



# KITSAP COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## South Kitsap man airlifted following assault

**Port Orchard, Wash.** -- A 48 year-old South Kitsap man was airlifted to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, last night, following a severe assault resulting in traumatic head injuries caused when a baseball bat was used as a weapon.

Two suspects were arrested in conjunction with this investigation:

- A 23 year-old South Kitsap man was found around 9:50 p.m. at a residence in the 1900 block of SE Lund Avenue in South Kitsap. He was at first detained, then later booked into Kitsap County Jail for assault, 1<sup>st</sup> degree (deadly weapon). Bail was set at \$500,000.

Charges against this suspect were later changed to assault, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, with bail set at \$75,000.

- A 24 year-old woman, also from South Kitsap, was arrested by sheriff's deputies around 11:15 p.m. at the scene of the assault. She was booked into jail for rendering criminal assistance, 1<sup>st</sup> degree. Bail was set at \$50,000.

Charges against the female suspect were not filed. She has since been released from custody.

### Synopsis:

Although the investigation is still on-going, the following details have been confirmed.

Just before 8:00 p.m., sheriff's patrol deputies responded to a residence in the 3500 block of SE Navigation Lane (Mariners Glen apartments), in South Kitsap, following 9-1-1 reports of an injured male, covered in blood, crawling on the ground outside of an apartment. It was reported that the man could be dying.

Upon arrival deputies found the victim lying on the ground outside of an apartment door, bleeding from a large and wide laceration over his right eye. The victim was being comforted by another resident from the building.

The victim could provide only limited information as to what occurred, but was able to identify the female half of this incident. He soon lost consciousness. Medics from South Kitsap Fire & Rescue had also responded, provided immediate first aid, and prepared the victim for transport and airlift to Seattle.

Sheriff's deputies identified and located the female suspect at family member's residence. The woman's clothing was stained with blood. She was detained and returned to Mariners Glen for contact by sheriff's detectives.

Through statements from witnesses and others who were contacted, deputies determined that the male suspect was at the residence of a relative located nearby. They found and detained him for further investigation.

Detectives eventually determined that the male and female suspects were walking through the Mariners Glen apartment complex, earlier in the evening, when they came across the victim, who appeared to be highly intoxicated and nearly passed-out in a parking area in front of his building.

The two assisted the victim by returning him to his residence. Once inside all three consumed alcohol. At some point an altercation started between the two men. The male suspect allegedly struck the victim with his elbows and knees and also with a baseball bat.

The motive(s) behind the assault are still under investigation, as is the involvement of the female suspect. Sheriff's detectives have recovered a baseball bat that they believe is the alleged weapon.

The investigation continues. Persons who may have information about this assault are asked to contact Kitsap County Sheriff's Detectives Division at (360) 337-7111.

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