

## **School Rivalry Turns Into School Bus Vandalism**

### **Local News**

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HOQUIAM, Wash. - On Tuesday evening, December 29, 2009 at approximately 10pm, Hoquiam officers were dispatched to a call of reported "shots fired" at a Longview school bus parked at McDonald's in the 2500 block of Simpson Ave. One window to the school bus had been damaged and four males were observed fleeing the scene in a newer, black colored car.

According to the bus driver, prior to the incident four young males were apparently in the parking lot attempting to taunt the Longview students who were inside the restaurant. When no one inside paid them any attention, two of the suspects walked across the street to where the black car was parked while two other suspects walked past the bus on Simpson Ave.

The bus driver (who was alone in the bus at the time) then heard a loud bang which she believed was a gunshot, followed by one bus window shattering out. Officers investigated the damage and determined that it was likely caused by a blunt object, such as a baseball bat, and not a firearm.

Administrators at Hoquiam High School were notified of the incident and did report that there had been some issues between some students at the earlier Hoquiam-Longview basketball game. The case has been referred to the school administration as well as detectives for additional follow-up. The suspect(s) responsible for the damage are encouraged to contact the school immediately.

Persons with information regarding the damage to the bus are asked to contact Detective Sergeant Steve Fretts at 360-532-0892 x 102 or Detective James Gaddis at x 109.