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### Update To Arrest Made On Sunday

**King County:** At approximately 3:00 am on June 20, 2021 the Washington State Patrol (WSP) arrested an individual for throwing rocks from NB I-5 toward vehicles on the exit to Dearborn St.

A WSP sergeant was on foot NB I-5 in the CD near Dearborn and observed an individual on a bike, wearing a headlamp on the inside of the guardrail overlooking the exit. The sergeant observed this individual throw two rocks at vehicles as they exited. A foot chase ensued as the subject rode his bike onto Dearborn. WSP aircraft was patrolling the area as part of the effort to arrest the suspect(s) that have been throwing rocks and took over following the suspect. The suspect ended up going out of sight in a plaza near 5<sup>th</sup> Ave and Weller.

As the troopers were searching the area a separate individual threw a large knife at a trooper's car and was subsequently arrested. It was at this time that an individual rode by the scene with a headlamp on closely matching the description of the suspect that was involved in the foot pursuit. This person was arrested for investigation of attempted assault for throwing rocks at vehicles.

Troopers continued to investigate this incident and late Monday night, June 21, 2021 surveillance video was obtained and in reviewing this it was evident that this individual arrested was **not** the suspect that was throwing rocks.

The King County Jail and the Prosecutor's Office were immediately contacted and the subject was released early this morning.

The WSP continues to work with the Seattle Police Department and the Department of Transportation to use the plan in place to apprehend the suspect(s) that are committing this dangerous act of throwing rocks at vehicles.

Please call the Washington State Patrol with any information on these crimes.

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