

## Shoreline / Precinct 5 Week In Review (December 4th, 2025)

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### Chief's Message



The Chief's Message is on pause this week.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the all staff meeting and lunch this Friday at 1100 in the Council Chambers.

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### Congratulations Deputy Bennett!

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"I would like to congratulate Deputy Austin Bennett who is currently off probation effective today, December 4th. Austin has worked hard this past year and has definitely earned his place within the King County Sheriff's Office."

*-Sergeant Joe Merclich*



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## **Two Dangerous Burglary Suspects Apprehended**

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On 11/20/2025 at approximately 2046 hours, deputies were dispatched to a burglary in progress at West Coast Self-Storage after the manager observed two masked men breaking into a unit on live video. The unit, which had been slated for auction, contained jewelry and multiple firearms valued at over \$60,000.

Deputy Bennett arrived at the scene and confirmed two males were actively breaking into a unit. Also dispatched were Deputies West, Anderson, Gundogdu and MPO Rodriguez. Deputy Anderson saw the suspects run out of the building and announced this to his partners. Deputies Gundogdu, West, and Anderson pursued and took the first suspect into custody in a nearby field.

PCT 5 SET Detectives Koontz, Turner, Welch, and Swanson, along with Deputies Hernandez, Paczosa, and Sergeant Knight, responded to assist. Guardian 1 headed towards the scene. Deputy Tipton coordinated perimeter spots from the C1, while everyone on scene focused on locating the second suspect.

K9 Deputy Planalp and his K9 partner Rex began searching an area directly west of the facility and located a discarded article of clothing. Deputy Planalp directed Rex to search in this area, which was the front yard of a home directly behind the storage unit area. Minutes later, Rex located the second suspect hiding under a backyard deck. The suspect was taken into custody without incident.

Stolen jewelry was recovered from the first suspect's bag, and the second suspect provided key information during a subsequent interview by Deputy West. Both suspects were booked into King County Jail without incident.

Sergeant Campbell noted that this operation demonstrated exemplary collaboration between deputies from across the north, Shoreline K9 Deputy Planalp and his K9 Rex, SET detectives, and the Guardian 1 helicopter team. Their rapid, coordinated efforts led to the safe apprehension of two violent offenders and the recovery of high-value property.

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### **Determination and Teamwork Leads to Arrest of Violent Offender**

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On 11/17/25 at 2319 hours, Sergeant Snow, MPO Jackson, and Deputy West responded to the 192 Apartments in Shoreline for a DV assault. The victim reported her ex-boyfriend had severely beaten her minutes earlier. Deputies found her with serious facial injuries and provided aid while gathering suspect information. MPO Jackson followed a possible lead in Seattle but was unable to locate the suspect that night.



The following day, MPO Jackson came in early to continue the search. On 11/18/25 at approximately 1947 hours, new intel from the victim indicated the suspect was heading back toward her apartment. MPO Jackson began to set up resources to stake out the area near her apartment, but the suspect cancelled his visit after spotting a police car in the area. The suspect messaged the victim to meet him at a nearby location.

PCT 5 SET Detectives in unmarked vehicles located the suspect's vehicle near the Fred Meyer off Aurora. Detectives directed patrol units in, while Guardian 1 provided overwatch. Sergeant Knight located suspect's vehicle with the suspect still inside and took him into custody without incident. The suspect was booked into SCORE jail that evening.

"The collaboration between all our deputies and detectives here was excellent. This shows the amazing drive that our deputies have in the pursuit of justice for our victims as well. Our deputies and detectives here at PCT 5 take on acts of heroism

every single day to make sure that our community stays safe and that our victims of crime, such as the heinous assault carried out here, are protected and secured from re-victimization by their attackers. I am proud to work with this team, and I commend them on this excellent service to our community that went above and beyond."

- Sgt. Ian Campbell