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Central Kitsap man in custody for unlawful explosives

Central Kitsap, Wash. -- A 38 year-old Central Kitsap man is now in custody for the unlawful possession of explosives, after being detained by members of the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team.

The man was located walking in a commercial business area near the Kitsap Mall in Silverdale, shortly after 4:00 p.m. today. He was detained without incident.

Following the man's apprehension, sheriff's detectives and deputies, together with special agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), and explosive ordnance technicians from the Washington State Patrol, executed a search warrant of the man's residence. The house is located in the 10000 block of Hamilton Place NW, west of Silverdale. As a precautionary measure residents of several adjacent homes, on the cul-de-sac where the warrant was being executed, were evacuated prior to detectives and agents entering the suspect's residence.

The search warrant was issued for the purpose of locating and seizing illegal firearms and explosives, believed to be in the man's possession and stored inside of his residence, based on information obtained by detectives during their investigation. ATF explosives enforcement officers are conducting a thorough search of the premises to determine if there are illegal explosives or firearms on the property.

Details concerning the amounts and types of illegal items found are not immediately available.

The man was transported and booked into Kitsap County Jail on a charge of unlawful possession of explosives. His bail was set initially at \$150,000. He will make an initial appearance in Kitsap County Superior Court tomorrow at 3:00 p.m.

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