
Press Release: Subject Arrested For Attempting To Arrange Murder Of Another

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On Monday, May 11, 2016, Skagit Prosecutor's Office contacted Mount Vernon Police Investigators regarding a jail inmate who was soliciting another inmate to commit a murder.

Detectives learned the suspect, a 50-year-old Sedro-Woolley man, was being held on charges for a child molestation involving his juvenile daughter by Sedro-Woolley Police. The suspect believed that if the child victim was no longer around his charges in this case would be dropped and he would be freed from jail.

Over the next several days, Mount Vernon investigators obtained recorded conversations, written documents and conducted several interviews with witnesses and the suspect. They learned the suspect had offered to sign over three vehicles he valued at approximately \$10,000 in exchange for the cellmate to kill his daughter and mother-in-law once he was released from jail.

Additionally, the suspect developed code words to use if the plans changed after the cellmate was released and they needed to talk by phone. The suspect had several opportunities over these days to cancel the plans, warn the intended victims, advise authorities, or notify the cellmate it was not a serious request however this never occurred.

On Tuesday May 17, 2016 following another interview with the suspect, investigators had enough reason to believe the suspect's plans were serious and intentional and he was charged with criminally attempting to commit murder.

Both intended victims were safe throughout this investigation and not physically harmed in anyway. The cellmate was not involved in the crime other than being a cooperative witness and no charges are expected.

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