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EDMONDS POLICE ARREST ASSAULT SUSPECT

Friday evening, June 10, 2011, at approximately 6:51 p.m., Edmonds Police responded to the 9600 block of 220th St. SW for a report of a knife wielding woman threatening two children. The victims, 7 and 8-year old Edmonds boys, were playing at an elementary school in the 9600 block of 220th St. SW when they observed a woman in the same vicinity. When the boys got within approximately 50 feet of the woman, she reportedly raised a fixed blade knife over her head and yelled, "I'm gonna kill you guys." The boys gathered their bicycles and rode to a nearby church to report the incident. An employee of the church called 911 to summon officers. The employee described the boys as "panicked."

As an Edmonds Police officer responded to the victims' location, other officers began an area search for the suspect. Moments later an officer located a woman matching the suspect's description walking 6 blocks to the south in the 22600 block of 96th Ave. W. The 21-year old Edmonds woman was taken into custody without incident. She admitted to officers that she had been armed with a fixed blade knife but denied threatening the boys. However, she stated that earlier that evening she had been walking from a nearby park when two other, non-descript boys called her a "zombie." She admitted following those two boys. It was a short time later while walking on 96th Ave. W that she noticed the two reported victims. She admitted to officers that she called out to the boys because she thought she knew them. Although she denied threatening the boys, the suspect told officers she tossed the knife over a fence into blackberry bushes immediately following her contact with them.

The suspect was arrested for Assault and transported to a local hospital for evaluation. Later that evening, after being discharged from the hospital, the suspect was booked at the Snohomish County Jail.

The knife has not yet been recovered.

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