



News Release

Sheriff Dan Kimball

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On March 24, 2008 Sheriff's deputies arrested John A. Burnell a 51 year old Olympia man on two counts of Obstructing a Public Servant. Sheriff's deputies have been assisting Thurston County Development Services personnel in performing an abatement on Burnell's property for the past week in 2900 block of Kaiser Rd. NW.

Sheriff's personnel have made numerous attempts to work with Burnell through the abatement process. After having been given numerous warnings not to enter into the cordoned off work areas on the property; Burnell decided to enter the cordoned off area and got into a vehicle that was being impounded as part of the abatement order. Burnell was arrested for Obstructing a Public Servant when he refused to exit the vehicle and was taken into custody without further incident and booked at the Thurston County Jail. Burnell was released from the Jail on his Personal Recognizant later that evening.

The abatement process continues.

Submitted: Chief Deputy Dave Pearsall
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