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Homicide suspect in custody

Detectives have arrested a suspect in the early morning homicide that occurred on 201st Ave. S.W. in the Grand Mound area of Thurston County. A vehicle that had been stolen from near the area of the homicide was located abandoned in Centralia. A search of the area by Centralia Police and Thurston County Sheriff's Detectives located a man in the 600 block of N. Tower St. in Centralia who had blood on his clothing. The suspect has been identified as being seen in the area of the homicide earlier that morning.

Taken into custody around 1100 AM for 2nd Deg. Murder is Antonio Padilla, age 20. He will be booked into the Thurston County Jail shortly. The vehicle is being examined for evidence. No obvious motive is known but one theory is that the suspect and victim had been at a mobile home where a drinking party was going on. It is possible some type of dispute occurred that led to the killing but this theory has not yet been fully confirmed.

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