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## Chief's Message



Greetings Shoreline Crime Fighters,

2026 has started off busy for all of us. Hopefully, many of you took the time to read the Sheriff's message on the priorities of KCSO going into this year. These were identified and discussed by multiple commanders within KCSO before they were pushed out. For those of you who missed the message, those priorities are as follows.

1. Fight Crime and the Fear of Crime (Traffic)
2. One Team (Community Outreach)
3. Invest in our People (Team Training)
4. Recruiting and Retention (Staffing)
5. Leadership (Troop Morale)

You may have noticed that I put some comments in parentheses after the KCSO priorities. Those are the goals the Captains and I discussed at the end of 2025 going into this year. As you can see those goals fit with the overall priorities of the department. This is the vision for Shoreline PD for this year and for the next couple of years. I need everyone's help here at Pct 5 to accomplish these goals. If you have any ideas on how you can help in accomplishing these goals, please talk to your Sgts. I believe the best ideas always come from those doing the work and facing the challenges.

I know that there have been some barriers that we have had to overcome. Many of those issues have fallen on our patrol staff. I want to thank all of you for the hours of O/T that many of you have worked in order to staff the city, both Sgts and Deputies. In addition, I want to thank the SET team, who volunteered to be redeployed back to patrol in order to help fill this staffing gap we are going through at the moment. This, in my opinion, is the definition of "One Team".

I was informed today that we will soon receive two phase 2 Deputies on 01/27. The first is a lateral from Bothell PD, Deputy Frazier Loveman, and the other is a new hire, Deputy Jacob Hurd. Please make them both feel welcome when they arrive. I have the highest confidence that our PTOs will get them both trained up and out on the street as soon as they are ready.

Yesterday some of us said farewell to Det. Jeff Durant. Jeff was a fixture here at Pct 5 for many years, mostly in the City of Kenmore. He will be missed by many. All of us wish him well in his retirement.

That's all I have for now.

Take care,

- Chief Tommy Collins

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## They Made It!

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I would like to congratulate Deputies Patricia West and Elijah Osborne on successfully completing their probation today. Both deputies worked hard throughout their journey over the past year. Congratulations again, and well deserved for both.

- Sergeant Joe Merclich



# Long-Term Outreach Effort Ends in Housing Success



Erin, a 65-year-old woman confined to a motorized wheelchair, experienced homelessness in Shoreline for the past two years, living primarily in a storage unit and in shelters at times until she was evicted. Many deputies worked with her during this time, calling ambulances for her and spending hours alongside RCR units to address her complex medical, mental health, and housing needs. Despite extensive efforts, she often expressed frustration, claiming that “no one has done a damn thing to help me,” and then yelling that she intended to “drive her wheelchair into oncoming traffic” before storming off.

After a month of coordinating care and keeping her engaged in the process, Erin signed a lease on Tuesday of this week with Compass Housing in South Lake Union. MHP John Streimikes spoke with her by phone the following day, and she reported being delighted with her new apartment and the on-site support staff. She expressed gratitude to Shoreline Police and RCR for their persistence and support when she felt hopeless and defeated.

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## Out-of-State Suspects in Complex Financial Fraud Case Identified

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On July 5, 2025, shortly after midnight, Officer Donovan Brownlee was dispatched to an incident of bank fraud involving a sophisticated financial scam. The victim was deceived by a suspect impersonating a KeyBank representative and over the course of the incident, multiple financial accounts were compromised. This resulted in the loss of \$6,000 through unauthorized Zelle transactions and the unauthorized linking of additional financial platforms.

The case was assigned to Detective Joe Monserud. He immediately began a comprehensive investigation, meeting with the victim, obtaining a formal statement, and meticulously reconstructing the fraud. The investigation required extensive time and effort, including drafting and submitting numerous search warrants to the KCPAO for review. These warrants involved a wide range of companies and financial institutions, including Google, Verizon, TextNow, KeyBank, Zelle, Plaid, Strike, JPMorgan Chase, Wells Fargo, DoorDash, and Shein.

Through countless hours of detailed analysis, communication with numerous companies, and careful tracking of both financial transactions and cell phone data, Detective Monserud successfully identified two out-of-state suspects. This case has been forwarded to the KCPAO with recommended charges of Money Laundering, Criminal Conspiracy to Commit Theft, and Possession of Stolen Property in the Second Degree.

This case reflects Detective Monserud’s strong work ethic, attention to detail, and persistence, and demonstrates the high standard of investigative work he brings to the department.

## 2025 FTC Fraud Statistics for WA

### FTC CONSUMER SENTINEL NETWORK

PUBLISHED DECEMBER 11, 2025 (DATA AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2025)

Fraud Reports and Losses				
Age	# of Reports	% Loss Reported	Total \$ Loss	Median \$ Loss
19 and Under	732	41.3%	\$181,665	\$150
20-29	3419	32.7%	\$5,667,866	\$320
30-39	5067	31.5%	\$12,286,563	\$300
40-49	4685	31.4%	\$16,982,547	\$310
50-59	4450	25.7%	\$20,152,311	\$467
60-69	5237	22.7%	\$26,075,004	\$595
70-79	4324	20.4%	\$19,914,387	\$1,000
80 and Over	1241	20.1%	\$8,192,298	\$1,500

