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UPDATE TO SHOTS FIRED CALL
ONE IN CUSTODY FOR 1ST DEGREE ASSAULT AND ROBBERY

Seven hours after shots rang out in an Edmonds neighborhood, one of the two shooters was in custody at the Snohomish County Jail. That suspect was arraigned for one count of First Degree Assault and First Degree Robbery in Snohomish County Superior Court.

Detectives were able to uncover more of the story as the investigation continued and learned the following facts:

The incident took place on February 2, 2016 around 1:52 am in the 17100 block of 67 AVE W. One of the victims, a 19-year old female from Marysville was sent a message, requesting she head down to that neighborhood to pick up a friend of the family. When she arrived, with her boyfriend (still unidentified at this time), the family friend met her and jumped into the car. She then noticed that two other men had come out to the car as well. The suspect, a 22-year old man from Lake Stevens opened her car door and demanded property from her. She refused and he began threatening her. He reached into the vehicle, grabbing her purse. They struggled over the purse and she heard a gunshot. At some point during the encounter, the family friend got out of the car. The suspect managed to get money from her purse and she sped off. It was then that she heard more gunshots.

A short time later, family members of the victim began receiving text messages from the suspect, showing himself in a mirror with a handgun and cash.

Detectives were able to confirm that there were several bullet holes in the victim’s car the following day.

The family friend, referenced above, was arrested by Marysville Police on February 3, 2016 during an unrelated incident. They recovered the handgun that was believed to have been used by the suspect. That gun was stolen during a burglary in Mukilteo. He later admitted that the suspect had given it to him after the shooting. The family friend also implicated a second suspect and claimed that he too had fired rounds at the victim.

That second suspect has been identified as a 21-year old man from the Marysville area. He was last known to be driving a black, 2011 Volkswagen Jetta with a temporary permit in the back window. He is wanted for First Degree Robbery and First Degree Assault by the Edmonds Police Department.

Detectives are still investigating.

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