

City of Sultan
PRESS RELEASE

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Gun Carrying Suspect Arrested in Sultan

On Thursday, April 19, 2007, officers of the Sultan Police Department responded to a trespass complaint at the Sultan Middle School, 301 High Avenue, Sultan. A school bus driver had observed a male subject who was not a student. The individual was asked to leave the school grounds and refused to obey.

The police were called and responded, obtained a description of the person and conducted a search of the area. The suspect was located in the 300 block of 3rd street, approximately 2 blocks from the school. He was detained and questioned. He provided identification which gave his date of birth and said he was homeless. The officer noted his pockets were bulging and conducted a pat down search for contraband and weapons. The suspect had ammunition for a firearm in a pocket as well as drug paraphernalia and a scale. He had a loaded 357 hand gun in the front of his pants. The handgun was removed and in the process of arresting him he broke and ran to a house on the corner of 3rd and Cedar Avenue. Officers requested backup assistance and units from the Sheriff's office responded and surrounded the home. Sultan officers talked to the homeowner who allowed the officers to enter the home and the suspect was taken into custody without injury of further incident.

The suspect was transported to the Sultan Police station where a computer check of the gun determined it was stolen in a recent burglary. The suspect was booked into the Snohomish County jail on charges theft of a firearm, possession of stolen property, and felon in possession of a firearm. The investigation is continuing. For more information contact Police Chief Fred Walser at 360-793-1051.