



## How the KCPAO is addressing coronavirus concerns at the KCJ & MRJC

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- **We're looking at each case individually and have been since the start of the pandemic.** Factors reviewed include the allegations of the current offense, their criminal history, and their history of following or not following court orders. Thoughtful, individualized reviews are better than a blanket approach.
- **More than 98% of the people held on King County felony cases** are accused of violence, sex crimes, firearms offenses, serious felony crimes, have a significant history of criminal convictions, have one or more pending felony case, and/or have a history of failing to follow judge's orders. The dozen misdemeanor cases are domestic violence cases, repeat DUIs, or short-term stays. (Felony analysis from Jan. 1 on the public-facing data dashboard. Misdemeanor analysis from Jan. 27.)
- **We're taking action and continue to be thoughtful.** We distributed a list of people in custody to unit chairs to see if there were people who could be safely considered for Electronic Home Detention. We are trying to get planned sentencing hearings moved sooner to help with KCJ numbers. We've communicated with the Department of Public Defense that if they have people that they think would be a good candidate for EHD to let us know for another individual review.

Of the people who are being held in the King County Jail with active **felony-level cases** handled by the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office:

- **678 – 59.11%** -- are people accused of violent offenses, including murder, domestic violence and crimes against children.
- **266 – 23.19%** – are people accused of sex crimes, firearms offenses, and other serious pending felony cases.
- **94 – 8.2%** – have one or more adult felony convictions or five or more total convictions.

Note: this category and the following categories include those individuals who *only* have fit those categories. For example, individuals who are among the 678 people accused of violent offenses are not included in this total – although many of those folks also have multiple previous convictions.

- **58 – 5.06%** - have more than one pending felony case in King County. They may have cases in other courts as well.

- **36 – 3.14%** – have a history of failing to follow a judge’s orders to return to court two or more times. Note: this category includes those individuals who *only* have a history of failing to appear; individuals who are included in, for example, the 678 inmates accused of violent offenses are not included in this total, although some of those inmates may also have a history of failing to appear.
- **15 – 1.3%** – are held on other felony crimes. Note: this category includes those individuals who are *only* accused of other felony crimes.

We were looking at cases individually well before the current jail covid outbreak. That felony case breakdown is from data on January 1, 2022.

As of Thursday Jan. 27 there were **12 people** held on misdemeanor cases filed by the KCPAO (Seattle misdemeanors are handled by the Seattle City Attorney’s Office. The KCPAO handle misdemeanors outside of cities, in unincorporated King County, and on state roads.)

- Those 12 people are either accused of domestic violence crimes, or have multiple DUI cases, or in rare exceptions, are held in another case.

This data is always available on the [King County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office public-facing dashboard](#), which we launched in 2020. This public-facing dashboard is the first of its kind in Washington State, and one of the few of its kind for major cities in the U.S.

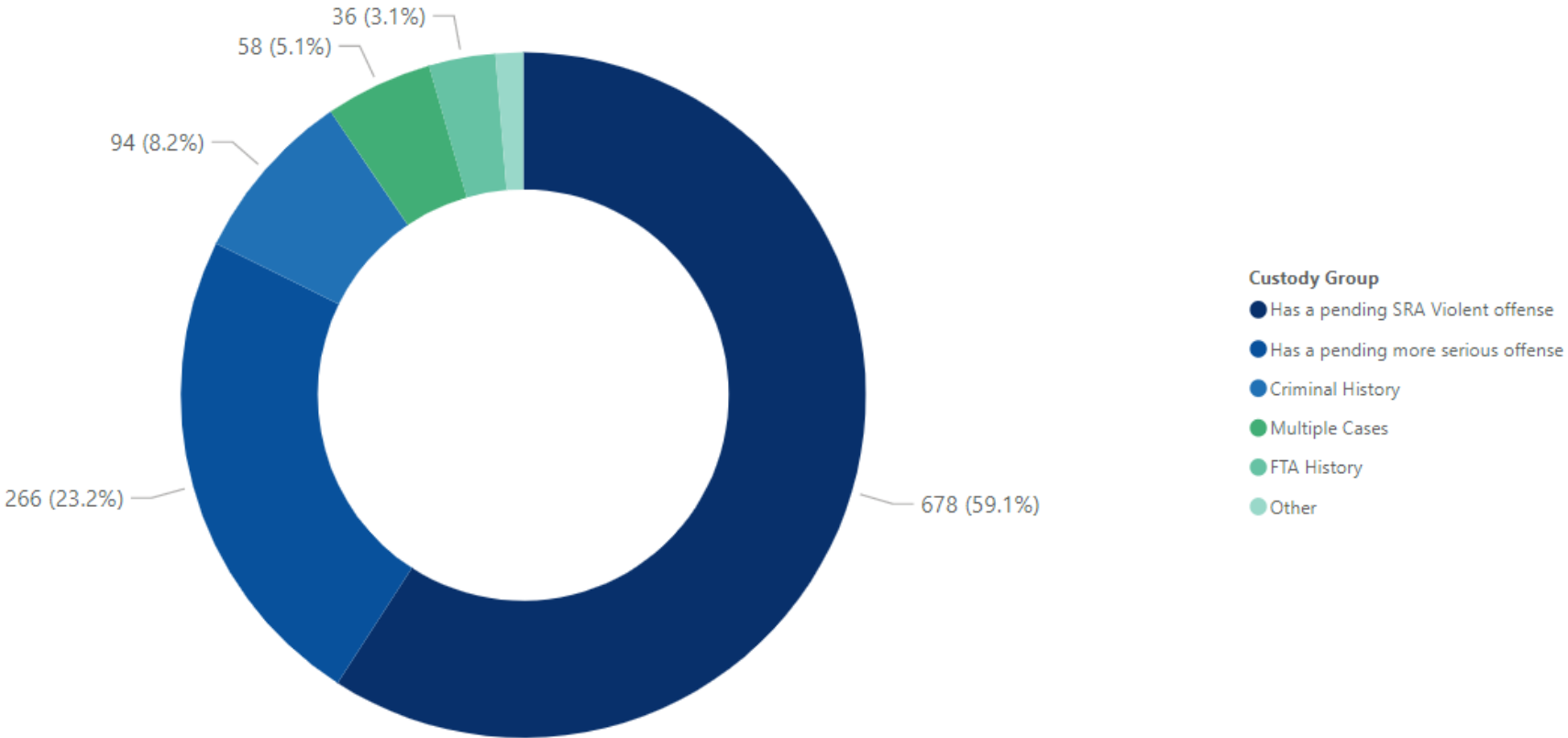
(See chart below.)

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Breakdown of In Custody Defendants (see glossary/details below)





The King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office has heard from many people in the public asking that we stop asking judges for warrants, stop asking judges to hold people in jail before trial dates, and make motions to release people currently held prior to their trials.

We believe that making a blanket decision along these lines would be irresponsible and would raise significant public safety concerns.

In addition to the more than 200 murder defendants in the King County Jail, there are also hundreds of sex offenders, many repeat felony-level offenders, and scores of domestic abusers. Each week, we routinely see victims in domestic violence cases fearful of their attackers returning home. That's why the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office looks at each case individually and makes arguments based in public safety – including the safety of the jail staff and those housed in the King County Jail.

Ultimately, anytime someone is held in jail on bail that's based on a judge's order. Those judges' orders are routinely made after hearing from both the prosecution and the defense.

We acknowledge the public health concerns for people at the jail and the jail staff, and we're continuing to take clear steps – including considering people for Electronic Home Detention in lieu of confinement and being as judicious as possible with our requests for bail – that have helped reduce the jail population during the pandemic. Each case is being reviewed individually, and we have also asked the Department of Public Defense to let us know if they believe there is someone who may be a good candidate for Electronic Home Detention. A letter shared with the Department of Public Defense last week is attached.

We also have to balance these concerns with public safety. Here are three cases *that went before judges just this week*, each of which show the severity of the crimes we are handling and where we believe bail is appropriate.

**Case 22-1-00393-2:** This 22-year-old defendant is accused of forcing his way into a young woman's Capitol Hill apartment on Dec. 30 and trying to rape her at knifepoint. He was stopped only because the young woman was on the phone with her father, who called 911, and police responded immediately. When he was arrested, the defendant was found with a condom, lubrication and a roll of black bondage tape. The defendant is also without stable housing. We believe that if this person were to be released without bail he would be a significant danger to the public, and it would be unlikely he'd reappear for future court dates. A judge agreed.

**Case 22-1-00251-1:** On December 8, a 20-year-old man was eating take-out Chinese food in his car the parking lot of a Federal Way shopping center after church when a man he'd never met approached, shot him in the head, pulled him out of car and fled in

his vehicle with shocked onlookers watching from nearby. This random violence is not new for the defendant: he has multiple previous assault convictions, among others, and was charged in an ongoing Pierce County rape case. In the King County case, we charged him with Murder in the First Degree with a firearm enhancement and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm in the First Degree. A judge agreed to hold him in jail. We have more than 200 defendants like this one awaiting murder trials in King County. Because of that repeat violent behavior, including violence against victims chosen at random, we must ask a judge to hold them in the interest of public safety. Doing otherwise would be irresponsible.

**Case 22-1-00432-7:** The defendant in this case made a first appearance in a separate assault case on January 14, and we argued that he's a danger to the public and needed to be held on jail. He was not – the defendant was released by a judge on his personal recognizance over our objection. A week later, the same defendant – who has a significant felony history – went to the West Seattle Target store and tried to take hostages with a knife during a more than six-hour standoff with police. We believe this person needs mental health treatment, but it's also clear that he needs to be held in jail to avoid the serious threat of violence to the public, as we argued before a judge a week before the standoff. If he had been held then, the many people victimized by this latest crime would not have been. We filed felony charges in the new case January 26, and a judge approved the defendant being held in jail on bail because of the serious public safety concern.

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- 16 were held in custody on a judge's order after our bail request. The case summaries explain why we made those requests.
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- 3 were at large or out of custody when the felony case was filed.
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However, drug dealing cases and shoplifting cases that involve weapons are routinely filed by the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office when a) those cases are referred by law enforcement and b) we can prove them beyond a reasonable doubt. The below case summaries — which rarely make news headlines — explain the unique details of each case, and why they are filed.

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### **Defendants Held in Custody on a Judge's Order**

#### **Case No. 22-1-00255-3**

##### **Murder In The Second Degree**

##### **Investigated by the King County Sheriff's Office**

After being left alone to care for his 7-week-old baby, 2-year-old daughter, and his girlfriend's 6-year-old son from a previous relationship, the defendant became increasingly frustrated with his newborn's incessant crying while the mother was at work. He hit the child so hard the newborn immediately became "stiff as a tree" and began to breath "less and less" the defendant said. After the baby became unconscious, the defendant did not call 911. When medics arrived, after he called the mother to tell her the child was not breathing – but did not say that he hit her – paramedics immediately observed petechial marks on the baby's face consistent with some sort of blunt force trauma. His initial story was that the baby stopped breathing for some unknown reason. As we noted in charging documents, this type of intentional harm inflicted on a weeks-old infant is disturbing. To have this type of serious assault be at the hands of the baby's own father who then hides the truth from medics attempting to save his child's life all shows an indifference to the most fragile of lives. For these reasons, high bail is necessary to protect the community. We asked a judge to set bail at \$500,000 at first appearance, and a judge agreed, and asked a Superior Court judge at filing to raise that bail amount to \$1 million with additional information. The judge agreed.

#### **Case No. 22-1-00432-7**

##### **Attempted Kidnapping In The First Degree**

##### **Investigated by Seattle Police**

The defendant in this case made a first appearance in a separate assault case on January 14, and we argued that he's a danger to the public and needed to be held on jail. He was not – the defendant was released by a judge on his personal recognizance over our objection. A week later, the same defendant – who has a significant felony history – went to the West Seattle

Target store and tried to take hostages with a knife during a more than six-hour standoff with police. We believe this person needs mental health treatment, and it's also clear he needs to be held in jail to avoid the serious threat of violence to the public, as we argued before a judge a week before the standoff. In that previous case, the defendant punched a uniformed officer causing a contusion to the officer's left eye. The defendant's history includes seven assault convictions, displaying a weapon, felony harassment, harassment, and a violation of a no-contact order. We asked a judge to set bail at \$100,000 in this case, and the judge agreed.

**Case No. 22-1-01455-1**

**Burglary In The Second Degree (three counts)**

**Theft in the First Degree**

**Possession of a Stolen Vehicle**

**Investigated by Redmond Police**

The defendant was arrested trying to steal tires from a Dodge dealership – filed in a separate case – the morning of Dec. 14 and tried to escape from police in a stolen Dodge Challenger but was apprehended. Police recovered three items from the vehicle that were reported stolen in a separate burglary at Firestone that same morning. The defendant is suspected in several December burglaries on the Eastside. Police believe the total estimated amount of stolen property from the multiple victims is more than \$18,000. The defendant is not likely to respond to a summons and is alleged to have committed the multiple burglaries while he had already been released by a judge on electronic home detention with the order to not commit new criminal law violations. He's absconded from electronic home detention in two separate matters. He also had active warrants when the new crimes were committed. The defendant is now charged with six other felony cases in addition to the current case – 18 charges total. Those charges include Theft in the First Degree, two unlawful gun possession charges, robbery with a deadly weapon, hit and run, and others. His history includes multiple convictions and 29 overall warrants, including four from 2021 alone. As we told a judge, the defendant's conduct while out on bail raises great concern that he is likely to commit a violent offense. We asked a judge to hold him on \$75,000. A judge agreed.

**Case No. 22-1-00845-4**

**Assault In The Second Degree – Domestic Violence**

**Felony Harassment - Domestic Violence**

**Unlawful Imprisonment - Domestic Violence**

**Investigated by Seattle Police**

The defendant, who was in a dating relationship with the victim, became upset when the victim was upset about the death of her father. The victim tried to leave. The defendant refused to let her leave, punched her multiple times including in the face, grabbed her head and slammed it multiple times in the wall and strangled her. The defendant also took a letter opener and threatened to kill her. Based on the details of the current offense and the defendant's 27 failure to appear warrants since 1999, the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office asked a judge to hold him on \$150,000 bail. A judge agreed. His history includes 17 convictions for previous domestic violence incidents going back to 1999 – both felony and misdemeanor. He also has convictions for assault, custodial assault, unlawful weapon possession, three unlawful gun possession cases, and patronizing a prostitute, among others.



**Case No. 22-1-00736-9**

**Assault In The Second Degree**

**Investigated by Seattle Police**

The victim was outside the McDonalds at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Pine in Seattle when the defendant approached and yelled at him for the soda he was drinking. The victim didn't know the defendant, who pulled a box cutter and slashed him in the right arm, leaving a wound 3-4 inches long. The defendant fled and later arrested by Seattle Police. We asked a judge to hold him on \$50,000 because of the concerning nature of the random attack, and because we believe the defendant is a danger to the community. His conviction history includes harassment, theft and reckless endangerment, and since 2010 courts in Washington have issued seven warrants for the defendant's arrest – a sign we argued that showed he's unlikely to appear if released.

**Case No. 22-1-01132-3**

**Unlawful Possession of a Firearm in the Second Degree**

**Investigated by the Washington State Patrol**

The defendant was the passenger in a stolen Chevy pickup fleeing from the State Patrol, at times driving more than 100 miles per hour. Troopers described the driving as erratic and reckless. The truck was finally stopped with a PIT maneuver. Both the driver and the defendant exited and fled on foot. When he was arrested after the foot chase, troopers found a black and silver automatic handgun with six bullets in the magazine. A trooper also found methamphetamine and a bottle with suspected fentanyl. The defendant has two ongoing felony cases – one involving an armed robbery and another where he used bear spray in an assault case. He was ordered in both cases to not possess guns like the one he was carrying. (The defendant was released earlier after posing bond on the \$75,000 bail.) The defendant also has six pending misdemeanor charges for property crimes, and has multiple previous convictions including three theft cases, vehicle prowling, and three criminal trespass cases. In this current case, we asked a judge to hold the defendant on \$150,000. A judge agreed.

**Case No. 22-1-01130-7**

**Attempting To Elude A Pursuing Police Vehicle**

**Unlawful Possession of a Firearm in the Second Degree**

**Driving While Under the influence**

**Theft of a Motor Vehicle**

**Investigated by the Washington State Patrol**

The defendant is the driver in the above State Patrol investigation involving the stolen Chevy that fled from state troopers. The defendant said he consumed Percocet during the chase while his passenger handled the steering wheel. He had bloodshot eyes and slurred speech when arrested, and a 9 mm handgun was found on the driver's seat of the stolen truck, which had no license plates. The defendant has a history of 28 warrants, including an active bench warrant for two pending unlawful gun possession cases out of Pierce County. His conviction history includes domestic violence assault, assault, harassment, three theft convictions, two criminal trespass convictions two malicious mischief convictions and retail theft. The King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office asked a judge to retain the \$30,000 bail set by the first

appearance judge. Our initial request at first appearance was for bail to be set at \$50,000 and noted his three overall open cases with warrant activity and history of 28 overall warrants.

**Case No. 22-1-00639-7**

**Unlawful Possession of a Firearm in the First Degree**

**Investigated by Bellevue Police**

The defendant was arrested on suspicion of shoplifting several from Nordstrom and fleeing. When he was stopped, the defendant was found with a loaded revolver in his backpack – a gun he was prohibited from having because of multiple previous felony convictions. The defendant's conviction history includes multiple assault convictions, assault with sexual motivation, criminal trespass, theft, robbery, multiple commercial burglary convictions, residential burglary, attempted residential burglary, malicious mischief, multiple domestic violence convictions – and he had an active bench warrant for failing to appear in court in an ongoing domestic violence case. As we argued in court before a judge approved his \$30,000 bail, given the defendant's lengthy and violent criminal history and his disregard for court orders, bail is necessary to assure the safety of the community and to prevent a future violent offenses.

**Case No. 22-1-00737-7**

**Attempted Robbery In The Second Degree**

**Investigated by Seattle Police**

The defendant asked the victim for money at an AM/PM store in Seattle. When the victim said no, the defendant followed him, demanded money, got in his face and threatened him. He pulled a butane lighter and threatened to burn the defendant. A store employee said he saw the victim give the man a dollar, but the defendant demanded more and threatened him. The defendant's conviction history includes multiple felony assault cases, domestic violence, malicious mischief, and he has six previous warrants. We asked with charges that the judge maintain the \$25,000 bail set by a judge at the first appearance.

**Case No. 22-1-00641-9**

**Burglary In The Second Degree**

**Investigated by Seattle Police**

The defendant is seen on video using a crowbar to force his way into a business, then took money from the cash register and a bottle of tequila. He was hiding on top of ventilation equipment in the kitchen when police arrived to the ongoing alarm. The defendant's conviction history includes criminal trespass, possession of stolen property and theft, among other convictions. He has another ongoing commercial burglary cases from November 2021, and a bench warrant was issued in that case when he failed to return to court. We asked that the \$5,000 bail amount set by a judge at the first appearance be maintained.

**Case No. 22-1-00703-2**

**Possession Of Stolen Vehicle**

**Investigated by Seattle Police**

This case started when police in North Seattle were flagged down and were told two people were unresponsive inside a running vehicle with no license plates. They had tin foil on the

dashboard between them, a sign of suspected heroin use, and officers said they showed symptoms of using heroin. The black pickup truck's ignition was damaged, and police later determined it was stolen days prior. When the defendant, who was in the driver's seat, awoke, he started kicking the floor as though he was trying to hit the gas pedal, but officers noted the truck was likely in neutral. The driver shifted it to drive and rammed a Seattle Police vehicle. After he was arrested, police found key fobs for a Mercedes, a likely Toyota key fob, and a key for a Mazda. The passenger is a woman the court ordered the defendant to have no contact with. The defendant also had a warrant for domestic violence unlawful imprisonment and domestic violence assault when arrested. His history includes six felony convictions and 10 gross misdemeanor convictions, and he was previously released by judges in two ongoing domestic violence cases. The King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office asked a judge to set bail in each of those cases – including one ongoing case where the victim had a broken cheekbone – and he remains in jail on judges' orders for \$175,150 bail.

**Case No. 22-1-00844-6**

**Assault In The Second Degree – Domestic Violence  
Interfering With Domestic Violence Reporting  
Investigated by the King County Sheriff's Office**

The defendant, who has a case pending in Kitsap District Court, became upset with his intimate partner while visiting the child they have in common. He hit her in the face with a spatula, broke off the straps to her dress and repeatedly strangled her to the point that restricted her breathing. The defendant took her phone when she tried to call 911 and fled when she was finally able to do so. The woman tearfully recounted the assault to deputies recalling that the defendant was holding their child in one arm while strangling her with his other hand. The defendant also has a conviction for negligent driving, pleaded after being charged for DUI and driving with a suspended license. We asked a judge to set bail at \$75,000 in part because strangulation is a very serious indication of potential lethality. (Intimate partners who have been non-fatally strangled are 8 times more likely to become the subsequent victim of a homicide at the hands of the same abusive partner, according to an article in the Journal of Emergency Medicine). Bail was set by the first appearance judge at \$35,000, and we asked that the amount be maintained with the filing of charges.

**Case No. 22-1-01454-3**

**Attempted Residential Burglary  
Investigated by Federal Way Police**

The victim/resident called 911 after hearing someone knock loudly at his door who he didn't recognize. He heard the defendant trying to break down his back door. Police arrived to find the defendant attempting to get in through a ground floor window. They heard banging noises coming from the backyard, which led them to the defendant – who had an active Department of Corrections escape warrant. He was found with burglary tools and the window appeared to have been opened and damage was seen on the plywood that was mounted a few inches inside. A stolen vehicle found in the driveway of the residence, which the victim-resident explained appeared to be associated with the defendant. We argued that the defendant, who had 31 warrants since 2006, is unlikely to return to court if released. He also has a conviction history that includes assault, theft of a firearm, two residential burglary cases and two other

burglary cases. The King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office asked a judge to retain the \$25,000 bail set by the first appearance judge.

**Case No. 22-1-01731-3**

**Assault In The First Degree**

**Investigated by the King County Sheriff's Office**

The victim was in a motorhome in south King County when the defendant opened the door and shot him multiple times. A person who talked to deputies said the shooting happened after negotiations to buy a handgun deteriorated, and there was an alleged drug deal prior connected to the shooting. During a search of the motor home, deputies found more than a dozen 9 mm shell casings, a silver .38 revolver, blue M30 pills, an unknown white powder and possible fentanyl. The victim was rushed to Harborview Medical Center. After an investigation, the defendant was picked out of a lineup. The defendant has a prior conviction for felony assault and had a warrant in a separate felony case filed in King County for unlawful gun possession. The King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office asked a judge to set bail at \$500,000 based on his history and the violent details of the current case, and the judge agreed.

**Case No. 22-1-01595-7**

**Domestic Violence Felony Violation Of A Court Order**

**Investigated by the King County Sheriff's Office**

A neighbor three floors below the victim's apartment called saying they could hear the defendant screaming at her. The confrontation was another violation of a no-contact order, and the defendant had an active felony warrant for a previous violation. The defendant, who has five prior convictions for not following no-contact orders, was found hiding behind a bedroom door. He also has a domestic violence assault conviction and a pending felony case for violating a no-contact order. The King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office asked a judge to set bail based on his history and details of the current case. The first appearance judge set bail at \$100,000, and that amount remained with the charging decision.

**Case No. 22-1-00543-9**

**Assault In The Third Degree**

**Investigated by the King County Sheriff's Office**

This incident near Carnation started when the defendant was seen dumping yard waste into the bushes. The victim said he was going to call 911 to report illegal dumping. The defendant turned his truck toward the victim, revved the engine and drove forward in such a way that the victim had to jump out of the way to avoid being struck. Nevertheless, he was hit on the hip, and the defendant drove away. The victim was on the phone with 911 throughout the incident. The defendant has a conviction history that includes multiple assault convictions, malicious mischief, telephone calls to harass, and attempted malicious mischief. This case was referred to prosecutors when the defendant was out of custody and was filed with a summons to court.

**Defendants Released by a Judge after a first Appearance Hearing**

**Case No. 22-1-00433-5**

**Arson In The Second Degree**

**Investigated by Bellevue Police**

This incident started when a Bellevue hotel employee called police to say there was a man outside threatening people with a machete and a hammer. The defendant, who had a warrant for a domestic violence case, set a tent on fire near the hotel with a woman inside. The defendant, who also lives in a tent, used propane to start the fire that burned a three-foot-wide hole in the woman's tent. The woman was in fear for her life. Because of the defendant's history of violence and his previous failures to follow court orders – he's had 35 warrants since 2001 – the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office asked a judge to hold him on \$150,000 bail. A judge released the defendant on his personal recognizance. The defendant's extensive criminal history includes an open felony theft case where he was previously released by a judge. His history includes two convictions for residential burglary, unlawful possession of a firearm, multiple domestic violence assault convictions, felony harassment, violations of a no-contact order, and several other convictions.

**Case No. 22-1-00640-1**

**Residential Burglary**

**Investigated by Seattle Police**

About 1:40 a.m., the defendant climbed onto the victim's third floor balcony and entered their apartment. The victim told the defendant they had a gun and he needed to leave. The defendant, whose last known address was in Rochester, Wash., has a conviction history that includes burglary, escape, DUI, theft, multiple criminal trespass cases, assault and malicious mischief. Because of his assaultive history and his previous burglary conviction, the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office argued he's a danger to the community. The defendant also has 21 warrants since 2002, including an active warrant for failing to appear in a Thurston County courtroom. We asked a judge to hold him on \$50,000 bail. A judge released the defendant on his personal recognizance.

**Case No. 22-1-01593-1**

**Assault In The Second Degree – Domestic Violence**

**Investigated by Federal Way Police**

Police were called by a hospital security officer who saw a man choking a woman for 20-30 seconds inside a vehicle outside the emergency room, where he'd gone for a separate injury. When an officer arrived, the victim was seen walking and holding her chest. She had a bruised black eye, blood on her pants, hands and arms, and a large brown/blue/green bruise to her upper left arm and red marks on her neck. The officer noted the red marks on her neck looked new and swollen with blood streaking along the scratches. The defendant's history includes a conviction for felony theft and malicious mischief. Because of the domestic violence details, the King County Prosecuting Attorney's asked a judge to hold the defendant on \$75,000 bail. A judge set bail at \$25,000 and the defendant was released after posting bond on that amount.

**Case No. 22-1-00181-6**

**Indecent Liberties**

**Investigated by Seattle Police**

This sexual assault case that happened in Seattle's Belltown neighborhood was reported to Seattle Police in 2019. The victim was experiencing homelessness when this sexual assault was reported. The King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office argued that the defendant is a danger to the community because of the details in this case, his previous warrant history, and his three previous assault convictions at the time. We asked that he be held on \$225,000 bail. A judge released the defendant on no bail. The charge was filed in January 2022, because of delays with getting the Sexual Assault Kit DNA results from the State Patrol Crime Lab. We can only ask for bail or warrant again if there is additional information beyond what was presented at the first appearance. There was not additional information since the first appearance – where a judge found probable cause for rape before releasing the defendant – so we could not make another bail or warrant request with the filing of charges. The defendant's conviction history includes felony assault, multiple misdemeanor assault cases and theft. He's also had 11 failure to appear warrants since 2003.

**Case No. 22-1-00846-2**

**Felony Harassment - Domestic Violence**

**Assault In The Fourth Degree – Domestic Violence**

**Investigated by Seattle Police**

The defendant's girlfriend tried to stop him from driving drunk, which was a violation of a previous court order. In response, he punched her in the face five times in front of her teenage daughter. The defendant also threatened to kill her. The defendant also grabbed the woman by the neck and the teenage daughter tried to intervene because she was afraid her mother would choke. Police found the defendant walking with a beer in his pocket, slurring his words, in violation of a condition of a District Court case where his blood alcohol level was .245/.239 – about three times the legal limit. This domestic violence case happened nine days after the defendant, who also pleaded guilty to a 2012 DUI, failed to appear in court. Because of the domestic violence details of this case, the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office asked for him to be held on \$50,000 bail. The first appearance judge released him on his personal recognizance.

**Case No. 22-1-00642-7**

**Violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act (drug dealing)**

**Investigated by Seattle Police**

The defendant was found in a stolen RV in South Seattle with 606 pills of Oxycodone, 53.1 grams of suspected methamphetamines, 57.1 grams of suspected heroin, 2 grams of cocaine, as well as \$1,487.42 in cash, small Zip-lock baggies, a scale, and other drug paraphernalia consistent with the sale and delivery of narcotics. The defendant was released at her first appearance and failed to return to court as ordered for her second appearance.

**Case No. 22-1-01596-5**

**Assault In The Second Degree – Domestic Violence**

**Investigated by Des Moines Police**

The victim was heavily intoxicated when he pulled an extremely large knife out of kitchen drawer and threatened his female roommate when she was trying to get into her room. She said she'd call police and the defendant said he'd "take her down." She fled and called 911 as

the defendant tried to push his way into her room. Prosecutors displayed a photo of the knife in charging documents and said its use in the commission of this crime is highly concerning. The defendant has a previous negligent driving conviction from 2000 that was amended from a DUI. Arguing that the defendant is a danger to the community, the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office asked a judge to hold him on \$50,000. A judge released him on his personal recognizance.

### **Defendants Who were at Large or out of Custody When the Felony Case was Filed**

#### **Case No. 22-1-01608-2**

##### **Rape in the Third Degree (three counts)**

##### **Investigated by Renton Police**

In a separate case, the defendant is also charged with Rape of a Child in the First Degree, Domestic Violence, and Child Molestation in the First Degree – Domestic Violence. The victim, who is married to the defendant, reports a long history of sexual assault by her husband. The defendant would sexually assault her while she was medicated for a medical condition, and unable to move or speak to stop the abuse. To ensure the safety of the victim and the community, the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office asked a judge to set bail at \$50,000. A warrant for that amount was approved by a judge.

#### **Case No. 22-1-00843-8**

##### **Burglary in the First Degree – Domestic Violence**

##### **Assault in the Second Degree – Domestic Violence**

##### **Domestic Violence Felony Violation of a Court Order**

##### **Investigated by Seattle Police**

This defendant returned to the RV home of his former intimate partner in Seattle's South Park neighborhood, broke a window, and forced his way inside. The defendant shoved the woman down and strangled her. The attack stopped when a witness heard her cries for help and came to her aid. This defendant has repeatedly violated the victim's court orders for protection and has a history of assaults and other violations against prior domestic violence victims. The suspect was still at large when this case was filed by the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and we asked a judge to hold the defendant on \$100,000 when he's captured because of that continuing pattern of violence toward women. The defendant has multiple felony and misdemeanor convictions.

#### **Case No. 22-1-01131-5**

##### **Forgery**

##### **Identity Theft in the Second Degree**

##### **Investigated by the King County Sheriff's Office**

The defendant tried to open a business account in the victim's name at a Chase Bank in Newcastle. The defendant presented a forged New York driver's license, as well as utility bills in the victim's name and a newly formed trucking company that was registered with the Washington Secretary of State with the victim's name as the representative. Additionally, the defendant presented an American Express credit card, which displayed the victim's name,

however further investigation revealed that the credit card account number belonged to another unknown individual. The defendant has no ties to Washington and has a non-extraditable warrant from Feb. 2021 out of Georgia for a probation violation stemming from a fraud charge there. As we explained to a judge, the sophisticated and deceitful nature of the defendant's conduct in this case, coupled with the defendant's short stay in Washington and his out of state warrant, demonstrate that the defendant is a high flight risk and will not appear if released on his personal recognizance. We asked a judge to hold him on \$30,000 bail, and the judge agreed. The defendant was released after posting bond on that bail amount.

## **Defendants Who Were Sent a Summons to go to Court**

### **Case No. 22-1-00704-1**

#### **Taking Motor Vehicle Without Permission in the Second Degree Investigated by Seattle Police**

This defendant was the passenger in a stolen vehicle that rammed a police car. Officers found her and the driver passed out with the engine running, and suspected heroin paraphernalia in the center console. She was charged with taking a motor vehicle without permission, and the case was filed with a summons. Her conviction history includes six theft convictions and three assault convictions, among others.

### **Case No. 22-1-01045-9**

#### **Theft Of Motor Vehicle Investigated by Renton Police**

This is one of several ongoing cases for the defendant. She was previously released by judges in an ongoing felony case and has ongoing cases in King County District and Bothell Municipal Courts. In this Renton incident, the defendant is accused of stealing a truck and trailer. When the victim saw the defendant driving his truck at a strip mall, he tried to block the truck from leaving, but he rammed his vehicle and jackknifed the trailer. Our office did not ask for a warrant in this case in consideration of that fact that the defendant was already released on personal recognizance on her pending Superior Court case. Our office also considered the impact of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. The defendant's history includes seven previous convictions, including multiple felony cases, and 24 warrants since 2012. One of those 24 warrants was an active \$5,000 Bothell Municipal Court warrant for the ongoing case.

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