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## Two in custody following residential robbery

**East Bremerton, Wash.** -- An assault inside of a residential garage, that allegedly involved the use of a gun, has resulted in the arrest of two Bremerton men for 1<sup>st</sup> degree robbery.

Sheriff's patrol deputies were dispatched to the 3000 block of Corfu Blvd. NE, in East Bremerton, around 4:21 p.m. yesterday afternoon, concerning reports from witnesses of a fight / assault occurring outside the residence, and that one of the persons involved in the assault was in possession of a handgun.

As deputies arrived on-scene they learned that the two assailants had fled the area in a white-colored pick-up truck. The suspects were described as:

- (1) White male, late 'teens in age, about 6' 00" tall, heavy build, short black hair, brown eyes, wearing a white-colored hooded sweatshirt and a black baseball cap. This was the primary assailant.
- (2) White male, late 'teens in age, approximately 5" 11" tall, thin build, dirty hair with facial acne.

According to the victim, a 20 year-old male household resident, he was outside the house and walked to the garage where he observed suspect (1) inside the garage holding the console to a Wii game. The victim believed that the suspect was stealing the Wii game. The victim yelled at the suspect to drop the console.

According to the victim, the suspect then pulled a handgun out of his waist area and pointed it at the victim. The victim reported that he then rushed at suspect (1) and tackled him.

The victim and the suspect wrestled with each other inside and then outside the garage. At this point during the incident suspect (2) punched the victim in the back of the head. During the fight the victim was yelling for other family members to call 9-1-1. The victim reported that suspect (1) then threw the gun to suspect (2) and managed to free himself from the victim's grasp, and then punched the victim in the mouth. Both suspects then fled eastbound, around a corner and out of sight.

The weapon was described as being a chrome-colored semi-automatic handgun.

As initial responding deputies were taking witness statements and gathering evidence, a sheriff's K-9 deputy was in the general vicinity looking for the suspect vehicle.

The deputy found the suspect vehicle, a white-colored Chevrolet S-10 pick-up truck with its brake lights illuminated, stopped in the Illahee Dock parking area, off of Illahee Road NE, on Port Orchard Bay.

The persons in the truck matched the suspect descriptions. When additional deputies arrived on scene the driver and passenger were removed from the truck and detained. Further investigation, including witness identification, provided probable cause for the arrest of both occupants.

The two suspects were identified as Christopher Michael Fletcher, age 18, and Gordon Andrew Rinke, age 18. Both are from Bremerton.

They were booked into Kitsap County Jail on one count of robbery, 1<sup>st</sup> degree. Bail was set initially at \$100,000 each.

Both suspects made preliminary appearances this afternoon in Kitsap County District Court, where they were remanded into custody pending release on bail.

Rinke's bail was reduced to \$75,000. Fletcher's bail remained set at \$100,000.

Both are scheduled to next appear in court on Oct. 19.

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