



# KITSAP COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## Investigation updates

- (1) South Kitsap kidnapping, ref: KCSO news release #10-001, Jan. 8, 2010**
- (2) Silverdale bank robbery, ref: KCSO news release #10-002, Jan. 12, 2010**

**Port Orchard, Wash.** -- The investigation into the Jan. 5 kidnapping and unlawful imprisonment of a 30 year-old Pierce County woman continues. All six suspects are now in custody.

The last two outstanding suspects, Erika Patricia Long (aka: Verbic), age 27, and Robert Jason Grinde, age 22, were taken into custody this week on arrest warrants.

Long (Verbic) was contacted by law enforcement authorities in Fife, Pierce County, and taken into custody during the early morning hours of Tuesday, Jan. 12. She was subsequently turned over into the custody of the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office and booked into jail for robbery, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, with bail set at \$150,000.

Grinde fled on foot from a residence on NE Courtney Creek Lane, off of NE Old Belfair Highway (in Mason County), just past 12:00 noon, when contact was attempted at the house by Mason County Sheriff's deputies.

Four Kitsap County Sheriff's patrol deputies were dispatched to assist with area containment and to initiate a K-9 track.

After tracking approximately ½ mile into thick woods, Grinde was found hiding about 12 feet up in a tree. He surrendered without further incident. Grinde was transported and booked into Kitsap County Jail for kidnapping, 1<sup>st</sup> degree, with bail set at \$500,000.

Although all suspects are in custody the investigation remains open. Persons with information concerning the investigation are asked to contact Detective Chad Birkenfeld at (360) 337-5619.

**Silverdale, Wash.** -- Sheriff's detectives have obtained store surveillance camera images (depicted below) of an adult male who detectives believe robbed a Silverdale branch of U. S. Bank, Jan. 12, after presenting a note to a back teller demanding money.

The robbery occurred at the branch office inside the Albertsons Store located at 2222 NW Bucklin Hill Road in Silverdale.

After taking an undisclosed amount of money, the suspect was last seen leaving out of the north door of the store's main entrance and heading northbound around the corner of the building. A K-9 track was conducted that indicated the suspect suddenly left the search area, most likely in a vehicle.

Sheriff's detectives provided a description of the suspect as:

- White male, heavy build, approximately 6' 02" tall, 300 lbs. weight, with facial acne, a goatee (facial hair), brown-colored eyes and wearing eyeglasses.
- Clothing: dark-colored hooded sweatshirt with the red-colored letters "GONZAGA" emblazoned across the chest and wearing a gray-colored knit "beanie" hat emblazoned with the letters "WAZZU." The suspect had the sweatshirt's hood up over his head.

Please note: surveillance photographic images provided courtesy of Albertsons. These are not U. S. Bank security camera images.



**Bank robbery suspect entering Albertsons Store, Silverdale**



**Bank robbery suspect leaving Albertsons Store, Silverdale.**

Persons with information about this robbery, or the suspect, are requested to contact the FBI's Seattle Office at (206) 622-0460, or Sheriff's Detective Mike Rodrigue at (360) 337-4479.

Those wishing to remain anonymous may contact Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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