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This press release is being distributed in follow-up to the release attached below regarding this morning’s robbery of the Edmonds Pharmacy and the arrest of two individuals in relation to this robbery and several previous robberies of the same business.

This morning’s robbery is the fifth such robbery of this pharmacy and it is believed that the same suspect is responsible for each of them. The previous robbery dates are: November 30, 2010, December 23, 2010, December 31, 2010 and January 24, 2011. In each of the robberies the suspect was of the same physical description and wore similar attire; a hoodie type of sweatshirt covering his head, a surgical mask and rubber gloves. Each time the suspect passed the employee a handwritten note demanding narcotics.

In the robbery this morning the suspect again entered the business wearing a dark hoodie type sweatshirt, black pants, a surgical mask and gloves and again provided the clerk with a handwritten note demanding narcotics. The suspect left the scene on foot after having been given a quantity of Oxycodone and Morphine.

Due to investigative efforts by the Edmonds Police Department Detective Unit several key pieces of intelligence information were available to personnel arriving in the area after the reported robbery this morning. Some basic information provided was a suspect description, a suspect vehicle description and the likely route out of the area which would be taken by the suspect. It was also known that in all likelihood there would be a second suspect involved as a driver of the “get-away” car which would be parked nearby.

Shortly after the report of the robbery this morning (approximately 23 minutes) an Edmonds Police Detective, with the above referenced information in-hand, located the suspect vehicle occupied by two individuals in the parking lot of the Premera Blue Cross complex located in the 7000blk of 220th St. SW, Mountlake Terrace WA. Both individuals were taken into custody at that time without incident.

Currently in custody are a 32 year old male resident of Everett and a 36 year old female resident of Everett. Both subjects are currently in the custody of the Edmonds Police Department but will be transported shortly to the Snohomish County Jail in Everett to be booked on robbery charges.

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Pharmacy Robbery in Edmonds

On today’s date at 9:15am Edmonds Police responded to the report of a robbery which had just occurred at the Edmonds Pharmacy in the 7600blk of 212th St. SW. This is the fifth such robbery at this pharmacy since late November 2010. The suspect was last seen leaving on foot from the pharmacy. Due to the close proximity to Edmonds Woodway High School (directly across the street), the on-duty police supervisor recommended that the school be placed in lock-down status and the school administration did so. Edmonds patrol units arrived in the area within two minutes and immediately began conducting a search for the suspect. A Lynnwood PD K9 was also requested to assist by attempting to track the suspect from the pharmacy.

At 9:40am Edmonds Police Detectives responding to the robbery located the suspect vehicle and the robbery suspect a short distance away and took him into custody. This investigation is on-going and evolving quickly. There will be follow-up information provided as it becomes available. As of 10:00am Edmonds Woodway High School was taken out of lock down. I will be responding to the robbery scene.