



A lot has been reported recently about the scourge of fentanyl, heroin and other addictive and dangerous drugs that have become so prevalent in our communities across the state of Washington and the nation. We at the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office are well-aware of this problem and are dealing with issues surrounding these drugs daily.

Recently, Deputy Ariana Petritz and Cadet Captain Alaya Browne responded to an address in the Brownsville area for a report of an unresponsive male. When they arrived, Deputy Petritz quickly determined that the unresponsive male had just been smoking fentanyl before collapsing. Deputy Petritz administered Narcan, which had little effect, so she and Cadet Browne began CPR. They were able to resuscitate the man and get him stabilized for transport to the hospital. The quick actions of Deputy Petritz and Cadet Browne very likely saved this man's life.

The recent "Blake" decision by the Washington State Supreme Court has essentially decriminalized simple possession of these dangerous substances. The ruling, however, still allows for prosecution for possession with intent to deliver narcotics. Our Deputies continue to work within the boundaries of this new court ruling and Washington State laws to remove as much of these dangerous drugs as possible from the streets.

Deputy Wyatt Galbreath was patrolling in the north end of Kitsap County and conducted a traffic stop early Monday morning after observing several violations on State Hwy 3 near Denton Rd.

Deputy Galbreath contacted the driver and saw a semi-automatic handgun inside the car. He gave very specific instructions to the driver to keep them both safe and determined that the driver did not have a concealed weapons permit.

Deputy Galbreath obtained consent from the driver to remove that weapon and search the vehicle for additional weapons where he found two more firearms, one of which had been reported as stolen out of Pierce County.

Deputy Galbreath also discovered what he described as "a clear storage container containing hundreds of small blue pills" that appeared to be fentanyl, many more than "personal use" amount.

A search warrant was granted for the car and Detectives located 9850 blue fentanyl pills, 2 1/2 pounds of methamphetamines, 3/4 pound of black tar heroin, 2 ounces of cocaine and \$21,000 in cash.

The 27-year-old woman who was driving the vehicle was arrested and booked into the Kitsap County jail for possession of a stolen firearm and possession of narcotics with the intent to deliver.

This kind of proactive and educated patrolling is common among your Deputies at the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office, who continue to work hard within the confines of recent court rulings and legislative changes to root out criminal activity and make arrests when appropriate as well as removing as many weapons and dangerous drugs from the streets as possible.

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