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Warrant service leads to tactical team response

Port Orchard, Wash. -- Kitsap County Sheriff's detectives and patrol deputies went to a South Kitsap residence this morning to serve an arrest warrant. By mid-afternoon the incident had evolved into a tactical team response with five persons arrested and evidence recovered that included narcotics and firearms.

Detectives and patrol deputies initiated contact around 9:30 a.m. at a residence in the 4400 block of Sidney Road SW, to take a 23 year-old woman into custody on a no bail felony warrant of arrest for theft. A response at the door was not immediate nor was it forthcoming. A deputy assigned to perimeter security observed a firearm being thrown out of a rear window of the residence and notified detectives. On-scene personnel took positions of safety while additional sheriff's units and Port Orchard Police units responded to assist. It was unknown, at the time, exactly how many people were inside the house. But it was clear that firearms were now part of the equation.

Although a perimeter was set and the immediate area surrounding the residence was contained, the on-scene commander notified a local elementary school, in close proximity to the incident location, to allow school administrators and South Kitsap School District officials to best arrange for student safety.

Detectives attempted a variety of methods to establish communication with people inside the house, including using a patrol vehicle loud speaker and by cellular telephone with a crisis negotiator. Eventually seven occupants of the house voluntarily emerged to contact detectives, leaving two males still inside. One occupant was contacted when she arrived at the residence and turned into the driveway.

In total, ten people were associated with the residence when contact was attempted. Of that number, five were taken into custody and booked into jail (details to follow).

When it became clear that those remaining inside the residence were refusing to emerge, detectives were granted a search warrant by Kitsap County Superior Court. Members of the sheriff's office SWAT team responded to the scene to serve the warrant. At 11:50 a.m. Sidney Road SW was closed in the immediate area to the north and south of the incident location.

In preparation for the warrant service Kitsap Animal Control was contacted and responded to take custody of a Pit Bull Terrier, belonging to the property, that was running loose in the area.

Notification, or warning, to those remaining inside the residence was made utilizing loud speakers... without any response.

Tactical deployment of the SWAT team was initiated, to include the use of CS gas ("tear gas") into the house. Within a minute the two remaining persons inside the house vacated the premises through a bedroom window. They were subsequently taken into custody and treated for exposure to the gas by medics from South Kitsap Fire & Rescue. The house was searched and cleared by the tactical team. Once the presence of tear gas inside the residence dissipated, detectives entered and completed the search warrant process.

Sidney Road was re-opened to traffic at 1:42 p.m.

Persons arrested at the scene and booked into Kitsap County Jail:

(1) Female, age 23, North Kitsap resident.

- No bail felony warrant of arrest for theft, 2nd degree.
 - Misdemeanor warrant of arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia.
 - New charge: possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute.
 - New charge: unlawful possession of a firearm.
- Bail on (new) possession charges: \$75,000.

(2) Female, age 22, North Kitsap resident.

- No bail felony warrant of arrest for possession of cocaine.

(3) Male, age 21, South Kitsap resident.

- Obstructing law enforcement. Bail: \$10,000.

(4) Male, age 21, South Kitsap resident.

- Possession of heroin. Bail: \$25,000.
- A U. S. Marshals Service Federal hold (detainer) was placed on this suspect. He is on Federal felony probation for possession of explosives.

(5) Male, age 28, Central Kitsap resident.

- Misdemeanor warrant of arrest. Booked and released from jail on personal recognizance.

The remaining five persons contacted at the Sidney Road residence were briefly detained and then released.

Other than the two males (3 & 4 above) who were exposed to tear gas, no injuries were sustained by either law enforcement officers or suspects. Property damage to the residence was minimal.

Evidence recovered:

- ¼ pound of crystal methamphetamine, found thrown outside the rear of the residence along with a firearm.
- 3.5 grams of heroin.
- Non-disclosed amount of marijuana.
- One (1) .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun. This firearm was reported stolen out of Tacoma. This was the weapon observed thrown out of the rear of the residence. The handgun was loaded.
- One (1) .22 caliber semi-automatic handgun found inside the residence.

Photograph follows next page



Two suspects emerge from a Sidney Road residence in South Kitsap, Monday afternoon, following tear gas deployment by Kitsap County Sheriff's Office SWAT team. The two men, both 21, were taken into custody by SWAT tactical personnel and handed over to sheriff's detectives.

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