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### **Sultan man arrested in alleged murder-for-hire plot**

A Sultan man who was allegedly approached by another man looking for someone to kill his ex-wife has been arrested and booked into the Snohomish County Jail for investigation of criminal solicitation.

Detectives became aware of the reported plot earlier this month when a third Sultan man contacted police and told them his 42-year-old roommate (the man who was arrested) had approached him about killing another Sultan man's ex-wife.

An undercover detective posing as a potential hit man spoke with the alleged middle-man who told him that the "job" was not for "kids" and he had a "professional" coming to carry out the plot.

The suspect was arrested Thursday night and later told detectives that the Sultan man who allegedly wanted his ex-wife killed had actually approached him a couple of years earlier and then again a couple of weeks ago. He said he was upset with his ex-wife over a bitter divorce that involved children. The ex-husband told the suspect his ex-wife had started a new relationship with a drug dealer and she had become a junkie. He supposedly asked the suspect if he knew anyone who would kill his wife for him. The suspect told the ex-husband he would think about his request.

The suspect also told detectives that the comment about hiring a "professional" was made up. He said that conversation took place over the phone and he thought he was talking to someone else – a teen-age male – who wasn't old enough for the "job," so he made up the part about already having hired someone.

Detectives believe the plot was foiled in time and the victim in this case is not in danger now. The case remains under investigation as detectives try to determine who else might have been involved in the plot.

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