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Suspect apprehended following residential burglary

East Bremerton, Wash. -- A Port Orchard man is now in custody on suspicion of burglary after being found by property owners inside of their unattached garage.

Sheriff's patrol deputies responded to the Parkwood East community of East Bremerton, around 4:50 p.m. yesterday, following 9-1-1 reports of a man observed in the neighborhood armed with a handgun.

The victims, a 54 year-old man and a 47 year-old woman, are residents and owners of property in the 7000 block of Old Military Road NE, East Bremerton.

The woman was at home when she thought that she saw someone in and around their unattached garage. When the man arrived home around 4:30 p.m. he went to the garage and found doors open and items strewn around inside. While the owners inspected the garage exterior, the roll-up door on the west side suddenly opened and the suspect fled from inside the garage on foot, headed westbound into a wooded area and toward Parkwood East. The man and woman gave chase on foot.

The woman hailed a passing vehicle and explained to the occupants that the suspect they were chasing had just burglarized their garage. This vehicle, a white-colored SUV, took off after the suspect and blocked him in.

The male victim confronted the suspect, a white male, whom he described as being 6' 00" tall, thin build, dark hair, thin face, dark-colored jeans, a dark-colored hooded sweater who was wearing some type of dark clothing around his head and face. The victim reported that the suspect was carrying his (victim's) cordless drill in his hand.

The suspect also was reportedly holding a dark-colored handgun. The suspect fled, again, and the incident was reported to 9-1-1 by another witness.

The victims showed the investigating deputy what had allegedly occurred inside the garage: parts removed from a classic 1958 Chevrolet Corvette and attempts at re-starting an inoperable Chevrolet Monte-Carlo. Evidence was recovered at the scene that placed the suspect inside the garage, including a cell phone, sunglasses, a baseball cap and keys. Additional evidence also was obtained.

Meanwhile additional patrol deputies, including a K-9 deputy, were dispatched to the Parkwood East area of Valley Oak Court NE and NE Conifer Drive concerning a man seen running around properties and houses in the neighborhood with a handgun.

A K-9 track was initiated which eventually led the tracking team to Red Bud Court NE. The K-9 located an item of clothing (black tee shirt) belonging to the suspect. While following-up with witnesses on an adjacent street, the K-9 team was notified by 9-1-1 of another report of a man with a gun being held by a citizen in the 600 block of Red Bud Court.

Sheriff's deputies arrived within moments and found the suspect standing at the garage door of the residence. The suspect was detained, and then later arrested on probable cause for burglary and for theft of motor vehicle parts.

The suspect was identified as Nicholas David Yelle, age 29, from Port Orchard.

Yelle was booked into Kitsap County Jail for burglary, 1st degree and theft of motor vehicle parts. Bail was set initially at \$100,000.

Yelle made a preliminary appearance this afternoon in Kitsap County District Court on an amended charge of burglary, 2nd degree. Yelle was remanded into custody pending release on bail, which was reduced to \$25,000. His next court appearance is scheduled for Oct. 19.

The investigation remains open as deputies look for the handgun allegedly carried by the suspect. It was not recovered.

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