



On Wednesday, December 14th, Deputies from the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office, with assistance from our partners at the Washington State Patrol, teamed up with a cadre of more than 30 loss prevention officers to conduct a retail theft enforcement emphasis dubbed "Operation Boost Busters" in Silverdale.

During this emphasis patrol, Deputies were called for 12 incidents at various retail stores in Silverdale. A total of 14 suspects were contacted with 10 people being arrested and booked into the Kitsap County Jail for a variety of criminal charges including Theft, Organized Retail Theft, Possession of Stolen Property, Assault and Possession of Controlled Substances (Methamphetamines and Fentanyl pills). Two of the suspects were also booked for outstanding warrants for Theft and DUI. Two suspects were released at the scene and two were able to get away in vehicles.

In all, a total of more than \$4000 worth of product was stolen with Deputies recovering a little more than \$3800 worth of the stolen merchandise.

This was the first operation of its kind in Kitsap County and more will be planned in the future as KCSO is committed to partnering with our neighboring agencies and loss prevention professionals in the retail industry to address and curb the rise retail theft in Kitsap County.

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