



News Release

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Headline: Suspect Arrested in Double Murder Case

Details:

On Tuesday, March 10, 2020, around 6:30pm, Deputies and Detectives were called to the scene of 2 bodies found by hikers in the 5700 block of Puget Beach Rd. NE. The bodies had obvious signs of trauma and were believed to have been dumped at the location within the previous 24 hours. Our investigation has revealed that the victims were a 34-year-old female and her 4-year-old daughter. Their identities are not being released at this time. Our investigation revealed that the suspect in the case was a known person to the victims and was identified as 31-year-old Nick Denham from the Thurston County area. Detectives received numerous tips and information from the public throughout the investigation, which eventually resulted in Denham’s apprehension in the area of Pacific Ave SE and Carpenter Rd SE on March 12, 2020 at approximately 8:45pm. Nick Denham will be booked on 2 counts of 1st degree Murder.

The investigation will continue as we work to collect video footage, additional statements, and process the recovered vehicle. An autopsy is scheduled to be completed on Friday, March 13th, at which time we will have more information about cause and manner of death.

TCSO would like to thank our regional law enforcement partners who assisted with the investigation of this case, as well as the community and media for sharing and providing information.