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Media Release



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Inmate Assaults Counselor

MONROE – On Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at 1:22 pm, Monroe police officers responded to the report of an assault by an inmate to a counselor in the Special Offenders Unit (SOU), Washington State Reformatory, Monroe. Upon arrival, officers found a 42-year-old female victim that had been assaulted in a counseling room by an inmate. The booth officer observed the counselor waving her arm to get his attention. He then called for assistance on the radio. Several Corrections Officers along with the Quick Strike Response Team (QSRT) responded to the assault and managed to free her from the inmate's grip. He was then taken to segregation. The victim said the inmate had come into the office and asked her for a pen. He then attacked her from behind, placing both arms around her neck. He was still holding the pen that she had given him in his left hand. The victim knew the suspect and had met with him the previous night for a counseling session.

Officers' interviewed the suspect, Darrel C. Holm, a 44-year-old male who is reportedly scheduled to be released from prison some time in 2011. He admitted to the assault on the counselor, saying "I want a third strike." He led officers to believe he will continue this kind of behavior until he gets a third strike. Officers were told that the SOU was in modified lock down at the time of the assault.

The counselor sustained minor injuries and was seen by a nurse on site. Assault charges will be forwarded to the Snohomish County Prosecutor's Office.

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