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Investigation underway into rape report

Silverdale, Wash. -- Sheriff's detectives and deputies are engaged in an investigation and search for a male suspect in an alleged rape incident that was reported just after 12:30 p.m. today.

Patrol deputies responded to a residence on a side road located in the 2100 block of Chico Way NW, Central Kitsap, outside the city limits of Bremerton, following a 911 call of a forcible rape involving a 41 year-old female victim.

The woman reported that she was home alone, when the man entered her residence through an unlocked door and assaulted her. The woman was transported by Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue to Harrison Medical Center, Bremerton, for evaluation and treatment.

The suspect has not been identified. The woman described her attacker as a male, unknown race or age; approximately 5' 10" – 6' 00" in height, medium build, wearing a flannel shirt and blue jeans. The victim reported that her assailant had a "pot belly" and that he was armed with a handgun. Facts about the direction of travel of the suspect, after leaving the victim's residence, or a vehicle description, are not yet known.

Patrol deputies, assisted by officers from Bremerton Police Department and troopers from the Washington State Patrol, set containment in the general area of the victim's residence while a K-9 track was initiated. The track was inconclusive.

Sheriff's detectives continue with their investigation, interviewing neighbors and examining the scene of the attack for evidence.

Persons with information about this crime are asked to contact Detective Mike Rodrigue at (360) 337- 4479. Those who wish to remain anonymous may contact Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound at 1-800-CRIME-13.

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