



WEEK IN REVIEW

PATROL CID ADMINISTRATION

Kelly Park, Chief



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Chief's Message



While the Chief is taking a well-earned break, the Chief's Message is taking a pause too.

Be well, stay safe -

Shoreline Fraudsters in Federal Prison

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Duo accused of stealing \$435,000 from elderly Shoreline homeowner in repair scam



By Shawn Garrett, KIRO 7 News

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Two criminals posing as contractors conned a Shoreline man into turning over his life savings for “repairs” to non-existent problems with the roof and foundation of his home. They first approached the homeowner in January 2024, knocking on his door and alerting him to a supposed hole in his roof. They offered to fix the hole and remove moss. They then claimed that victim needed repairs to his foundation, and pressured him into wiring money for labor, supplies and taxes. The thieves ultimately stole \$435,000.

Due to the strong investigative work done by Detective Monserud and great teamwork by additional Shoreline officers and detectives, these criminals — brothers Patrick and Matthew McDonagh — are now behind bars. Ofc. Handley made initial contact with the elderly Shoreline community member and wrote detailed a report. Follow-up investigation by MPO Coblantz and Detective Soderstrom provided additional information vital to the case.

The McDonagh brothers had been traveling throughout the Pacific Northwest, scamming vulnerable homeowners with claims they needed unnecessary repairs. The FBI investigation linked the brothers to similar contractor fraud and complaints in Washington County, Oregon and Spokane, Washington, totaling about \$50,000. They are currently incarcerated in federal prison in SeaTac.

Please see link to Kiro 7 news story below.

[Kiro 7 News Story](#)

"Worth their weight in gold..."

Sgt. Fitchett put it best this week when he said what we all know, our RCR MHPs are absolutely "worth their weight in gold." With two recent child removals and dozens of other high-need, behavioral health calls, their contributions cannot be overstated.

Thanks to exceptional help from Shoreline's facilities team, we were able to reconfigure our north workspace to provide an area that's more professional and reflects the value we place in their work. Many of us have watched co-response develop over the years and can say with confidence Shoreline has among best models in our region. That is a testament to Patrol, RCR and others who make this possible. Thank you all for making this program a success.

- Captain Tim Meyer



An Ounce of Prevention

CSO Corona worked with Chief Park to create a short video about cryptocurrency and fraud. This important message was posted to social media to help educate our community members about cryptocurrency scams and how to avoid them.

To view the link, please click below.

[Chief Park's Bitcoin Video](#)