

OCEAN SHORES POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

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A 35 year old Ocean Shores man is in custody at Grays Harbor County Jail charged with two commercial burglaries and is the suspect in several additional business burglaries that have plagued the Ocean Shores business district over the past year.

Over the past 3 months in particular, the Ocean Shores businesses have experienced 19 burglaries. The property taken has primarily been cash and change from cash registers. Ocean Shores Police, in an effort to catch the suspect, spent numerous hours of overtime with foot and bicycle patrols as well as surveillance. A portable alarm was even set up in businesses in an effort to catch the suspect.

John L. Feller was connected by fingerprints left at the scene of two burglaries, the Bookstore by the Beach and Mr. B's Diner. Analysis of evidence from several other burglaries is still continuing. The similarities of these burglaries have placed Feller as a possible suspect in the other burglaries. Feller is scheduled for arraignment this afternoon.

Feller has been in custody at Grays Harbor County Jail on \$5000 bail since December 27th for an unrelated assault on Ocean Shores Police Officer Jeff Elmore.

Businesses are reminded that even with alarm systems, they too can become a victim. No cash should be left in the register and the register drawer should be left open to show that there is no money inside.

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