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Multiple Arrests Stretch Sequim Police Resources

On the afternoon of Thursday, March 30th a Sequim Police Officer on routine patrol was driving through a trailer park located at 740 W. Washington Street and saw a white female who was known to have a long criminal record. The officer was able to check for warrants on the subject and determined that the female, Cheryl A. King, white female, age 45, had multiple warrants for her arrest or theft and possession of stolen property.

When the officer attempted to contact King she fled into her residence at 740 West Washington Street where Officers contacted her. King was taken into custody without incident on the outstanding warrants.

While arresting King, Officers recognized Larry D. Tyler, white male, age 46, who was in the residence. Tyler had an outstanding arrest warrant for his arrest for theft. Officers then took Tyler into custody without incident. Tyler told Officers that he did not want the other persons who were in the residence to be left there while he was in jail and asked Officers to remove them. Tyler told police that Josh Reed, a white male, was one of the persons inside.

Reed was currently wanted for escape from the Department Of Corrections Community Custody on methamphetamine related charges. Officers found Reed hiding inside the residence and he too was taken into custody.

Later in the evening at approximately 7:55 PM Sequim Police Officers were dispatched to a report of an intoxicated white male carrying several knives causing a disturbance in the 1400 Block of West Washington Street near a strip mall. Officers responded to *Game Stop*, where they

arrested David F. Elliott a white male, age 40, a Sequim area resident. Elliott had been at the business causing a disturbance by harassing and intimidating employees and customers.

Elliott was wearing a bandoleer that had several fixed blade knives and a hatchet affixed to it. He also had pocketknives in his pants pockets. After Elliott was arrested he threatened to kill the Police Officers that arrested him.

Sequim Police and the Clallam County Sheriffs Office have arrested Elliott on numerous occasions in the past. Due to overcrowding and booking restrictions at the Clallam County Corrections Facility, Elliott was transported to the City of Forks Municipal Jail where he was booked on charges of Disorderly Conduct and Possession of Dangerous Weapons. He was arraigned on Friday via a video link with District Court and is now being held at the Forks Jail with a bail of \$2,500.

“Elliott is well known to local law enforcement and can be violent and combative,” said Sequim Chief of Police Robert Spinks. “Our commitment to the community is to remove law breakers from our streets who are a danger to our residents and if that means a ride to the County Jail and out to Forks when the County Jail is full then so be it. If we have to call in additional staff to make the 3-hour round trip drive out to Forks in order to get arrestees locked up and off the streets of Sequim, well then that’s a cost that I think our taxpayers expect us to pay.”

The Sequim Police Department began lodging arrestees in the Forks Municipal Jail at the end of 2005 when the Clallam County Jail had reached capacity and was routinely turning away arrestees on various charges. It costs the City of Sequim \$45 a day to house a prisoner at the Forks Municipal Jail. According to Forks officials they were housing about 30 prisoners as of Friday afternoon.

Because of the unusually high number of individuals arrested by the on-duty officers in such a short period of time on Thursday, reserve police officers were called in to transport these arrestees to the Clallam County Correctional Facility as well as to the Forks Municipal Jail.

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