

The following are based on incident reports from the Seattle Police Department's East Precinct. They represent the officers' accounts of the events described.

Tuesday, Dec. 11

Drugs: At 10:30 p.m. officers from the East Precinct Anti-Crime team were conducting a buy-bust operation along East Madison Street.

A man in his 30s on bicycle approached an undercover officer and asked him if he wanted to buy some crack cocaine. The officer was told to give the suspect money and he would receive the drugs.

The undercover officer declined. Another suspect approached and they negotiated a deal. The suspect opened his hand and gave the officer two pieces of suspected crack cocaine. The officer handed the suspect the agreed upon amount in marked bills.

Both suspects then walked away. He was stopped by police within a block.

A field test at the scene confirmed that the substance was cocaine.

Both suspects were booked into King County Jail.

Wednesday, Dec. 12

Obstruction: At 5:30 p.m. bicycle patrol officers in the area of 20th Avenue East and East Madison Street approached an alley behind a restaurant. The area is

known for drug dealing, assaults and property crimes. In addition, there had been several shooting incidents in the previous ten days.

The officers came upon a man and woman standing near a foundation wall. Both were looking into the man's cupped hands. The man matched a description of suspect who had tried to facilitate a drug buy the night before.

The officers thought a drug deal was taking place and approached them. The man saw them and moved his hands down to his side. The suspects were stopped and identified.

The woman was identified and released at the scene.

The man gave a name which could not be verified. The suspect was asked where he lived; he said he didn't know the address. Officers then asked him to lead them to it so he could get some identification. He led them to a nearby apartment.

The man was asked once more to give his real name. Again he insisted on the false one. He was then arrested for obstruction. A man in the building later told officers the suspect's real name.

The man was booked into King County Jail.