

## **Mason County Troopers Seeking Residents with Outstanding DUI Warrants**

### **Local News**

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Mason County, WA &ndash; Troopers assigned to Mason County will be actively looking for those offenders with outstanding warrants for DUI issued in Mason County District Court.

After learning of over 1,160 active DUI arrest warrants in Mason County alone, troopers began working with the Mason County Prosecutors Office and Mason County Jail to find a solution to hold those offenders responsible for prior DUI arrests. Together, they reached an agreement where DUI offenders will be held in the Mason County Jail when brought in by law enforcement agencies. There, they will await a court appearance that is typically scheduled for the next day.

Last month, the Mason County District Court provided troopers with a list of all outstanding DUI warrants in Mason County. Those persons with more than one DUI warrant, previous DUI arrests, and most recent issued warrants are considered the highest priority.

"With my time spent working in Mason County, I have seen that those with outstanding DUI warrants are often repeat offenders," said Trooper Matt Wood of the Shelton Detachment who helped spearhead this project. "When we get a person with warrants off the streets and brought to justice, we are preventing new cases of impaired driving."

Since beginning this project, troopers have already arrested over \$117,000 in outstanding DUI warrants. The Washington State Patrol would encourage those with outstanding DUI warrants to contact the Mason County District Court and take care of their warrants, or risk the chance of future arrest.

On August 7, troopers contacted a residence on W. Insels Road in Shelton in an attempt to serve an outstanding DUI warrant to a 56 year old resident. The man's 18 year old son answered the door. It was later determined that the 18 year old son had an outstanding felony warrant for burglary and was arrested. During the arrest four mature marijuana plants were found growing in the back yard. A search warrant was obtained with the assistance of WestNet and four marijuana plants were removed, ranging in size from 2" to 4". The 56 year old resident returned home during the process, and was arrested on his DUI warrant as well as a new DUI charge. Father and son were both booked into the Mason County Jail on their outstanding warrants. Charges of Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Manufacture are expected to be filed on both through the Prosecutor's Office.