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**POULSBO POLICE UAS CAPTURES
BURGLARY IN PROGRESS**

Arrested: Baker, Christopher Lee

Age: 38

City of Residence: Poulsbo

Charges: Burglary; 9A.52.030 & Theft 2; 9a.56.040

POULSBO, WA: During the past week, Advanced Rentals and Sales (20100 block of Viking Ave) in Poulsbo had been burglarized twice. In each case, the suspects cut through the chain link fence, entered rental yard, and took items. As a result, Poulsbo Police officers have been conducting frequent checks of the business.

Just before midnight last night, Poulsbo Police Sergeant Howard Leeming was checking the business. But rather, than checking it from the ground, he deployed one of the police department's newest technologies; an Unmanned Aerial System (UAS), commonly referred to as a drone, to check from above. His timing could not have been better as he was able to locate two suspects in the process of burglarizing the location, yet again.

Additional officers responded to set up containment around the business. The Kitsap County Sheriff's Office K-9 Team of Deputy Baker and K-9 Heiko, also responded to assist.

Officers ordered the suspects to exit the location and surrender. After several announcements without any response, the K-9 was deployed and successfully assisted in the capture of one of the alleged burglars. Unfortunately, the second suspected thief escaped the area on foot.

"It is a great example of how this technology, paired with teamwork and initiative, is so beneficial to law enforcement", said Chief Schoonmaker.

The suspect, Christopher Baker of Poulsbo, was booked in the Kitsap County Jail on the listed charges.

The investigation into this case will continue. Anyone with any information regarding these burglaries is encouraged to call the Poulsbo Police Department at (360) 779-3113.