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Bothell man arrested, booked on two counts of kidnapping *Both children safe, unharmed*

A 48-year-old Bothell man was arrested and booked into the Snohomish County Jail after he allegedly lured two children – a 9-year-old boy and a 4-year-old girl – into his truck Monday evening in a Bothell neighborhood.

The man first approached the 9-year-old boy offering to buy him a bike if he got in the truck. The boy got in the truck and the two drove to a nearby store where the man bought a bike. He then returned the boy and the bicycle to the boy's house near the 20500 block of 11th Drive S.E. in unincorporated Bothell.

While in the same neighborhood, the suspect allegedly lured a 4-year-old girl into his pickup by offering to buy her shoes. The girl's siblings saw her get into the suspect's truck and chased after the truck, following it to the suspect's nearby home (also in the same neighborhood). The siblings pulled the girl out of the truck and took her back to her house where family members called 911 at approximately 5:25 p.m.

While investigating the incident involving the 4-year-old girl deputies learned about the incident involving the 9-year-old boy.

Deputies arrested the suspect outside his home. He was booked into the Snohomish County Jail on two counts of second-degree kidnapping.

The suspect is not a registered sex offender.

Detectives continue to investigate these cases. It's not clear if the 9-year-old boy and 4-year-old girl knew the suspect, but the parents of the children apparently did not know the suspect.

Anyone with information about Monday evening's kidnappings or anyone in this Bothell neighborhood with information about the suspect is asked to call the Sheriff's tip line at 425-388-3845.

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