

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS  
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5/13/09	4/30/09	Chelan County Superior Court	<i>Security officer was informed that a highly intoxicated adult male had processed through security station and proceeded into court room. Security responded on foot. Jail control also received a phone call from the judges' chambers requesting assistance in the same courtroom. Security officer saw subject in courtroom gallery and was advised by court clerk that the subject had been disruptive by speaking out loud from the gallery. Officer approached the subject and told him to step out of the courtroom. Another deputy also accompanied the security officer. After speaking with the subject about his inappropriate behavior, subject said he was scheduled to appear in the non-support docket. With regard to his drunken state, the subject said he was supposed to be in treatment. When the officer felt reasonably confident that the subject would conduct himself in a proper manner, he permitted him to reenter the courtroom. The deputy remained in the courtroom with the subject until subject had completed his non-support hearing and then made sure he departed the floor without further incident.</i>	Incident
5/8/09	3/31/09	Snohomish County Court Clerk's Office	<i>A man took a picture of a staff member after she asked him not to. He was angry and said that he would not leave until she took his information off of the computer. Staff member called the Sheriff's office, which responded. Deputy said that it is not against the law for members of the public to take photos of staff.</i>	Incident
5/01/09	5/01/09	Snohomish County District Court	<i>On DV matter, subject became verbally hostile to the commissioner after being told that he could not speak to his estranged wife unless she addressed him first. The subject used expletives toward the commissioner in response and was promptly escorted from the courtroom and briefly detained by court security. He was later allowed back into the courtroom and apologized to the commissioner after being prompted to do so.</i>	Incident
4/21/09	04/21/09	Pierce County Juvenile Court	<i>Subject went to the CASA's house and stood outside of her house yelling and screaming and then also told the CASA and SW that if the court took his child away he would charge the bench and didn't care what happened. Subject has been involved in the dependency system with his children since 06; stationed at Ft. Lewis and recently returned from IRAQ. They were told that he wanted to re-enlist and the Army wouldn't allow him and he was discharged. He has some neurological issues and was diagnosed with some paranoia issues. However, the Army National Guard shows that he is still active on their rolls.</i>	Incident

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4/21/09	04/13/09	King County Superior Court	<i>Suspicious person was seen loitering near security screening station with apparent interest in security screening staff person stationed at that entrance. The person continued to loiter until screener went off shift, then followed her down stairwell out of building. Person was asked repeatedly by marshals as to his activities and why he appeared to be following the staff person. He denied doing so but continued to be evasive. He then appeared at the courthouse again on April 16; a screwdriver was discovered on him when he went through screening. He was told he could not bring it into the courthouse, so he left the premises.</i>	Incident
4/21/09	4/10/2009	King County Superior Court	<i>Screener identified a person wearing a holster w/handgun on hip proceeding through magnetometer and alerted onsite marshal. Marshal informed the person that he had entered the court in an improper fashion and was to have declared his firearm upon entry. Person was asked for identification and weapons permit, which he did not have with him. He was told to check the firearm (and magazine, also found on his person) into the marshals' desk, and was advised that the proper way of entering the courthouse is to declare the firearm and to present identification and concealed weapons permit. Person then exited the building.</i>	Incident
4/20/09	04/06/09	King County Superior Court	<i>Defendant appeared before Asst. Chief Criminal Judge on a motion to discharge counsel. Defendant is classified as an "ultra-security defendant" requiring extra officers and to remain handcuffed in the courtroom. During the hearing, defendant reared back and head-butted standby counsel, causing the attorney to be shoved a couple of feet sideways. A large bump immediately formed on the attorney's forehead. Jail officers restrained defendant on the floor and he was removed from the courtroom</i>	Incident
4/20/09	03/31/09	King County Superior Court	<i>A cell phone Taser was discovered during secondary screening for a high-profile case outside the courtroom. Person was told that tasers were not allowed in the courthouse. Taser was confiscated and checked-in with the deputy at the main courthouse entrance. Person was told not to return to the courthouse with the Taser.</i>	Incident
4/20/09	03/31/09	King County Superior Court	<i>A mace canister and 4" folding pocket knife were discovered during secondary screening for a high-profile case outside the courtroom. Person was told that these items were not allowed in the courthouse. Items were confiscated and checked-in with the deputy at the main courthouse entrance. Person was told not to return to the courthouse with the items.</i>	Incident

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4/20/09	01/07/09	King County Superior Court	<i>Defendant had appeared in Superior Court courtroom and was remanded and booked into the King County Jail. After being transported to the jail booking area, jail officer located a black Craftsman razor knife in the front pocket of his sweatshirt. Defendant had entered the courthouse via the 3rd Avenue entrance earlier that day. Knife was entered into evidence.</i>	Incident
4/17/09	4/17/09	Chelan County Regional Justice Center	<i>Campus Security Deputy was informed by Merchant Patrol Security Officer via radio that MPSO had found suspected drug paraphernalia while screening a person and the individual in possession of the item was attempting to leave the area. Security Officer told the MPSO to detain the suspect and secure the drug paraphernalia. Security officer went to the scene and was given a y/m brass pipe; upon sniffing the pipe, he detected the odor of burnt marijuana and noted that there was heavy residue in the pipe. He secured the pipe and asked for the suspect's ID. Court bailiff told suspect he was not free to go. Chelan County RJC was informed that one adult male was being detained for possession of drug paraphernalia. Incident was reported to RiverCom and a Wenatchee Police Officer responded on the scene. He issued suspect a criminal citation and released him.</i>	Incident
04/17/09	4/15/09	Pierce County Superior Court	<i>At the end of a hearing, respondent began crying hysterically, then shouted and went up to the petitioner as he was attempting to exit the courtroom and struck him. She continued to cry and shout. Her attorney and the commissioner told both to come back into court and calm down. Sheriff was called. Petitioner left courtroom before sheriff arrived.</i>	Incident
04/17/09	04/02/09	King County Superior Court	<i>A King County Superior Court Judge reported receiving a voice mail message from a person who identified himself by his first and last name. The judge recalled the person's name and identified the person as someone who had appeared in the judge's courtroom on a criminal matter and as someone who had previously received several psychological evaluations. The person requested the judge's assistance with his case and also alluded to the possibility of causing harm to the judge. The King County Sheriff's Office was contacted and asked to investigate the incident. The King County Sheriff's Department conducted an investigation and contacted the Department of Corrections (DOC) because the person who contacted the judge is currently under DOC supervision. The person who contacted the judge was cited for a parole violation and incarcerated as a result of the violation.</i>	Threat

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04/17/09	04/07/09	King County Superior Court	<i>An anonymous caller left voice mail messages on the telephone of a King County Sheriff Department's Spokesperson. The messages were left by an unidentified female who claimed to be psychic and who warned of a pending shooting of a King County Superior Court judge. The caller provided details regarding where, when, how and by whom the shooting would take place, as well as the identity of the judge. The caller also referenced a trial in which the individuals identified in the telephone messages had been involved and that the judge presided over. King County Sheriff Detectives investigated the incident, completed a report and implemented a variety of precautionary measures.</i>	Incident
04/14/09	4/13/09	Pierce County Superior Court	<i>Defendant became argumentative with the judge. Physical response made by Court Security deputy. Subject calmed down in the presence of the officer.</i>	Incident
04/07/09	02/06/09	Grant County District Court	<i>Apparently the defendant and mother had an altercation the morning they came to District Court as it was learned later that the Grant County Sheriff had been called to their residence. A defendant came to the front counter to pay a fine with his mother. He grabbed something from his mother and then gave her a small push. He also was using foul language. The clerks warned him to stop or he would have to leave. He then asked where to file an anti-harassment report. As they left the office they got into another altercation and the GCS office responded and took the defendant into custody.</i>	Incident
04/07/09	02/04/09	Grant County District Court	<i>Two jurors got into a fist fight in the lobby of the Moses Lake District Court office prior to jury selection. An officer who was present to testify on the case intervened by threatening to use his taser to break up the fight. There was blood on the walls, so Maintenance was called to clean it up.</i>	Incident
04/07/09	01/16/09	Grant County District Court	<i>Defendant who has made numerous threats in writing against the Judge and the Prosecutor appeared in the courtroom, though he was not scheduled for court. He was carrying a backpack. He sat down in the first row and took off his coat. Before the Deputy could ask him to leave, he put on his coat, picked up his backpack and walked out of the courtroom.</i>	Incident

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3/26/09	3/26/09	King County Superior Court	<p><i>When entering the courtroom from chambers, staff saw a man sleeping in a chair in back of the courtroom. After she asked, "May I help you" three times, he finally awoke. He said he needed to talk to the judge briefly. As she explained proper procedures, he appeared agitated. He said his attorney said he could talk to the judge and that's what he wanted to do. She again tried to explain proper procedures and told him that, if he does have counsel, he needs to call them. He kept rubbing his head saying that she didn't understand, and was getting more agitated. She asked him to leave and he began calling her names and shouting. She told him that, if he didn't leave, she would call security. He just stood there calling her names, but, as she walked towards the phone, he left. After a few minutes she went to inform the deputy on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and she saw the person standing there. She told the deputy what had just transpired. He and another deputy talked with the individual. Later she was told that he had a problem with the DOC on a DV matter and that if he comes back to push the panic button.</i></p>	Incident

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4/1/09	Various	Spokane County Superior Court	<p><i>Plaintiff in an action against several attorneys for several claims including intentional infliction of emotional distress has issued several vague threats via email, phone, and in person toward the judge in the case, who recently granted summary judgment to the defendants, and toward other court personnel. The written submissions of the subject in this case, as a whole, leads court administrator to be apprehensive that judicial officers are potentially in danger.</i></p> <p><i>Documents submitted and signed by the subject contain a number of threats to file complaints and publish derogatory and slanderous materials about various judges and officials. Subject has filed complaints with the WSBA and the Judicial Ethics Commission regarding a number of attorneys and judicial officers. He accuses those regulatory entities of being involved in the conspiracies.</i></p> <p><i>Concerns expressed by court administrator include:</i></p> <p><i>1. Though carefully worded, the more recent writings appear to be more overtly threatening. They demand the court take certain action or face consequences. The threats demand the court take specific actions to avoid action on the part of the subject. A deadline was set. Subject wrote, "Judge ____ still has a chance to save herself and minimize the damage to her colleagues. But if I don't receive a complete reversal of her rulings within ten days, and I am granted what I requested at the hearing - justice - then she knows what to expect, justice." Plaintiff's Motion to Reconsider, p. 9, filed March 11, 2009. Also, within the past few days, staff has informed the judge that the subject has become verbally abusive, demanding, and out-of-control on the phone with her, to the extent that she has had to hang up on him. In the context of all the pleadings the court administrator believes the individuals named are all in some danger.</i></p> <p><i>2. The recent writings are direct attempts to intimidate the court into changing rulings under threat of some sort of damage.</i></p>	Threats
3/31/09	3/27/09	King County Superior Court	<p><i>Litigant in Family Law Courtroom engaged in dispute post-hearing with an attorney for the petitioner. The litigant persisted in adding and deleting verbiage contained in the court order being drafted by the attorney. The attorney asked her not to do that, and moved the litigant's hand from the order so that she would stop writing on it. The litigant claimed she had been assaulted by the attorney and left the courtroom.</i></p>	Incident

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3/24/09	3/17/09	King County Superior Court	<p><i>Petitioners in an anti-harassment action had requested that security be present because both were fearful of the respondents in the action. Though not a witness to the hearings, the reporter said that she believes all parties were appropriate to each other while in the courthouse and that nothing of consequence happened at the hearing. Another woman was also trying to file for a temporary protection order against the same respondents that morning; however, while waiting in the courtroom, the woman had several seizures and had to be taken to the hospital by the medics.</i></p>	Incident