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## North Kitsap

# **Burglary gang update: two wanted suspects now in custody; one still at large**

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**Poulsbo, Wash.** -- Kitsap County Sheriff's detectives and patrol deputies continue with their investigations into the high volume of property crimes that have victimized residents of all communities within North Kitsap since last autumn.

Status update:

**Jacob Lewis Dubek**, age 23, was apprehended by officers from Poulsbo Police Department, March 12, after he fled from a car during a vehicle traffic stop.

Dubek was a passenger in a vehicle when observed by a Poulsbo PD officer in the 2000 block of NE Hostmark Street. The officer signaled the vehicle to stop and the driver of the car pulled into the Peninsula Glen apartment complex. Dubek fled the scene of the stop, running into an adjacent apartment complex and then into a wooded area.

Containment was set in the area and Dubek was found lying down next to a tree log. He was taken into custody and turned over to sheriff's detectives. He was booked into jail for an outstanding warrant of arrest for attempted felony eluding of a pursuing police officer, as well as for an outstanding warrant of arrest issued by the Washington State Department of Corrections for escape from community custody.

An additional charge of unlawful possession of a firearm, 1<sup>st</sup> degree, has been filed against Dubek by the Kitsap County Prosecutor's Office. He remains in jail on \$20,000 bail.

**Christopher Ryan Berg**, age 23, of Poulsbo, was arrested by sheriff's detectives at approximately 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, following his arrival at private property in the 16000 block of State Highway 305 NE, Poulsbo.

Berg's arrest occurred following a month of intense police investigative work by sheriff's detectives and patrol deputies, checking informational leads and tips from the general public.

As the overall investigation progressed, detectives have developed probable cause that Berg had been involved in a number of additional burglaries, thefts and at least one police pursuit utilizing a stolen vehicle, since the end of February:

- March 22: Berg was observed driving a purple-colored, 2009 Honda Civic 4-door that was reported stolen, March 14, from a residence in Silverdale. The Honda was later recovered in Suquamish, with its tires and wheels missing.
- March 24: two sheriff's patrol deputies arranged to meet at Four Corners Chevron, 28072 State Highway 3. As the first deputy arrived he observed a gold-colored, 2004 Chevrolet Malibu parked at a fueling pump. The deputy then recognized a woman walking into the convenience store as a known associate of Berg. Suddenly the Malibu accelerated rapidly out of the parking area and onto a county roadway, with the fueling pump nozzle and hose hanging from the gas tank opening.

The first deputy gave chase but lost the Malibu in the winding roads of the Big Valley area, north of Poulsbo.

The car had been borrowed from a third party, by the woman walking into the store, as Berg had contacted her and asked to be picked up. She had done so and had then stopped at the Chevron Station. Berg moved into the driver's seat and fled in the Malibu when sheriff's deputies drove into the store's parking area.

Meanwhile, Kitsap County Central Communications (9-1-1 dispatch) began receiving reports of a gold-colored Chevrolet Malibu, with a fueling hose hanging out, driving erratically northbound on State Highway 3 from State Highway 305. The first deputy found Berg again and re-initiated the pursuit. Berg sped northbound, at an extreme rate of speed, and crossed the Hood Canal Bridge into Jefferson County. The deputy discontinued the pursuit for public safety. The stolen vehicle was later found damaged and abandoned in Jefferson County.

- March 25: Occupants of a residence on NE Harvard Avenue, Keyport, returned home around 7:00 p.m. to find a bedroom door shut and noises heard from within. After dismantling the door handle they found a broken window. Missing from the bedroom was jewelry. Evidence recovered at the scene linked Berg to this burglary.

- March 25: A burglary was discovered, in progress, around 8:20 p.m. at a residence on South Keyport Road NE, Poulsbo. The homeowner returned to find a suspicious vehicle in the driveway that fled upon the owner's arrival. Taken from the residence was a flat-screen television, an x-Box and a backpack. Evidence recovered in Berg's possession when he was arrested links him to this burglary.

Sheriff's investigators determined that Berg was associated with specific persons and residences in the Poulsbo – Suquamish area. Surveillance was established at a number of locations in this area with the expectation that Berg would return to certain places where he would seek refuge.

Berg was a passenger in a vehicle that arrived at one of his 'hang-out' locations, early Wednesday evening. As the vehicle turned into the driveway it was quickly blocked from leaving by unmarked police vehicles. Berg jumped out of the car and attempted to run when he was, quite literally, surrounded by sheriff's detectives and patrol deputies, Suquamish Police officers and detectives with the West Sound Narcotics Enforcement Team (WestNET). Berg offered no further resistance and was taken into custody.

Berg was transported and booked into Kitsap County Jail on the outstanding warrant of arrest for trafficking in stolen property, 1<sup>st</sup> degree. He was also booked into jail on additional probable cause charges of:

- Possession of stolen property, 1<sup>st</sup> degree
- Residential burglary (two counts)
- Theft of a motor vehicle
- Malicious mischief, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree
- Attempting to elude pursuing police vehicle (two counts).

Total bail was set initially at \$207,500.

Berg was arraigned in Kitsap County Superior Court, Thursday, on the following charges:

- Possession of stolen property, 1<sup>st</sup> degree
- Attempting to elude pursuing police vehicle
- Trafficking in stolen property, 1<sup>st</sup> degree
- Possession of stolen property, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree

Berg remains in jail with bail set by the court at \$107,500. His next court appearance is scheduled for April 23.

Sheriff's detectives are continuing their search for the ninth person suspected of involvement with the rash of thefts, burglaries and vehicle prowls in the North Kitsap area:

**Name:** Donald Lloyd Pugh, age 44, a resident of South Kitsap.

**Description:** 5' 10" ht., 170 lbs. wt., brown hair, hazel eyes.

**Warrants:** A Kitsap County Superior Court warrant has been issued for Pugh's arrest for residential burglary (3 counts) and for trafficking in stolen property, 1<sup>st</sup> degree.

Additional warrants also have been issued for Pugh's arrest for:

- Failure to appear, theft, 3<sup>rd</sup> degree (Port Orchard Municipal Court).
- Contempt of court, family non-support (Kitsap County District Court).
- Failure to appear, possession of drug paraphernalia (Kitsap County District Court).



**Donald Lloyd Pugh**

**Date of photograph: 11/23/2007**

Pugh is known to carry weapons on his person. Although from South Kitsap, sheriff's detectives have reason to suspect that Pugh may be currently staying in Clallam County. Persons with information about Pugh's whereabouts are asked to contact Kitsap County Sheriff's Detective Lori Blankenship at (360) 337-5615, or Detective Steve Duckworth at (360) 337-5669.

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

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