



MONROE POLICE APPREHEND SUSPECTS FOLLOWING DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE AND SUBSEQUENT CAR CHASE

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MONROE, Wash. – On Friday, Oct. 6, just before 11 a.m., Monroe Police Department responded to a standoff with occupants of a red Mini Cooper in the parking lot of the Washington State Patrol (WSP) office located in the 16700 block of 146th Street S.E. The incident began when a Monroe woman reported that she was seeking refuge from her boyfriend and was being chased by him and a passenger in the red Mini Cooper. The victim informed officers that her boyfriend, a 30-year-old Monroe man, threatened suicide and violated a protection order she had against him. Seeking safety, she drove to the WSP Office, where the suspect followed, approached her vehicle, and began banging on her window in an attempt to gain access. During the incident, both the Monroe Police and WSP attempted to stop the driver who refused to pull over.

Once the vehicle was located at the WSP office, Monroe Police officers initiated a high-risk stop, supported by WSP troopers and Snohomish County Sheriff's Office deputies. Both the driver and passenger, identified as a 29-year-old Monroe man, resisted arrest despite repeated commands to exit the vehicle. After approximately 22 minutes, the passenger surrendered peacefully. However, the driver continued to refuse to exit the vehicle for 53 minutes. Monroe police officers deployed less-lethal projectiles which broke a window of the suspect's vehicle. Almost immediately after doing so, the driver surrendered without further incident.

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"The victim's resilience and bravery in seeking protection and safety underscores the importance of addressing domestic violence" said Police Chief Jeffrey Jolley. "We encourage any victims of domestic violence to seek help immediately." Victims can seek help through our partnership with [Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County](#). A 24 hr. support line can be accessed by calling 425-25-ABUSE.

Further investigation has revealed a history of domestic violence between the victim and her boyfriend. The victim recently applied for a protection order due to ongoing harassment. It is important to note that the court order had yet to be served on the boyfriend, and officers concluded that no court order violation had been committed.

Both suspects were booked into Snohomish County Jail, facing charges of obstruction of law enforcement, and in the case of the driver, attempting to elude police.

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