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## *Sororicide* **Seabeck man arrested in death of sibling**

**SEABECK, Wash.** -- Kitsap County Sheriff's detectives have arrested a Seabeck man believed involved in the death of his older sister.

The arrest occurred Tuesday evening at a residence in the 16900 block of NW Indian Ridge Drive in the Seabeck area of Central Kitsap.

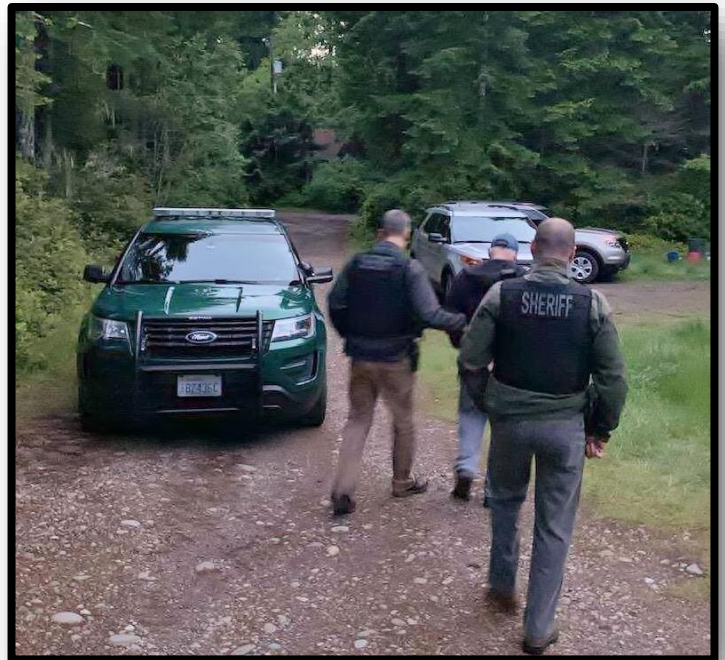
Sheriff's patrol deputies responded to the residence Sunday evening for a 9-1-1 call of an unconscious / unresponsive woman. Kitsap 911 dispatchers provided CPR instructions to the caller while sheriff's deputies and emergency crews from Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue were en route. Patrol deputies arrived on-scene and continued emergency first aid without any response from the woman. Medic crews arrived and pronounced the woman deceased.

Sheriff's detectives initiated an investigation into the woman's death together with the Kitsap County Coroner's Office. On Tuesday the county's forensic pathologist conducted an autopsy on the 61-year-old woman. The coroner issued a determination that the cause of death was from strangulation with asphyxiation and drowning. The manner of death was listed as homicide.

Later Tuesday detectives served a search warrant at the residence where additional evidence was located. It was determined that the woman was sexually assaulted before being killed.

Detectives arrested Michael Andrew Battersby, 51, the brother of the victim. He was booked into the Kitsap County Jail on charges of murder, 1<sup>st</sup> degree (DV) and rape, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree (DV). Bail was set initially at \$1 million.

It is expected that Michael Battersby will make an initial appearance in Kitsap County Superior Court today at 3 p.m.



**Kitsap County Sheriff's detectives escort Michael Andrew Battersby, 51, to a waiting patrol vehicle for transport to the Kitsap County Jail, during the early evening hours of June 9.**

**Battersby was booked into jail on charges of murder, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree (DV) and rape, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree (DV) in the death of his 61-year-old sister.**

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