



Peninsula Detachment Crime Alert

1/25/08 – Help Us Find Suspect in Assault on Deputy

On 1/23/08 at 9:45 P.M., a deputy sheriff working in the Peninsula Detachment was assaulted as he was clearing the roadway in the north end of the Key Peninsula. We need your help to locate the unknown suspect(s).

The deputy was driving northbound in the 8000 block of Lackey Road KPN when he approached a street sign that had been thrown into the middle of the road. The deputy stopped his vehicle, activated his emergency lights and stepped out of the patrol car. There are very few houses next to the roadway in this area which keeps the road and surroundings in darkness. Temperatures were also below freezing on the night this occurred.

As the deputy walked up to the discarded sign, he was using his phone to make contact with another deputy who passed through the same area just minutes prior. As the deputy held the phone to his ear, a large rock hit his hand. The suspect(s) fled into the wooded area. A K-9 unit failed to locate the suspect(s) after a search of the area.

Further investigation revealed the suspect(s) walked a 20-block distance from south to north along Lackey Road KPN and broke off or removed at least six road signs before the assault on the deputy sheriff occurred. To date, no suspect has been identified in this incident. The injured deputy sheriff will return to work in a few days.

We are asking for the public's help in identifying anyone who may have been seen walking along Lackey Road KPN between 9 P.M. and 10 P.M. on 1/23/08. Anyone with information on this crime may call the Peninsula Detachment office at 253-798-4940 during business hours or the LESA Communications Center at 253-798-4721, option 1, after hours.