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Update

Fourth car theft suspect now in custody

Ref: (a) KCSO news release #09-034, June 29, 2009

Ref: (b) KCSO news release #09-037, July 10, 2009

Silverdale, Wash. -- The continuing law enforcement team effort investigating a rash of foreign import vehicle thefts, during the past seven weeks, has led to the arrest of three suspects and an arrest warrant was issued for a fourth.

That fourth suspect, **John Clayton Crooks**, age 23, of East Bremerton, was apprehended Wednesday by officers with Fife Police Department, in Pierce County, and held pending extradition to Kitsap County on the outstanding warrant of arrest.

Crooks was transferred to Kitsap County today and booked into jail for trafficking in stolen property, 1st degree (knowingly). Bail was set at \$75,000. He is scheduled to appear in Kitsap County Superior Court at 3:00 p.m. Monday.

Other suspects now in custody in connection with the vehicle theft investigation are:

- **Jason David Harry**, age 35, Bremerton resident.
- **Robert Lee Pry**, age 23, Bremerton resident.
- **Brian Scott Uhlman**, age 24, Bremerton resident.

As sheriff's detectives continue with their investigation they are asking the public to be especially vigilant. Please note activity that is suspicious in nature or out of place for your neighborhood and report it to 9-1-1.

Persons with any information about motor vehicle thefts are asked to contact Detective Chad Birkenfeld at (360) 337-5619.

Those who wish to remain anonymous may contact Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound at 1-800-222-8477.

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