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WSP Troopers recover 3 stolen vehicles in 2 days

Bremerton – Washington State Patrol (WSP) Troopers recovered three stolen vehicles in two separate incidents in Mason and Clallam County this week.

The first incident occurred at approximately 6:43 p.m. Tuesday involving a motorcycle that crashed in a ditch on state Route 106 at milepost 18. The rider fled on foot and was later located hiding behind a vehicle in a nearby driveway by troopers and firefighters.

The rider, a 30-year-old Port Orchard man, was taken into custody and is accused of possession of a stolen vehicle, drug possession/paraphernalia and other possible charges, which are being referred to the Mason County Prosecutor's Office.

The second incident occurred at 9:28 p.m. Wednesday when a blue 2001 Chrysler Sebring was reported stolen from Port Angeles. The vehicle was later found in the ditch on northbound state Route 101 near Lake Pleasant Road.

A passerby in a silver 2001 Ford Ranger pickup truck stopped to assist the driver, later identified as 30-year-old Skylar W. Vestal, allegedly got into the pickup truck and drove southbound on state Route 101 toward Forks. No threats were made to the passerby.

Vestal allegedly continued southbound for approximately seven miles until he was stopped and detained by Forks Police Department Officers without incident. Troopers later placed Vestal into custody under the suspicion of two counts of theft of a motor vehicle, driving under the influence and driving while license suspended third-degree. He was booked in Clallam County Jail.

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