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### EDMONDS POLICE GET THE BURGLAR AND RECOVER THE LOOT

On Friday morning, March 23, 2012, at 9:14 a.m. Edmonds Police officers were dispatched to a residential burglary in the 7500 block of 212th St. SW. Responding officers discovered the back door of the home had recently been pried open, but the suspect had fled prior to their arrival. Upon further investigation it was determined that the suspect had stolen a number of items from the home including a computer, prescription medication and a 12-gauge shotgun.

Edmonds Police officers canvased the surrounding area in search of the suspect while at the same time contacting neighbors and business owners in hopes that someone had seen the burglar. In so doing, officers developed a suspect description and, just as importantly, they located some of the victim's stolen property where it had been hidden by the burglar. One of those items was the victim's shotgun, which officers found hidden behind a nearby business.

Believing that the burglar might return to retrieve the hidden property, officers remained in the area to keep watch. A little more than an hour later, officers observed an individual frantically searching through the bushes where the shotgun had been hidden. The 50-year old Lake Stevens man was taken into custody without resistance. In his possession were other items belonging to the victim. Interestingly enough, he was even wearing the victim's coat, which was also stolen from the home. During the interview that followed, the man confessed to the crime. The suspect was booked into the Snohomish County Jail on criminal charges of Residential Burglary and Possession of Narcotics.

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