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Washington State Patrol (WSP) reports three carjackings occurred recently in Federal Way on I-5, one on Sunday and two shortly after midnight Tuesday morning. In all three cases, the victim's cars were bumped from behind by a white SUV, and when they pulled over, they were held at gunpoint by individuals wearing ski masks who got out of the white SUV, and after their wallets and cell phones were taken, they were left by the side of the road. A white SUV believed to be the one involved in the recent carjackings was recovered earlier yesterday by the Seattle Police Department. The vehicle was linked to the carjackings by physical evidence found inside. No additional arrests were made yesterday and the investigation remains quite active. To date, one male has been arrested and two young females were detained but later released. The public is advised to stay vigilant until law enforcement is able to bring all those responsible to justice. WSP and partner agencies in service will continue increased patrols in the area and appreciate any information the public can provide. Sometimes the smallest details reported by the public can lead to helpful evidence and arrests.

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This is from *Peninsula Daily News*: The 25th Port Townsend Film Festival will bring more than 60 films to the Peninsula this weekend. Among the festival's many special guests will be Catherine Hardwicke, best known for directing *Twilight*. The festival will screen her film *Thirteen* at 7:30pm Saturday at the American Legion, 209 Monroe Street. Festival organizers will present a "filmmakers of the global majority" and a "women & films" track, which participants can use to focus their schedules. Planners can visit the website to hone in on further categories, including LGBTQ+, first-time feature directors, activism films, comedies, or dramas.

At 5:30pm Friday is the filmmakers' parade featuring marching bands and with filmmakers arriving in classic cars provided by Rakers Classic Car Club of Port Townsend. Films will be shown free to the public on Taylor Street from Friday through Sunday nights at 7:30pm, following nightly 6pm dinner breaks. George Lucas' classic *American Graffiti* will play on Taylor Street on Friday night. Saturday's movie is Louie Schwartzberg's *Fantastic Fungi*. Sunday night's screening will be 1979's *The Muppet Movie*.

Danielle McClelland, the festival's executive director said, "I would really encourage them to bring their lawn chairs and come down to Taylor Street for free films on Friday, Saturday and Sunday night. The weather is looking really perfect for movie watching, and there's just really no way to describe how special it is to be seated on Taylor Street looking at this big glowing screen." She is correct; the weather here, though ever-changing, looks like it will be partly cloudy all weekend with little chance of rain.

The film festival's opening night gala is sold out, McClelland said. Tickets were available for individual purchase and were part of the patron tier festival pass. Patron's passes were \$750 – \$505 more than regular weekend passes – with the difference going to the Peter Simpson free cinema fund, which grants a free six-film pass to anyone interested who cannot afford the festival. *Fish Wars* will be the sole film playing on Thursday night, screening both in the Starlight Room and the Rose theater.

McClelland said, "I'm really very excited to have that as our opening night film. It's an opportunity for the Northwest Treaty Tribes, which are the producers of the film, to celebrate this amazing achievement of this documentary focused around the Boldt decision and all of the activism that the tribal nations in our area have been responsible for that has saved our ecosystem, not that the work is completely done." The festival is spread throughout downtown Port Townsend, with films showing in nine theaters through Sunday. Venues include The

Rose Theatre, The Starlight Room, Rosebud Theater, Key City Public Theater, the Pope Marine Building, American Legion, 821 WA, CoLab, and the outside screen on Taylor Street.

For tickets and schedule details, visit <https://ptfilm.org/>. A number of ticketing options are available, including full weekend passes, those including three or six tickets, or individual screenings. Persons with limited resources can contact organizers at [info@ptfilm.org](mailto:info@ptfilm.org) to request a free six-pass.

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