Drug Arrest in Hoquiam

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On Saturday 8/22/09 at 7:00 pm Hoquiam police responded to the parking lot at McDonald’s, 2500 block Simpson Avenue, to check on the welfare of two individuals in a blue Ford that was parked in the lot. It appeared to the reporting party that these individuals were passed out.

When officers arrived on the scene they found two males seated in the vehicle. An officer attempted to speak to the male in the driver’s seat but he appeared lethargic and had difficulty answering the officer’s questions. While the man was speaking to the officer he grabbed a shirt from the back seat of the car and placed it over the center console between the front seats. The man began to reach under the shirt he was wearing so for officer safety purposes the man was ordered to keep his hands visible and to step from the car. During a pat-down of the man the officer located a cylinder type object in the man’s pocket with a screw on cap. This is the type of container typically used to hide illegal narcotics. The officer asked the man what was in the container and he replied that is was “Oxy 80s.” The officers also asked what the man was hiding under the shirt on the center console and he stated that it was a, “Pill grinder and a cutter.”

The 22 year old Aberdeen man was arrested and taken to the Hoquiam Police station for further questioning. He was released from custody but will be charged at a later date for a Violation of the Uniform Controlled Substance Act (VUCSA) after the suspected narcotics are analyzed at the Washington State Patrol crime lab.