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Argument between acquaintances leads to stabbing

Port Orchard, Wash. -- An argument that broke out between friends and acquaintances, after leaving a Port Orchard sports bar, ended up in a street fight with a man sustaining knife wound injuries and his assailant now in jail.

Sheriff's deputies responded to the 3300 block of Chase Road SE, near SE Lund Avenue, outside the city limits of Port Orchard, following 9-1-1 dispatch of a vehicle stopped in the road and three or four persons fighting in the roadway.

The report to Kitsap County Central Communications was received at 2:07 a.m. The first patrol deputy arrived on-scene at 2:10 a.m. to find a 25 year-old Bremerton man who had sustained multiple stab wounds. Within seconds the deputy found two other men, who had been involved in the fight, walking about a block away. They were detained for investigation.

The Bremerton man was treated at the scene by South Kitsap Fire & Rescue and then transported to St. Joseph Medical Center, Tacoma, for further evaluation and treatment. His injuries are not considered life threatening.

The two other men, a 24 year-old from South Kitsap and a 21 year-old from Bainbridge Island, are brothers. Others present at the fight included three women from East Bremerton, Poulsbo and Silverdale, respectively, all age 21.

According to investigative reports, the six involved people left the sports bar after drinking. While en route home an argument broke out between the 21 year-old man from Bainbridge Island and his ex-girlfriend (from Silverdale), who was also the designated driver. While on Chase Road the 21 year-old man demanded to be let out of the car. The car stopped and he walked away. His ex-girlfriend also got out of the vehicle and went after him on foot. The Bainbridge Island man stopped, turned around and began walking towards the woman.

The 25 year-old Bremerton man moved to intercede between the Bainbridge Island man and the ex-girlfriend. The situation quickly escalated from a verbal argument into a physical fight between the two men and then the 24 year-old South Kitsap man went to the assistance of his brother. The incident turned into a general melee, with punches being thrown and participants knocked to the ground. At some point, the Bremerton man was stabbed with a knife multiple times. The two brothers walked away.

Further investigation eventually revealed that the 21 year-old Bainbridge Island man was the primary suspect in the stabbing of the 25 year-old Bremerton man.

The Bainbridge Island man was transported to Harrison Medical Center, Bremerton, for treatment of minor injuries sustained during the fracas. Once medically cleared for discharge by emergency room staff, he was transported to Kitsap County Jail and booked for assault, 1st degree (deadly weapon). Bail was set at \$100,000.

All others present at the scene of the fight were released.

The Bainbridge Island man will make an initial appearance in Kitsap County Superior Court at 3:00 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1, on the charge.

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