



# Crime Strategies Unit (CSU)





# Overview

Crime Strategies Unit (“CSU”) focuses on the public health emergency of gun violence through the systematic collection and examination of data associated with gun violence, the informed use of the data in partnership with governmental agencies and community-based organizations, and the focused prosecution of individuals engaged in firearm violence throughout King County.





# CSU Positions

Housed together because of the overlapping reliance on our Shots Fired data and the importance of information sharing across positions, CSU presently constitutes three full-time positions.


- Crime Analyst- data collection, maintenance, analysis, and reporting; and ad hoc investigative support (e.g. MDOP)
- Community Prosecutor- firearm violence intervention and prevention program management; community partnership; and data collection, analysis and distribution
- Focused Firearm Violence Prosecutor- prosecution of firearm violence offenders as well as data collection and analysis (focused on NIBIN leads)





# Daily Violence Report

- Daily update from local police agencies detailing any firearm related incident from the previous day.
- Includes suspects, victims, vehicles, weapons, casings.
- Quickly make connections and follow up with smaller agencies.

SPD GO 2019-161123					
		VICTIM	VICTIM	SUSPECT	
		<b>Gunfight/Shooting</b> <b>Sunday, 05/05/2019</b> <b>2201 hours</b> <b>9258 Rainier Ave S</b> <b>(Rainier Beach Liquor)</b>  <b>Precinct: South</b>			
<b>Suspect:</b>	Unknown B/M	<b>G</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>B/M</b>	
<b>Victim:</b>	S (life threatening GSWs); W (non-life threatening GSWs)	B/M, 12- -2002 6'02", 140 7 Pacific Ave, Tacoma May live in Renton	B/M, 12- -1997 5'11", 145 S S St	Dark Nike sweatshirt, dark "jogger" pants, white high tops	
<b>Weapon:</b>	5 shell casings; 2 bullet fragments	Assault Unknown Gang Affiliation	Robbery, Burglary, Assault Vic Unknown Gang Affiliation		
<b>Vehicle(s):</b>	None seen				
<b>Investigation:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two groups of younger B/M's came into the liquor store and got into a fist fight.</li> <li>• The suspect pulled out a handgun and began firing, striking W who was with the suspect, and S who was in the other group.</li> <li>• All involved parties fled the scene.</li> <li>• Officers located both victims several blocks away in separate locations.</li> </ul>				
<b>Context:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surveillance video was recovered.</li> <li>• On 02/11/16, S was arrested with A (12/ /98) for robbing W and J (11/ /01) (Kent PD 16-2189).</li> </ul>				
<i>PC does not exist unless expressly noted</i>			<b>Detective Assigned:</b> Not yet assigned		





# Shots Fired Database

- Comprehensive Database of every shooting incident in King County since 2015.
- Includes four categories of shootings:
  - Shots Homicide
  - Shots injury
  - Shots Property
  - Shots Fired

Agency/IncidentID	OffenseType	OffenseDate	OffenseStreet	OffenseCity	OffenseZip
SPO001781070	Shots Property	3/6/2017	3057 S Donovan St	Seattle	98108
KCSOCL7017977	Shots Homicide	4/12/2017	13515 Ambaum Blvd SW (AM/PM)	Burien	98146
SPO0017128543	Shots Injury	4/12/2017	3057 S Donovan St	Seattle	98108

Head Stamp/Description	Calings/Collected	Caliber	NIBIN Lead
45 Auto	1	45	17-082
45 Auto	11	45	17-082
45 Auto	1	45	17-082

VehicleType	VehicleMakeModelDescription	VehicleColor	VehiclePlate	VehicleOf
4 Dr Sedan	1997 Acura Integra	Silver	AN7000	Victim
4 Dr Sedan	circa 1993 Honda Accord w/ roof rack lines	White		Suspect
4 Dr Sedan	possible: Honda Civic or Accord	Green		Suspect
Minivan	2000 Honda Odyssey (R/O: Alondra J Garcia-Garcia)	Green	AVL3097	Victim

FirearmClass	FirearmType	FirearmMakeBrand/Model/Trademark	FirearmSerial	FirearmStatus	StolenFrom

Involvement	Fullname	DOB	Moniker/Alias	Gender	Race	GSW	OtherDescription
Suspect				Male	Hispanic or Latino		gang: United Lokotes (UL)
Suspect	Fr	5/1/	Se	Male	Hispanic or Latino		gang: United Lokotes (UL)
Suspect	Fr	9/21	Du	Male	Hispanic or Latino		gang: United Lokotes (UL)
Suspect	Is	8/21	W	Male	Hispanic or Latino		gang: United Lokotes (UL)
Suspect	Je	12/2	M	Male	Hispanic or Latino		gang: United Lokotes (UL)
Suspect	Se	11/1	Ut	Male	Hispanic or Latino		gang: United Lokotes (UL)
Victim	Al	4/4	Gc	Female	Hispanic or Latino		
Victim	Al	4/4	Gc	Female	Hispanic or Latino	Yes	grazing GSW to head: gang:
Victim	Er	1/21	Sil	Male	Hispanic or Latino	Yes	Deceased multiple GSW: gar
Victim	Ja	1/11	Sh	Male	Hispanic or Latino	No	gang: Soutside Locos (SL)

NIBIN Lead Search

Name Search

Vehicle Make Search



# Trends





Q1 – 2022





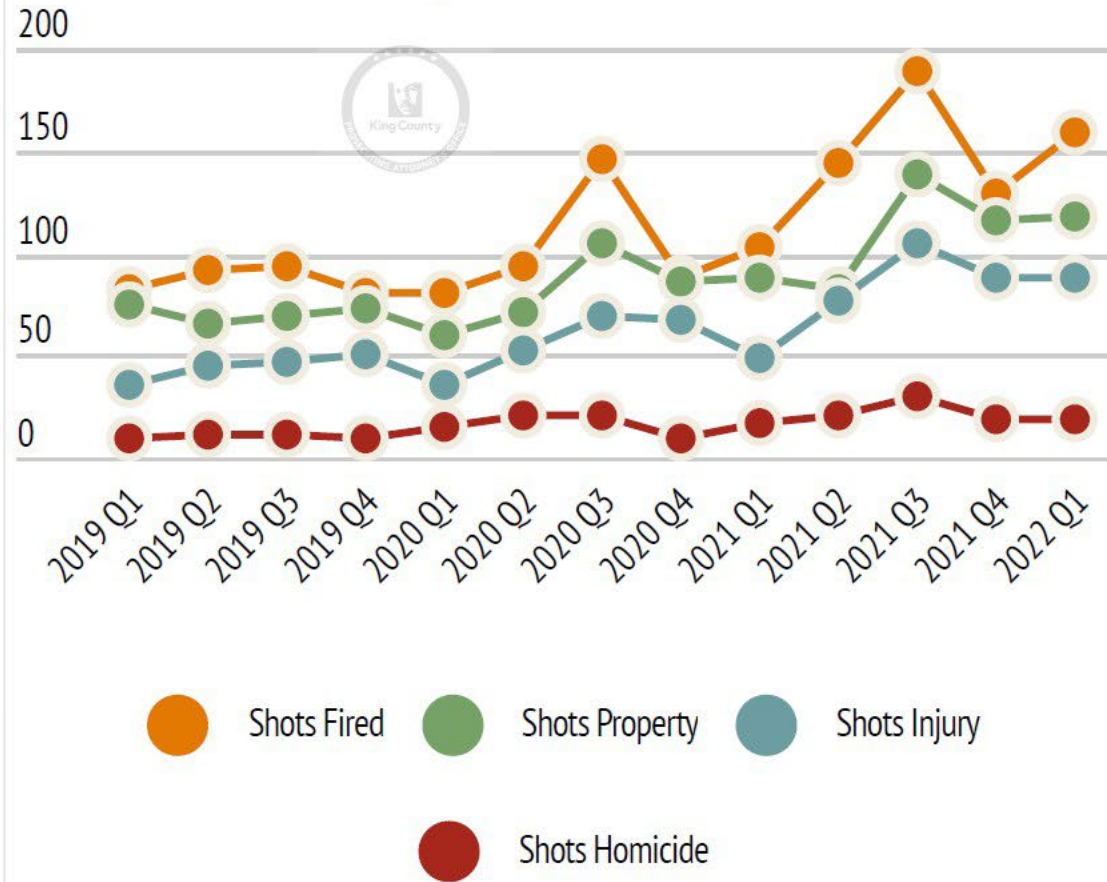
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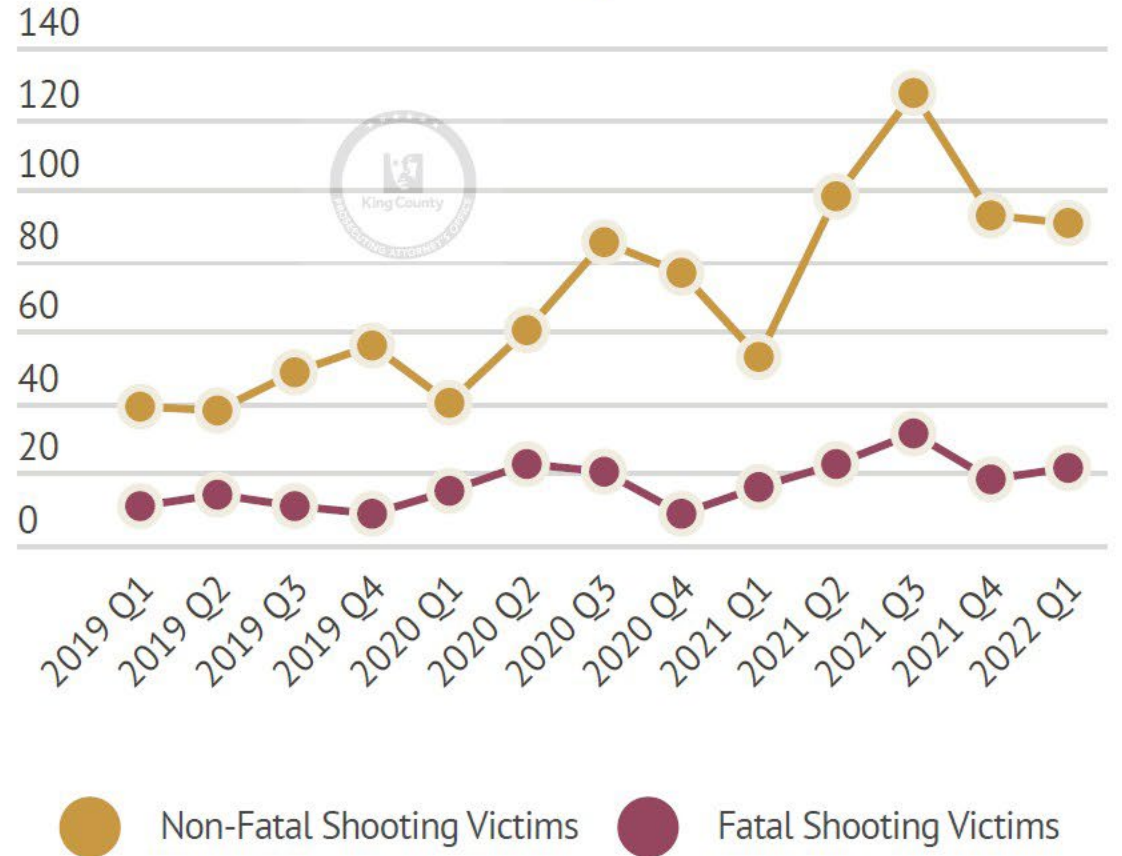




### Number and Type of Shots Fired Incidents



### Number of Shooting Victims

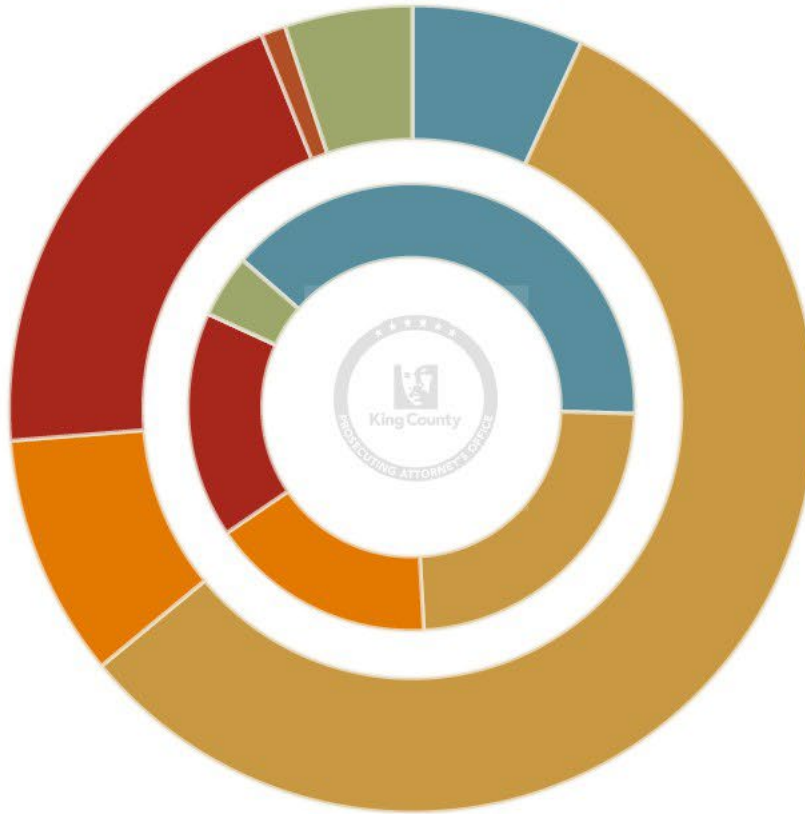




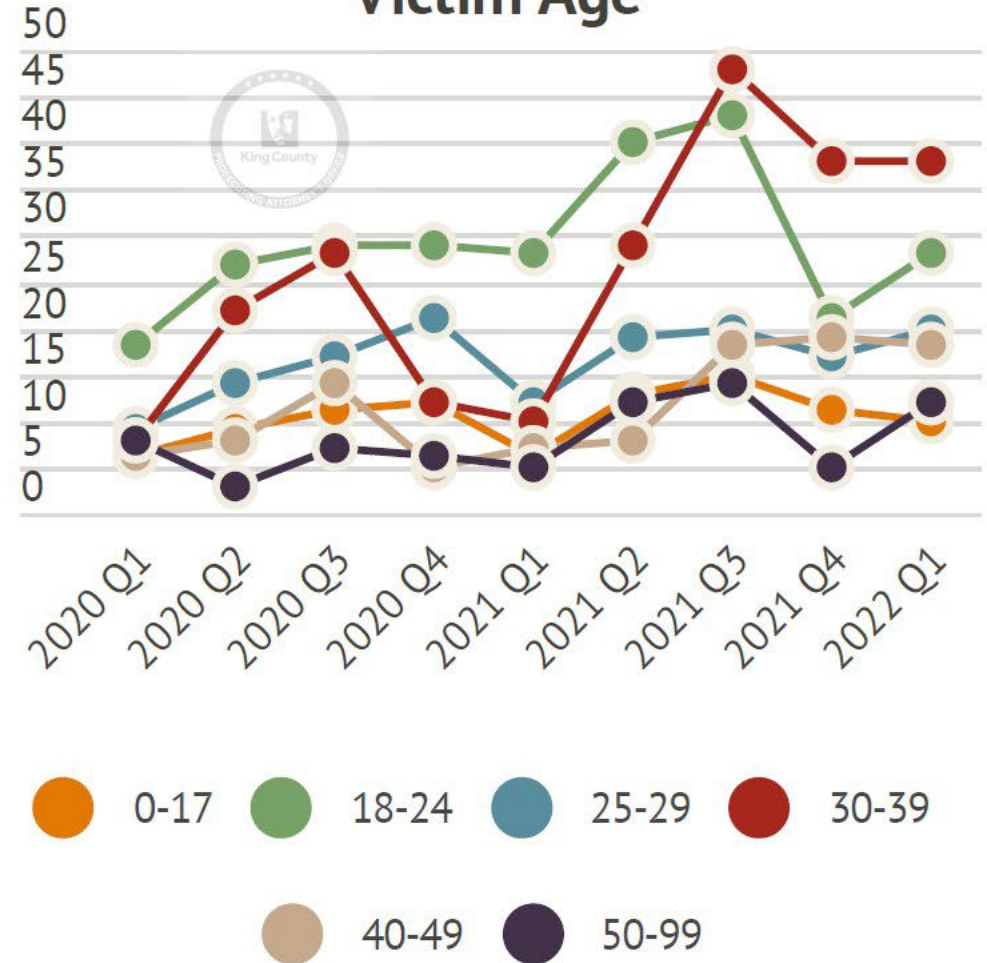
# Race/Ethnicity

Outer Circle = General Population  
Inner Circle = Shooting Victims

- Black or African American
- Non-Hispanic White
- Hispanic or Latino
- Asian and Pacific Islander
- Native American and other
- Two or more race



# Victim Age





Q2 – 2022





# Forecasting the Future

- It will be years before we know if the increase in firearm violence coinciding with the onset of COVID-19 is a spike that falls with time or if COVID-19 and societal impacts of the pandemic ushered in a lasting change in the American society
  - [In March 2020, federal background checks \(a rough proxy for purchases\) topped one million in a week for the first time since the government began tracking them in 1998. Gun buying continued,](#) through the protests in the summer and the 2020 presidential election, until a week in 2021 broke the record with 1.2 million background checks.
    - NY Times, ***An Arms Race in America: Gun Buying Spiked During the Pandemic. It's Still Up.*** May 30, 2021





# Forecasting the Future cont'd.

- In addition to COVID-19 correlated increase in gun purchases, other variables are likely to contribute to a lasting trend of increasing gun violence in King County. Factors include:
  - Increase in prevalence of polymer P-80 kits (80% complete), which allows a purchaser to build an unserialized firearm at home with simple tools
    - Purchasing P-80 kits do not require background checks, thus studies using background checks as a proxy for gun purchases under account for the number of guns entering society through home-production
  - Population increases in King County
  - Population increases in the greater Puget Sound region





# Population Increases

- Even if COVID-19 correlated firearm violence subsides, it is rational to expect an increase in overall firearm violence with increases in population
  - 2020 US Census data shows:
    - Seattle grew by more than 128,000 people since 2010
    - King County gained more than 338,000 people over the last 10 years, with a total population of 2,269,675. Only four other counties in the country saw population increases of more than 300,000 people.
      - Seattle Times, *Seattle grew by more than 100,000 people in past 10 years, King County population booms, diversifies, new census data shows*, September 9, 2021
- Data shows that perpetrators of firearm violence cross county borders and 2020 US Census shows Pierce and Snohomish Counties' population increased too (15.8% and 16.1% respectively)



# Community Involvement





# Program Engagement

CSU supported intervention programs:

- *CHOOSE Freedom* in partnership with CHOOSE 180
- *BRAVE* in partnership with the YMCA, Highline Schools, and City of Burien

Who is referred:

- Individuals who are *peripherally* connected to firearm violence

**Who is NOT referred to these programs:**

- Defendants, suspects in shooting investigations







# CHOOSE Freedom

- **Partnership:** CHOOSE 180
- **Referral Source:** KCPAO
- **Ages:** 18 – 24
- **Program Development:** Co-Design model
- **Requirement:** Age; **No active felony involvement or investigation**
- **Referrals:** Over 150 referrals to date





# BRAVE

(Building Resilience and Violence Education)

- **Partnerships:** Highline School District, City of Burien, YMCA of Seattle
- **Referral Source:** KCPAO and Highline Truancy Records
- **Ages:** 12 – 18
- **Program Development:** Co-Design model
- **Requirement:** Age; Highline student; **No active felony involvement**
- **Referrals:** Over 25 referrals to date (Capacity is 30)





[Impact]





- One of the youth will be graduating next week! He will be taking his driver's test next week as well! Youth is in a Seattle Police Explorer program and is interested in continuing in that field. Youth plans to study Criminal Justice in college which he begins in the fall.
- When they first met one youth she was very shy and didn't want to speak much or engage, but they made sure to make her feel comfortable and listen to her, and she slowly started to open up. She has now shared many goals and hobbies that she would like to accomplish, and they are helping her to plan for all of it.
- One youth who was on the run is now attending school every day!
- Two youth successfully became employed
- Several youth have completed their resume and are actively applying for jobs
- One youth will be completing the driver's test next week. This same youth was successfully reinstated into school after being expelled and is doing much better in managing his behavior.
- One youth successful signed up for the barista program





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