

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS
COURT SECURITY INCIDENT REPORT LOG
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Report Date	Incident Date	Location	Summary of Incident	Incident Category
03/08/10	3/05/10	Spokane County Superior Court	<i>The subject called with questions about a hearing that has been scheduled by the Defendants in his cases. He began by asking questions and then proceeding to tell the staff person that "they stole water rights" and "they stole my house". Staff explained to him that he needed to respond to the motion and he will be able to argue that in front of the Judge on the hearing date/time. He then asked her a legal question and she explained that she could not give him any legal advice. He then began to lecture her on how he has stood in the clerk's office and has seen clerks and lawyers talk and give legal advice back and forth. At this point, she indicated to him that if he did not have any more procedural questions, that she would need to go. He must have thought she hung up because she heard a little paper rustling, and him saying, "I'm gonna get me a machine gun and kill every one of those mother f---rs". At that time, she heard more paper rustling. She did not hang up but waited about 45 seconds and said, "Sir, are you there?" There was no answer; however, she could still hear what sounded like the rustle of papers. She then hung up.</i>	Incident
03/05/10	2/24/10	King County District Court	<i>A bullet was found in the office by a court employee. The bullet was a Super .22 caliber found lying on the floor just in front of a court employee's desk. The bullet was turned over to the on-site sheriff's officer.</i>	Incident
03/05/10	03/04/10	Clallam County Superior Court	<i>Inmate was seen in court and was then being brought back to the jail. He was extremely agitated, swearing about being held on child support. He made very specific threats, saying that at the next hearing he would not be going to jail. He appeared to focus his anger towards the judge, and state that he would bring a gun and shoot anyone who tried to take him to jail. He also asked the officer who the judge was, but the officer did not response. He continued on his tirade yelling that he would never be taken to jail alive.</i>	Threat
03/04/10	Unknown	King County District Court	<i>A judge received a letter that threatened to kill the judge, the judge's family, the staff, and the staff's family. The writer of the letter also stated that he/she had recorded the license plate numbers of the cars in the parking lot and that he/she would find their families.</i>	Threat

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2/22/10	2/16/10	King County Juvenile Court	<i>Respondent was found in contempt of court and ordered to detention. She stated that she was not going to detention, and began to move around the courtroom, walking on the benches to attempt to climb out of one of the open windows. Security officers attempted to restrain her, and she resisted forcefully, kicking and screaming while the officer attempted to shackle her. At one point, she shouted at the Commissioner, "I'm going to kill you. I'm going to kill you." She continued to kick, spit, scream and resist officers. After the Respondent was taken to detention, her mother came back into the courtroom holding the Respondent's purse and advised security that there had been a knife in the purse. She had turned it in to the screeners. A security officer took a picture of the knife with his cell phone.</i>	Threat
02/16/10	11/04/09	San Juan County Prosecutor's Office	<i>Three threatening, profane messages from a known subject were left on the voice mail of the Deputy Prosecutor.</i>	Threat
02/16/10	02/09/10	King County Courthouse	<i>Defendant in a domestic violence case entered the courtroom in a rage. He began shouting about the process, though he did not make specific threats. However, his demeanor was so threatening that security was contacted by telephone. The security buttons in the courtroom were not used, thus it took security about eight minutes to respond. Fortunately, no further incidents ensued with the defendant, and he left the courtroom.</i>	Incident
02/16/10	02/12/10	Snohomish County Courthouse	<i>Marshal was called by presiding commissioner, who advised him to removed subject from the courtroom. Subject was very belligerent and argumentative with the court and later with the Marshal. He later refused to identify himself to the Marshal and was ejected from the courthouse with only verbal objection</i>	Incident
02/16/10	01/27/10	Snohomish County Courthouse Family Court	<i>Subject was in Family Court to support his girlfriend in a divorce hearing. He became verbally abusive toward his girlfriend's estranged husband, causing a disturbance. The Marshal was summoned to the courtroom and witnessed part of the verbal confrontation. The subject was ordered from the courtroom by the Marshal and subsequently ejected from the courthouse.</i>	Incident
02/16/10	01/26/10	Snohomish County Courthouse	<i>Asian male approx. 30 years old was yelling at the security guard, apparently not wanting to be screened prior to entering the courthouse. When confronted by the bailiff, he was told to calm down or leave the building. Subject continued to yell at the bailiff. The panic button was pressed. Subject left the building kicking and slamming the entrance door.</i>	Incident

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02/16/10	01/26/10	Snohomish County Courthouse	<i>Subject was attending divorce court with her boyfriend. She became verbally aggressive and threatening toward boyfriend's estranged wife who was also in the courtroom. Marshals were not called until after the hearing when the parties exited the courthouse into the plaza area where the disturbance continued. Subject became verbally and possibly physically aggressive causing a passer-by to summon the Marshal stationed inside the courthouse that a fight was occurring outside. Parties were separated when Marshals arrived. Wife refused to give statement to Marshals and did not want to be a victim. Parties were sent on their way.</i>	Incident
02/16/10	01/22/10	Snohomish County Courthouse	<i>Supporting family members in homicide trial were attending trial readiness hearing in support of the victim's family, as were members of the suspect's family. They became verbally threatening toward one another during hearing. Marshals were already in the courtroom to monitor the hearing, but summoned additional manpower due to the number of people. Multiple threats and threatening gestures came from both parties. The suspect's family members were escorted from the courtroom and ordered out of the courthouse. They remained outside, requiring the Marshals to escort the victim's family members to their cars.</i>	Incident
02/10/10	02/09/10	King County Superior Court (Youth Services Center)	<i>Counsel for all parties on a dependency matter were informed that the social worker assigned to the case had received a call from someone who knew the mother on the case. According to this person, the mother had been attempting to hire people to hurt or kill the father on the case. The caller indicated that the mother knew the father's address and may have learned that the father has or will have the children soon. Court security was informed.</i>	Incident
02/09/10	02/05/10	King County Superior Court (Youth Services Center)	<i>During a hearing, the mother of two dependent children became verbally disruptive, resulting in the judge calling security to the courtroom. The mother was removed by deputies, kicking and screaming along the way. The mother has been diagnosed with mental illness and has been the subject of multiple no-contact orders with professionals from Swedish Hospital and elsewhere in the community.</i>	Incident
02/09/10	02/05/10	King County Superior Court (Youth Services Center)	<i>The father in a case set for a termination of parental rights had his visits with his child suspended due to death threats against the child's caregiver and alleged father. The threats were made to the child's grandmother. There were no concerning behaviors in court on the morning of 2/5/10, but trial deputies were present. The father's legal history is remarkable for felony harassment, domestic violence and restraining orders.</i>	Incident
02/09/10	01/27/10	King County District Court	<i>Defendant in case, while outside the Redmond Courthouse, allegedly verbally threatened to kill the witness and the arresting officer on his criminal case.</i>	Threat

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01/25/10	01/06/10	Grant County Courthouse and Law & Justice Bldg.	<i>The GCSO received a call from the Spokane Veterans Admin Medical Center informing them that a defendant was en route to the Courthouse with a weapon. He was upset that a bonding company had garnished his bank account. A jailer came to District Court to notify us with a picture and a copy of the notification from the VA Ctr. District Court went into immediate lockdown and an officer was posted at the entrance to the court. The EPD was posted around the perimeter of the courthouse. The Commissioner's office sent out notice of the immediate threat. Emergency Management sent out a county-wide notice of the incident and how to proceed. The Grand Coulee PD went to the defendant's home and found him there. He apparently did not have enough gas in his car to make the trip. The Commissioner's office sent a county wide notice that the incident had been resolved and the defendant was found at home. Once the officer was called back to normal duty, we released the lockdown.</i>	Threat
01/22/10	01/21/10	Yakima Municipal Court	<i>A defendant placed a phone call to his attorney and expressed his hatred for him, and for the prosecuting attorney, the judge, and the evaluator at Eastern State Hospital. Though he lodged no formal threat, the caller's tone sounded extremely threatening.</i>	Incident
01/21/10	01/21/10	Clallam County Courthouse	<i>The subject, who had been placed in custody, was being walked to the jail. He jerked loose of the court security officer and ran out the front doors of the courthouse. He got into a car with another person and escaped custody.</i>	Incident
01/19/10	01/12/10	Lynnwood Municipal Court	<i>A very hostile and angry defendant continued to call the court repeatedly, making threats and talking in a very unreasonable manner. Lynwood Police officer appeared and took the phone call and tried to reason with the defendant.</i>	Threat
01/14/10	01/12/10	Pierce County Superior Court	<i>A letter was received by a judge that was of a profane and threatening nature.</i>	Threat
01/13/10	01/13/10	King County Superior Court	<i>While in court, the defendant became agitated and began speaking loudly through his interpreter that he needed to get out of jail. He then took off his sandal and threw it at the judge. It hit the judge's mouth and shoulder. Court detail officers immediately restrained the defendant and removed him to jail.</i>	Assault on judge

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01/05/10	01/04/10	Spokane County Superior Court	<i>This was a perceived possible threat against the judge who had handled this gentleman's dissolution 1/11/08. Explosives disposal technicians and major crimes detectives spent over four hours removing a half-pound of a "highly volatile, highly unstable" homemade explosive from a residence at the Oakwood Club Apartments, 726 N. McDonald Road. The resident was arrested on an outstanding Civil Bench Warrant and booked into jail. Detectives said additional charges relative to manufacturing and possessing explosives are possible. The subject is confined to a wheelchair and was transported by ambulance to the Spokane County Jail, but not before he allowed detectives into his apartment and showed them the explosive compound. Dubbed TATP, the compound appears as a crystal or powder and is made from easily obtained chemicals such as acetone and hydrogen peroxide. The stash was contained in a glass jar. Detectives received information over New Year's weekend that the suspect was making the compound in his apartment. Investigation into the matter began in earnest Monday morning and by late afternoon detectives had interviewed the subject and confirmed the existence of the explosive. Once he was removed from the apartment, adjoining apartments were evacuated and McDonald Road was closed from Broadway to Alki. Residents along the west side of Broadway were contacted by sheriff's reserve deputies and advised to stay indoors. The Spokane City/County Explosives Disposal Unit (EDU) was called in and used a robot to remotely remove the explosive from the apartment. The substance was placed in a bomb containment sphere and transported to a nearby county gravel pit where it was detonated. The roadway was re-opened to traffic shortly after 9 p.m. and residents were allowed back into their apartments. The matter remains under investigation.</i>	Threat
01/05/10	12/31/09	Pierce County Superior Court	<i>While a defendant was being arraigned, he was being belligerent and was told by his attorney to calm down, but the defendant did not. The corrections officer then directed the client to return to the jail area. As he walked toward the jail area, he became argumentative and combative, so the CO ordered him to the ground, but he did not comply and began to pull away from the CO. Again, he was ordered to the ground, but did not comply. The CO tased the defendant and called for assistance.</i>	Incident
01/05/10	12/29/09	Pierce County Superior Court	<i>While a defendant was being re-arraigned, friends and family members of the defendant and the victim reacted to the new charges. Court security was called to de-escalate the problem.</i>	Incident