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Arrest made in weekend hit and run incident

EVERETT – Detectives make arrest from weekend hit and run incident that started over illegal dumping.

Just after 6:00 am on May 22, officers were dispatched to a private parking lot at 9800 Evergreen Way on the report of a hit and run collision. Arriving officers found an injured 58 year-old Everett man who had been struck and dragged by a pickup truck before it left the area. The victim told officers he confronted the driver of a black Chevrolet Avalanche while he was dumping items in the parking lot. During the verbal argument that followed, the man tried hitting the victim with a metal pipe but fell and dropped it. The man got into the pickup and drove at the victim. The victim ran but was struck as he neared two parked cars. The pickup backed up and dragged the victim before leaving the area.

No suspect description was provided and the victim was transported to Providence Regional Medical Center Everett with severe injuries.

Detectives found personal paperwork for a possible suspect in the items left behind, but were unable to establish probable cause to make an arrest.

At about 2:45 pm that afternoon, Mukilteo Fire Department responded to the 11700 block of Cyrus Way when a black Chevrolet Avalanche was reported to be on fire. Later, Mukilteo Police also responded to area on the report of a burglary and vehicle theft. The vehicle, a Ford van, fled as officers attempted to stop it.

At about 6:45 pm that night, Snohomish County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the 12900 block of 29th Ave on the report of a burglary and located the stolen Ford van. They arrested and booked a man for burglary and the vehicle theft. The man was believed to be involved in the earlier hit and run incident.

Today, with information discovered during their investigation, Everett detectives developed probable cause to arrest the possible suspect from May 22. Joshua Painter of Bothell, 42 years-old, was interviewed and booked by detectives into the Snohomish County Jail on two counts of assault (RCW 9A.36.011) and one count of hit and run (RCW 46.52.020.4B).

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