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EDMONDS POLICE CAPTURE BURGLARS

Early Wednesday morning, February 22, 2012, at approximately 3:00 a.m. officers of the Edmonds Police Department responded to a burglary alarm at a commercial business in the 9600 block of Firdale Avenue. When officers arrived on scene within moments of the alarm they discovered that the back window of the business had been smashed out. An alert Edmonds officer responding to the burglary observed a suspicious subject walking away from the area, so he stopped to talk to the man. Interestingly enough, the 30-year old Brier man was carrying a portable two-way radio from which the police officer could hear urgent sounding conversation. The two or three male voices overheard transmitting from the portable radio were commenting on the police officers' response. The Edmonds officer also noted that the suspicious subject was carrying a cellular telephone that was operating in stopwatch mode. The elapsed time displayed on the man's stopwatch corresponded with the same time that had passed since the burglary occurred. All the while the Edmonds officer was talking to the suspicious man, a Lynnwood Police K-9 team was tracking away from the scene of the burglary. Not surprising to the Edmonds officer, the police dog tracked right to the suspicious subject carrying the portable radio. The man was taken into police custody.

Two other suspects, a 27-year old Edmonds man and a 31-year old Lynnwood man, were also captured on foot a short distance away. All three men have been arrested for commercial burglary with criminal charges pending. Through the course of this investigation police have also identified a fourth suspect believed to be involved in the crime. The remaining suspect has not yet been taken into custody.

This investigation is ongoing.

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