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Two in custody for burglary and firearms offenses

Kingston, Wash. -- Kitsap County Sheriff's detectives reacted quickly when they established reasonable suspicion about a possible suspect who may have committed a handful of residential burglaries in North Kitsap. Within six hours investigators developed probable cause for arrest and took two brothers into custody on a variety of burglary, firearms and trafficking offenses.

Location(s):

- (1) March 13, 2009: residential burglary, 5300 block of NE Ponderosa Blvd., Hansville.
- (2) March 22 – 28, 2009: residential burglary, 22000 block of Jefferson Point Road NE, Kingston.
- (3) April 13, 2009: residential burglary, 22900 block of Jefferson Point Road NE, Kingston.

Involved:

- **Robert Thomas Lucas, age 23**, a resident of Port Hadlock, Jefferson County. Arrested and booked into jail on charges of: burglary, 1st degree (3 counts); trafficking in stolen property, 1st degree; unlawful possession of a firearm and for an outstanding warrant of arrest for assault, 4th degree. Total bail: \$150,000.
- **Jason Michael Lucas, age 29**, also of Port Hadlock. Arrested and booked into jail on charges of: burglary, 1st degree (3 counts) and for trafficking in stolen property, 1st degree. Total Bail: \$100,000.

Both suspects are scheduled to appear in Kitsap County Superior Court today at 3:00 p.m.

Detectives and deputies started developing reasonable suspicion following Monday's burglary on Jefferson Point Road NE. Some 40 firearms, many of them antique, along with items of jewelry, cash, a knife collection and personal identifying paperwork were taken. The majority of the firearms were part of a Civil War era firearms collection.

A sheriff's patrol deputy discovered a common denominator that began to emerge during the investigation involving a former employee of a landscaping business, Jason Lucas, who had performed work on property where the residences were subsequently burglarized at a later date.

Deputies and detectives began to establish probable cause when they learned that Jason Lucas was trying to sell stolen firearms in private transactions. An undercover arrangement was made with the suspect to purchase stolen firearms.

Both Jason Lucas and his brother, Robert Lucas, were taken into custody by patrol deputies and detectives, without incident, at 5:30 p.m., yesterday, at Salsbury Point County Park, just north of the Hood Canal Bridge. Found in their vehicle were three stolen firearms.

Around 8:00 p.m. last night, sheriff's detectives served a search warrant at the suspects' residence in Port Hadlock. Items found and recovered during the search included:

- More than 60 stolen firearms taken during the commission of five residential burglaries in Kitsap County (including one on Bainbridge Island) and Jefferson County.
- Firearm ammunition and related accessories.
- Money in various denominations.
- Cameras, DVD players and large, flat screen televisions.
- Numerous digital video discs.
- Jewelry.
- Remote control helicopter.
- CPU and laptop computers and related hardware.
- Coin collections.



Some of the recovered stolen firearms



Recovered stolen jewelry, money and coin collection



Recovered stolen knives and other firearm related accessories

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