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**News** 

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## Kitsap and Mason Counties

## Suspect arrested in post office burglaries

**BREMERTON, Wash.** -- One of five suspects identified as being responsible for a multitude of burglaries to U. S. Post Office facilities in three counties was arrested Monday in Bremerton.

Brandon Lyle Egeler, 35, was taken into custody around 4 p.m. by U. S. Postal Service Inspector J. Kilgallen, at a residence in the 3600 block of McCall Boulevard West, in the Navy Yard City area. Egeler was booked into the Kitsap County Jail on an outstanding arrest warrant for burglary, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree. Bail was set at \$50,000.



The U. S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) had been spearheading an investigation into the burglaries.

The warrant for Egeler was issued for participating in burglaries to the Tracyton Post Office in Kitsap County, and the Grapeview Post Office in Mason County.

Inspector Kilgallen has been working with detectives from the Kitsap County Sheriff's Special Investigations Unit (SIU) and the West Sound Narcotics Enforcement Team (WestNET).

The offenders in each instance gained entry by force. Items typically stolen included credit / bank cards and checks. This investigation concerns burglaries that occurred to post offices in Keyport, Kitsap County; Lakebay, Pierce County; South Colby, Kitsap County, and in Grapeview, Mason County. The break-ins occurred between June 6 and July 4.

Through investigative means, Brandon Egeler was tracked to the McCall Boulevard residence. Additional law enforcement assistance was provided by SIU, WestNET, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service and Kitsap County Sheriff's patrol deputies.

Contact with occupants of the residence was attempted without any response from those inside. Inspector Kilgallen was able to reach the suspect by phone and convinced Egeler to exit the house and surrender. He was taken into custody without incident.

The investigation continues.

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