old Bremerton man who burglarized places of worship and then sold the stolen items on eBay.com, was arrested by sheriff's detectives yesterday evening at an apartment in the 1900 block of Naval Avenue, Bremerton.

The arrest culminated a two week investigative effort by patrol deputies and detectives into burglaries that occurred:

- Tuesday, 12/02/2008: Church of the Nazarene, 4647 Sidney Road SW, South Kitsap.
- Tuesday, 12/09/2008: Faith Fellowship Church, 6251 NW Newberry Hill Road, Silverdale.

Taken from the two churches were musical instruments and sound reproduction equipment.

According to investigators, the suspect would burglarize churches, steal electronic components, then arrange to have a personal acquaintance list the stolen property on eBay and sell the items for him. Sheriff's detectives have determined that the suspect's friend didn't know that he was selling stolen property. The acquaintance was detained initially then released.

Detectives also determined that the suspect sold a total of seven stolen electronic pieces on eBay. Most of the stolen property has been recovered for return to the rightful owners. Investigators are still contacting some of the unwitting buyers.

Investigators also learned that the suspect committed additional burglaries in Mason and Pierce Counties. Law enforcement agencies in those jurisdictions will be notified of this investigation.

The suspect was booked into Kitsap County Jail on charges of:

- Burglary, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree
- Trafficking in stolen property, 1<sup>st</sup> degree.

Bail was set at \$50,000.

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