

## **Stolen camera photos help book Hoquiam car prowler**

### **Local News**

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HOQUIAM, Wash. - On August 7, 2013 at about midnight, Hoquiam officers were dispatched to a prowler complaint in the 800 block of 5th Street. The reporting party had reported that she had seen a subject in her driveway holding a flashlight. Officer Aaron Hergert arrived in the area a few minutes after the call and located a male subject in a dark hoody carrying two backpacks in the front yard of a residence in the 800 block of 4th Street. The subject was contacted by officers and was immediately recognized as a 27 year old Ocean Shores resident. The male had outstanding Aberdeen Municipal Court warrant for his arrest for Vehicle Prowl in the 2nd Degree. The warrant was confirmed and he was taken into custody and transported to the Hoquiam Police Department. Officers are very familiar with the suspect due to his multiple arrests for drug possession, vehicle prowling, theft, possession of stolen property, obstructing law enforcement officers, and resisting arrest. Detective Sergeant Krohn tells us the man is a convicted felon.

Further investigation revealed at least three separate vehicles that had been prowled in the neighborhood. The suspect's backpacks contained several items which were suspected to have been stolen. Inside the backpacks were an iPod, a "Silver Bullet" speaker, a blue tooth speaker, a Nintendo 3DS game and a Pentax "Shockproof" camera and a large amount of loose change. At the time of the report officers were unable to locate possible victims of the property recovered from the backpacks. Several pictures from the Pentax camera were forwarded to KIRO 7, KOMO 4, and KING 5 news in hopes of identifying a victim. HPD received several calls from citizens who believed they knew the owner of the camera and that she resided in the 2400 block of Pacific Avenue in Hoquiam. HPD Detectives contacted the owner and confirmed she was a victim of an unreported vehicle prowler that had occurred sometime during the night. The suspect was issued a Criminal Citation for Vehicle Prowl 2nd Degree and subsequently booked into the HPD jail. Charges of Possession of Stolen Property are pending and more charges may result as the investigation continues. Anyone with any further information is asked to contact Detective Sergeant Krohn at 360-532-0892 ext. 102 or Detective Blundred at 360-532-0892 ext. 109. Detective Sergeant Krohn tells us the Hoquiam Police Department has taken a total of 30 vehicle prowler reports over the last three months. A breakdown on reports by months: June (10), July (12) and so far in the month of August (9), with (5) of those reports since yesterday evening. Some of the reports included multiple vehicles being prowled.