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OFFICERS ARE OK AFTER VIOLENT ENCOUNTER SUSPECT TRIED TO TAKE OFFICERS GUN

(Edmonds - WA)

What started as a “routine” call for a suspicious circumstance quickly changed when officers arrived onscene. It all happened on December 12th, around 7pm when Edmonds Police officers responded to reports of a man being drug down a hallway at a motel in the 22100 block of Highway 99. The officers arrived and found that a man was being held down in the hallway by a group of people. That man was highly intoxicated and the officers quickly determined he met criteria to take him into protective custody.

The man, a 37 year-old from Springdale (Washington) was highly agitated. After getting the man to calm down, the officers got him to sit against a wall and had an aid crew bring in a gurney to transport him to the hospital. The man repeatedly refused, but once again, officers were able to talk him into getting on the gurney.

Once on the gurney, the man began yelling at the officers and continually tried to get out of the restraints. He was wheeled down the hallway towards an elevator. Just outside of that elevator, he reached down and grabbed one of the officers holstered handgun. He started pulling at it, trying to get it out of the holster. That action prompted the two officers to strike the man (using their hands), hoping he would let go, before the man got the officer’s gun away from him. After several strikes, the man let go and the officers were able to get him secured to the gurney again.

The man was so agitated and violent, that the aid crew had to give him sedatives just so they could transport him.

The man was taken to the hospital for evaluation. Once released, he will be booked for attempting to disarm a police officer.

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