



KITSAP COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

614 DIVISION ST. MS-37 • PORT ORCHARD, WASHINGTON 98366 • (360) 337-5698 • FAX 337-4923

For immediate release:
KCSO news release #10-011 / 125 / 11

Thursday, March 4, 2010

Investigation underway concerning threat to students

Port Orchard, Wash. -- A handwritten note that contained a list of student names, and a threat to harm, has resulted in the start of an investigation by the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office.

The note was found by a custodian, Tuesday evening, in a boy's restroom at John Sedgwick Junior High School in South Kitsap. The sheriff's school resource officer for South Kitsap School District, together with school administrators, initiated the investigation Wednesday morning.

The note, written on toilet paper, listed the first name and first initial of the last name of eight students at Sedgwick, with a March 4 date and specific threat action. Parents of the threatened students were notified of the note and its content.

The principal sent a letter home to parents of all students advising them of the found note and the ensuing investigation.

As a precautionary measure today, sheriff's patrol deputies provided an increased presence on the Sedgwick campus and in the general vicinity around the school.

As a result of this investigation a 14 year-old male student at Sedgwick was arrested early this morning at his residence on an outstanding felony warrant of arrest. The warrant was issued Monday. The student was booked into juvenile detention for failure to appear (in court) on charges of: possession of a stolen firearm, burglary and malicious mischief. The student has not been charged in connection with the threatening note.

The initial investigation has been turned over to sheriff's detectives for further follow-up action. Persons with information are asked to contact Detective Ken Smith at (360) 337-4998.

###