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BURGLARY SUSPECT IN CUSTODY

Arrested:	Age	City of Residence
Blum, Marcus	27	Poulsbo, WA

POULSBO, WA: Just after 3:30 a.m. on February 12, 2020, Poulsbo Police officers responded to Brevik Place to investigate a residential burglary in-progress. When officers arrived, the resident told them a male suspect tried to break into their home by smashing a rear sliding door. The attempt had failed, and the suspect fled the area on foot. Poulsbo Police officers, with the assistance of deputies from the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office, set up a perimeter in the area and began to search for suspect.

About a half an hour later, a resident on nearby Nesvik Way, called to report a burglar in their home. They stated the suspect had smashed a window and was confronted by the homeowner. The intruder stated he was a "police officer", but the homeowner did not believe him and was able to force him from their home.

A short time later, the suspect smashed a rear slider and entered a third home, however, fled immediately, making no contact with the resident inside.

Officers caught up with the suspect as he climbed up on the roof of another residence on Nesvik Way.

As the suspect stood near the edge of the roof, officers and deputies attempted to talk him down. While these negotiations were in progress, an aid car was staged in the area to render immediate aid, if it became necessary.

Fortunately, after about thirty minutes the officers were able to talk the suspect down from the roof and take him into custody without further incident.

The suspect, identified as Marcus Blum, was arrested and later booked into the Kitsap County Jail for residential burglary and impersonating a police officer.

This was yet another great example of teamwork between the multiple agencies to safely resolve a critical situation.