

## **Two Men Arrested after Brutal Assault and Robbery in Mason County**

### **Local News**

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SHELTON, Wash. - Two Shelton men are jailed following their arrest Tuesday for what Mason County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Dean Byrd described as the brutal assault and robbery of a 23 year old Shelton man.

According to investigators the two suspects from Shelton, aged 28 and 29, had contacted the victim and arranged a meet at a predetermined location to conduct a purchase of heroin. Detectives say that the victim went to meet one of them at the public fishing area adjacent to the Bayshore Golf Course during the afternoon of March 26, 2012. The victim expected to meet only one and was unaware of the other suspect nearby. Byrd tells KBKW when the victim arrived at the public fishing access, he exited his car with cash in hand. As the victim talked to one suspect, the other exited an outdoor toilet and approached the victim from behind.

One suspect is alleged to have struck the victim in the head at least twice with a metal baseball bat, critically injuring him and knocking him to the ground. \$45.00 in cash was stolen from the victim before the two left the scene.

Investigators tell KBKW the victim was able to make his way to his vehicle and drive himself across the street to the Bayshore Grocery where he was discovered by passers-by who called law enforcement. The victim is currently being treated at St. Peters Hospital in Olympia and is listed in critical condition.

Investigators located the suspects at a residence in Lake Limerick Tuesday. Both were arrested just after 5:00PM. Both have made their first court appearance in this case and remain in jail on \$350,000 and \$250,000 bail respectively.