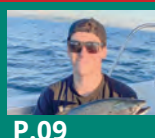


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## Daleway Park shooting victim innocently caught in crossfire



Daleway Park homicide on April 5, 2022. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.

By KIENAN BRISCOE

**LYNNWOOD, Wash.**—The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the victim in the April 5th shooting incident at Daleway Park as 70-year-old Lynnwood resident Carl W. Bridgmon. The manner of death has been ruled a Homicide.

According to a statement released by the family, Bridgmon loved to sit and have his coffee at the park several times a week. The family is distraught over this "senseless" tragedy. Bridgmon was caught in the crossfire between two groups of individuals and tragically murdered.

Lynnwood Police were on the scene at 2:14 p.m. to reports of multiple shots fired and found a deceased adult male in the driver's seat of a vehicle, which was dam-

aged by several bullets. Multiple bullet casings were also found in the area. At this time, no other gunshot victims have been located or have come forward.

Cedar Park Christian School was briefly placed on lockdown as a precaution.

Two 18-year-old males were found in a nearby neighborhood backyard and questioned by police. Detectives also interviewed several park-goers and nearby residents.

Witnesses saw two unidentified individuals fleeing the park in black sedan after the shooting but prior to police arrival. Detectives believe that there is an additional witness who may have left the scene in a vehicle.

Lynnwood Police are also asking for residents who live in the area of Daleway Park

(19015 64th Avenue West) to please check surveillance cameras for images of a black sedan on April 5th between the hours of 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Anyone with information should contact Detective Arnett at 425-670-5669 (does not accept text messages) or [jarnett@lynnwoodwa.gov](mailto:jarnett@lynnwoodwa.gov). You can also leave tips at Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound at 1-800-222-8477.

Below is the statement from Carl Bridgmon's family in its entirety:

Family of a beloved Lynnwood man, who was innocently killed during the April 5 senseless shooting at Daleway Park in Lynnwood shares about their Dad, Carl Bridgmon.

Bridgmon was tragically killed on April 5 after the vehicle he was sitting in was

shot by unknown suspects who were in a confrontation with other individuals, also unknown to Bridgmon.

Our family is in complete shock. Thank you for the community's concern for our Dad, Carl Bridgmon, he was 70-years-old and a Lynnwood resident," said the Bridgmon family.

"Our Dad loved to go to that park and sit and have his coffee several times a week," said his daughter Courtney Teno. "We are devastated and would really appreciate privacy as we process this over the next few days and weeks."

Carl leaves behind two daughters, their significant others, two sisters, and many other loved ones and friends. "Carl never met a person he didn't talk to or try to make friends with," Teno said.

## Inflation jumps to 8.5% in March, wages down 2.7%

By MARIO LOTMORE

**WASHINGTON D.C.** – On Tuesday, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics announced that consumer inflation rose to a 40-year high of 8.54% in March, up from 7.87% in February. The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 1.2% from February to March.

According to the latest CBS News/YouGov survey conducted between April 5-8, with a nationally representative sample of 2,062 U.S. adults, 73% ±2.8% stated that inflation is a high priority that should be addressed.

Americans have not experienced such high consumer inflation since December of 1981. The all items less food and energy index rose 6.5 percent, the largest 12-month change since the period ending August 1982. The energy index rose 32.0 percent over the last year, and the food index increased 8.8 percent, the largest 12-month increase since the period ending May 1981.

Inflation on gasoline at 18.3% comprised half of the CPI's increase. Increases in the indexes for shelter and food round up the largest contributors to the increase.

The April 2022 Consumer Price Index for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue area is scheduled to be released on May 11, 2022.

### "Correct" Inflation Calculations for March 2022

The CPI-U (consumer price index) is the broadest measure of consumer price inflation for goods and services published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). It measures the change in prices paid by consumers for goods and services. The methodologies in calculating inflation have shifted over the years – once in 1980s and the other in 1990s. These changes in calculations have depressed reported core inflation now used by BLS.

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# Sound Transit welcomes end to concrete strike



**SEATTLE, Wash.** – Sound Transit welcomed news on April 8th that the concrete delivery strike impacting projects across King and Snohomish counties will come to an end following the Teamsters Local 174’s unconditional offer to return to work while negotiations continue.

“This is great news for resuming work on the largest transit expansion program in the nation,” said Sound Transit CEO Peter Rogoff.

“We thank the Teamsters for this action, and we urge the parties to work collaboratively on a long-term agreement that avoids risks of further disruptions. With months of

backlogged concrete deliveries across the region, we all must now work together to dig ourselves out of a deep hole,” Rogoff said.

With backlogged demand expected to continue impacting deliveries, Sound Transit will continue to assess schedule impacts that the months of project delays, combined with COVID-19 and other impacts, will have on the opening dates of major light rail extensions.

“For months, the concrete companies have used their control over Seattle’s concrete industry to drag out negotiations, and it has been devastating for our community and for our sisters and brothers in the Building

Trades,” said Teamsters Local 174 Secretary-Treasurer, Rick Hicks.

“Our members love our community and are returning to work for the people of Seattle. We hope this very gracious offer means that the greedy concrete companies start negotiating in good faith and stop stonewalling negotiations, as they have for months. Teamsters are tough and returning to work will not keep us from continuing the fight to protect our community, the other Building Trades’ unions and good jobs in Seattle,” Hicks said.

The strike has impacted four major light rail extensions in King and Snohomish counties that under original schedules

were expected to add 34 miles to the regional light rail system by the end of 2024.

The four projects include the 14-mile extension of Link to Mercer Island, Bellevue and Redmond’s Overlake area; the 8.5-mile extension to Shoreline, Mountlake Terrace and Lynnwood; the 7.8-mile extension to Kent and Federal Way; and the 3.4-mile extension to downtown Redmond. Sound Transit will do its best to minimize the degree to which the strike and other factors will delay the openings.

“While we cannot erase these delays, we will work to minimize their impact to the greatest degree possible and get these transformative projects open for service to our residents,” said Sound Transit Executive Director of Design, Engineering and Construction Management Ron Lewis.

Avoiding any future disruptions to concrete deliveries is critical. To date, the strike has resulted in more than 4,300 missed deliveries. If all those trucks were lined up bumper-to-bumper, they would stretch almost 29 miles, about the distance from Lynnwood to SeaTac Airport. Inability to move projects forward also caused Sound Transit contractors to lay off approximately 200 people.

## Port of Everett authorizes \$15M treasury note to fund project



**EVERETT, Wash.** – The Port of Everett Commission authorized the sale of a \$15 million treasury note to the Snohomish County Treasurer’s Office on April 5, marking a first-of-its-kind investment by the County to fund local economic development infrastructure at the Port.

The action allows the Port to leverage its excellent A2 bond rating and reliable debt service capacity to creatively

fund construction of its new Millwright Loop Roadway project set to kick off later this year.

This key public infrastructure connection paves the way for work to begin in the Millwright District – the second and largest phase of the Port’s Waterfront Place mixed-use development – adding nearly 200 new multi-family housing units, 250,000 square feet of new retail and commercial amenities,

new public spaces, and jobs.

“What a great opportunity this is to expand on our partnership with Snohomish County and further support economic opportunity,” Port Commission President David Simpson said.

“Waterfront Place is Snohomish County’s destination waterfront with something for everyone. We are thankful to Treasurer Brian Sullivan for thinking outside of the box with us to find a creative and flexible way to invest in jobs and move this project forward.”

This pilot investment by the Treasurer’s Office is part of its new Community Investment Program that sets out to invest locally while providing direct economic and community benefit back to the County.

“I am excited to partner with the Port of Everett to build public infrastructure that will bring new jobs, housing and community assets,” Snohomish County Treasurer Brian Sullivan said. “This Port project is the first of many that will be part of a new treasury program

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# Lynnwood approves police body-worn camera fees and \$70k in chamber upgrades

By KIENAN BRISCOE

**LYNNWOOD, Wash.** – Lynnwood City Council approved fees for record disclosure of police body-worn camera footage, amended its municipal code relating to business licenses, and approved up to \$70,000 in ARPA funds toward Council Chambers upgrades in Monday’s Business Meeting on April 12.

After a brief public comment section, Councilwoman Shannon Sessions began the meeting by reading a proclamation recognizing Arbor Day in the city of Lynnwood.

In 1872, J. Sterling Morton, politician and horticulturist, proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be dedicated to planting trees. This day, Arbor Day, is observed in the state of Washington on the second Wednesday of April when residents plant trees in order to reduce the erosion of topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife.

In recognition of this day Lynnwood City Council will plant 15 native trees at Scriber Lake Park tomorrow, Wednesday, April 13, at 9:00 a.m.

## Consent agenda

During the consent agenda, the council approved Dale Clark to the History and Heritage Board, position 3, for a term expiring December 31, 2024. Council also approved the 2022 tourism fund 101 budget adjustment of \$100,040 for fiscal year 2022.

## Amendment to municipal code regarding business licenses

Proceeding to Business Item one,

an ordinance to adopt amendments to LMC titles 3 and 5 regarding Lynnwood business licensing, Council Vice President Jim Smith moved the ordinance, 34-12, amending sections 3.104.050 and chapters 5.04 and 5.06 of the Lynnwood municipal code regarding the city’s required business licensing, toward discussion, seconded by Councilwoman Sessions.

The City partnered with the Washington State Department of Revenue Business License (BLS) on November 14, 2019 to receive business license applications, renewals and fees for General Business Licenses and Home Occupation Licenses. The BLS provides standards services for all jurisdictions and does not process applications or fees. Staff has identified amendments to the LMC to better align the City’s processes to BLS, eliminate fees assessed outside of the BLS, and provide clarification on licensing requirements.

At the April 4, 2022, Work Session, Council received a briefing regarding the proposed amendments and were suggested to adopt the proposed updates to LMC Titles 3 and 5 related to business licensing at Monday’s meeting.

Councilman Patrick Decker moved to amend the amendment to clarify that businesses would not stack misdemeanor charges according to consecutive days of violation reading: “any person who engages in or carries out a business without having obtained a business license when required to do so shall be guilty in violation of this chapter.”

Councilman Decker’s motion to amend was seconded by Councilwoman Julieta Altamirano-Crosby and passed unanimously.

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# Lynnwood’s “Peace for Ukraine Vigil”



From left to right: Vera Yeremeyev, Pastor John Petrus, Pastor Vita Petrus, Mayor Christine Frizzell, Councilwoman Shannon Sessions, Councilwoman Julieta Altamirano-Crosby at the Peace for Ukraine Vigil on March 31, 2022.

By KIENAN BRISCOE

**LYNNWOOD, Wash.** – On Thursday, March 31, the City of Lynnwood held a “Peace for Ukraine Vigil” at City Hall. The vigil was organized by Lynnwood Councilwomen Shannon Sessions and Julieta Altamirano-Crosby and was a collaboration between the Council members, the Lynnwood City Foodbank, and Image Church.

Community members in attendance

were provided candles for the vigil, snacks by Lynnwood City Foodbank, and the opportunity to donate to Image Church’s Ukraine Help Fund.


“Every single penny goes directly to helping the Ukrainian people,” said Image Church Pastor John Petrus. “We want to give money directly to the people that are there on the ground.”

According to Petrus, the money collected by Image Church will not be processed through a third-party charity but sent to specific ministries in Ukraine with whom he has remained in contact.

## Remarks from Mayor Frizzell and Director Dinh-Kuno


The ceremony began with the singing of the American National Anthem, followed by the National Anthem of Ukraine. The Councilwomen and Mayor Christine Frizzell briefly addressed the crowd, voicing their support for the Ukrainians displaced due to the current

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# A mother's cry for help to the rising dangers of fentanyl



Picture of Trygve Pehlivanian during a fishing trip.



Picture of Gen Pehlivanian.

By KIENAN BRISCOE

**MUKILTEO** – In the winter of 2019, Gen Pehlivanian rented a cabin in Winthrop to celebrate Christmas with her husband and four children Trygve, Soren, Anna, Koll, and Trygve's girlfriend Triaena and best friend Noah.

Although her two youngest children (Anna, 18, and Koll, 15) still lived at home, Pehlivanian was ecstatic for the occasion. Her children were hardly ever together at the same time, and she was looking forward to spending the holidays with all of them. It would be the last Christmas she would.

Just a month before, Trygve, 20, had been sick with a sore throat he could not get rid of. He visited the ER twice within the span of a month. During his second visit, doctors removed a golf-sized abscess from his throat and sent him home with antibiotics and steroids.

When the Pehlivanian family returned from their Christmas vacation in Winthrop, Trygve's throat began to swell up again. His mother Gen advised him to visit a walk-in clinic immediately. He promised he would and walked out of his parent's house on December 28. It would be the last time Gen Pehlivanian saw her son alive.

Later that day Pehlivanian received a text from her son Trygve telling her he was at the pharmacy waiting for his

prescription. Afterward, he informed his mother that he was headed home to unpack his truck and get some rest.

On December 29 at 5:10 p.m., Pehlivanian and her husband were having dinner when her phone rang. It was her son Soren. "Mom, Trygve committed suicide," Soren said. Knowing her son sometimes had a dark sense of humor Pehlivanian replied "Soren, that's not funny; what do you need?" But Soren replied, with sternness, "No, mom, listen: Trygve is dead."

Sitting silently, unable to process what her son was telling her, Pehlivanian began to understand the reality of the news as Noah in the background despondently bellowed, "He's gone, he's gone, oh my god, he's really gone."

Pehlivanian's oldest son Trygve, 20, lived with her second oldest Soren, 19, and their childhood friend Noah, 20. At the house they all shared, police officers escorted Gen and her husband to the basement where they awaited the medical examiner's report. Some pills were found on Trygve's nightstand, and considering he did not take them all, the examiners ruled out suicide.

The next couple of days were a blur as Pehlivanian cleared her son's room, handled his finances, made funeral arrangements, and mourned the death of her firstborn. Through these days of grievance, she had no idea what caused

her son's death until the medical examiner's call about a week later: Trygve had died from an acute fentanyl overdose.

"Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is 80-100 times stronger than morphine. Pharmaceutical fentanyl was developed for pain management treatment of cancer patients, applied in a patch on the skin. Because of its powerful opioid properties, Fentanyl is also diverted for abuse. Fentanyl is added to heroin to increase its potency, or be disguised as highly potent heroin. Many users believe that they are purchasing heroin and actually don't know that they are purchasing fentanyl – which often results in overdose deaths. Clandestinely-produced fentanyl is primarily manufactured in Mexico," according to the United States Drug Enforcement Administration.

Gen soon learned that Trygve had purchased what he thought was Percocet (oxycodone/paracetamol) from a "street dealer" the day he picked up his prescription from the pharmacy. He had been in a lot of pain in his throat and the clinic had not prescribed him any pain medication.

Trygve was familiar with Percocet, having taken it for his throat in the ER, but did not want to ask the doctor for a prescription at risk of appearing to have a substance abuse problem, his mother suspected. According to

Trygve's friends and family, he was not known to abuse drugs.

Trygve's last google search before he died was, "Is it safe to take Percocet with antibiotics and steroids?"

"We were completely blindsided. I had only heard about [fentanyl] two months before but it didn't register. As a mom, I thought this could never happen to me, but now it has," Pehlivanian told the Lynnwood Times. "It made me mad because his death was completely preventable."

The police tracked down who was responsible for selling Trygve fentanyl-laced Percocet – a dealer who went by the street name D-Ko, who was brought to trial last November.

In June Pehlivanian was informed there was a lack of evidence to charge the alleged dealer with homicide. Even though there was proof that he and Trygve interacted, there was not enough evidence to prove the pills he ingested were the same he purchased.

D-Ko accepted a plea deal for the delivery of fentanyl and was sentenced to 90 days in jail. He was released 58 days later. Police found 17,000 photos of drugs and guns on his phone.

"If my kid knew that there was fentanyl in there and that it could potentially kill him, he never would have done it. This kid loved life too much," Pehlivanian told the Lynnwood Times.

Trygve's ashes were scattered in Hood Canal where he loved to dirt bike.

## Spreading fentanyl awareness

When students returned from Christmas break the week after Trygve's death, Gen Pehlivanian approached Stephen Shurtleff, Principal of Kamiak High School where Trygve attended school, about organizing an awareness event teaching students about the dangers of fentanyl.

While Principal Shurtleff was initially sympathetic to Trygve's passing and supportive of this idea, the initiative "fell apart" when pandemic hit, according to Pehlivanian.

When the state began opening back up and students returned to in-person learning, Pehlivanian followed up with

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# Amazon donates \$140K for Strawberry Fields upgrades

MARYSVILLE, Wash. – Soccer players in north Snohomish County can look forward to future extended playing seasons thanks in part to a \$140,000 donation from Amazon that will help fund planned upgrades at Marysville’s Strawberry Fields Athletic Center.

“Strawberry Fields is a true gem in Marysville and Snohomish County, providing a great place for children to play outside,” said Taylor Hoang, Amazon’s head of community engagement in Snohomish County. “As Amazon grows in this area, we welcome opportunities to collaborate with local government to build an inclusive community for all.”

“We’re so grateful to Amazon for this contribution,” Mayor Jon Nehring said. “It demonstrates that Amazon is not only a business presence here, but



also a community partner.”

The City of Marysville opened Strawberry Fields, a 71-acre regional facility at 6100 152nd St. N.E., in 2005. Planned upgrades include the conver-

sion of one of three soccer fields from natural turf to synthetic turf, which will extend playability of that field by allowing teams to play in wet weather. Last month the Snohomish County Council unanimously approved a \$1

million contribution toward the synthetic turf conversion.

“This partnership between the city, county and Amazon will provide recreational opportunities for years to come,” said Snohomish County Councilmember Nate Nehring. “Park improvements like this are critical to supporting youth sports programs. I am excited to announce this partnership and see this project move forward.”

The \$1.7 million total enhancement project also includes the addition of spectator bleachers, new playground equipment, and trail improvements to the Strawberry Fields for Rover off-leash dog park.

Project design and development is getting underway this spring. Check back for project updates at <https://www.marysvillewa.gov>.

## from page 4 FENTANYL DEATH

Kamiak High School about her initiative but received no response.

Pehlivanian then contacted over 50 schools and superintendents in the area and met with the Mukilteo School Board over a month ago but received “little to no response.”

“I don’t get it. Why do we not want to teach our kids about something that could kill them?” Pehlivanian said. “If our kids don’t know about it, kids are going to keep dying. And it’s so preventable. These are senseless deaths.”

Snohomish County recorded 232 overdose deaths in 2020 – the most in recorded history – and the county has seen a steady increase in overdoses

over the last 20 years overall.

“Lindsey Arrington, Executive Director for Mukilteo, informed the Lynnwood Times that most lethal fentanyl cases happen amongst non-addicts and first time users.”

There was a 46% increase in the county from 2019 and a 137% increase since 2010, according to the Snohomish County Medical Examiner.

“I think a lot of kids take drugs not realizing that it could end your life. They’re just taking a drug to have fun,” Pehlivanian said.

According to the DEA, 42% of pills tested for fentanyl contained at least 2 mg of fentanyl, which is considered a potentially lethal dose. Drug traffick-

ing organizations typically distribute fentanyl by kilogram. One kilogram of fentanyl has the potential to kill 500,000 people.

“That’s like playing Russian roulette,” Pehlivanian said.

A couple of weeks ago, Gen Pehlivanian met with Mukilteo Mayor Joe Marine to explore her options on sharing her son’s story and the dangers of fentanyl.

Feeling ignored by the school district, Pehlivanian’s next steps are to organize an awareness event in Mukilteo, with Mayor Marine’s sponsorship.

Lindsey Arrington, Mukilteo Executive Assistant, is working with embedded social worker Amy Hill and

partnering with Compass Health to organize the event, which will take place some time next month as a town hall featuring Pehlivanian and other’s stories about fentanyl.

“The speaking event is in its early planning stages and should have a date decided by the end of this week,” Arrington told the Lynnwood Times.

“We need to educate our kids on this. This could happen anywhere. This could happen right here in Mukilteo,” Pehlivanian said. “Everybody seems to have a blind eye to it.”

The Lynnwood Times reached out to Principal Shurtleff and superintendent Dr. Alison Brynelson with the Mukilteo School District and is still awaiting a response.

## from page 2 MILLWRIGHT PROJECT

that makes direct and safe investments in infrastructure within the County in a way that facilitates economic development. I look forward to fully rolling out this program to other entities with key projects in the County and expanding the program to invest even more in the future.”

The Snohomish County Treasurer’s Office manages approximately \$1.2 billion in short- and long-term investments. They have a long and proven track record of investing its funds in cities and special purpose districts, such as schools, public safety, utilities districts, hospitals, libraries and now, port districts.

The public’s funds are invested following best practices and procedures, and in accordance with the Snohomish County Investment Policy, as well as all federal, state and local government statutes.

“This strategic investment by Snohomish County will benefit the quality of

life for all residents to build the roadway and open pathways for the Port to fund the Millwright Loop Roadway infrastructure project,” said Snohomish County Council Chair Megan Dunn, whose district includes the Port of Everett.

“I am excited to see the collaboration and continued development along the Everett waterfront, which brings jobs, recreation opportunities, and community amenities to all who live in Snohomish County.”

Financing is secured by a junior lien on Port revenues with notes to be issued to the Treasurer’s Office by the Port for up to \$15 million. This allows the Port to avoid interest on borrowing until the funds are expended. The Port must draw at least \$1 million at a time.

The initial interest rate is set at .75% over the 5-year treasury and would be adjusted upon execution of renewal options. The Port may renew up to three times. After 20 years, the notes must be redeemed.

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# Arrests made in the murder of Edmonds store clerk

By KIENAN BRISCOE

**EDMONDS** – Victorya Foulkes, 27, who admitted she and her boyfriend were involved in the murder of an Edmonds 7-Eleven employee back in 2020, was released from jail, April 8, although the judge found probable cause for murder and attempted robbery. She is now in the Washington Corrections Center for Women in Gig Harbour. Foulkes will reappear in court at a later date.

On February 21, 2020, Edmonds resident Shawn Martin entered the 7-Eleven on 8101 238th St SW at about 5:00 a.m. for coffee on his walk to work. As he approached the store, he saw one of the employees, 64 year-old Nagendiram Kandasamy, on the floor by the slurpee machine gripping his abdomen. Martin entered the store and walked over to see if he was ok but, as he grew closer, realized Kandasamy was bleeding and in need of medical attention.

Martin called 9-11 and stayed until the Edmonds Police showed up. Despite lifesaving efforts by officers and paramedics, Kandasamy died on the scene.

Edmonds Police Detectives Tryker, Morrison, and Mehl responded to the crime scene processed by the Washington State Patrol Crime Scene Response Team led by Forensic Scientist Jennifer Hayden. The team found shoe prints on the west end of the counter, a single shell casing, and a fired bullet belonging to a .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol.

During Kandasamy's subsequent autopsy it was found that the cause of death was a single gunshot wound and the manner of death was homicide.

Through the convenience store's video surveillance Detective Mehl observed that the suspect was wearing a red and black jacket with a hood over their head, a light-colored mask, dark pants, and black gloves. The shoe prints found at the crime scene indicated he was wearing Air Jordans.

The footage showed the suspect quickly entered the store and immediately jumped up onto the west end of the counter. Kandasamy was seated on a step stool about 20 feet away and picked up the stool and placed it in front of him for defense. After a couple attempts at swinging the stool at the suspect, Kandasamy was shot and fell to the floor.

The suspect fled without taking any of the convenience store's property, including cash from the register. The entire incident took place in about 20 seconds.

## Apprehension of two suspects in 2020

On March 11, 2020, Detective Mehl received a call from the Edmonds Police Department with an anonymous tip by a resident claiming she knew the identities of the shooters – a Joseph Leonard, 27, the alleged shooter and a Victorya Foulkes, 27, the alleged driver. Both of the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe.

Both Leonard and Foulkes were on active Department of Corrections super-



Suspects in the Edmonds 7-Eleven murder. Left to right: Victorya Foulkes and Joseph Leonard. Source: Dept. of Corrections.

vision and had been in warrant status for failing to comply with their community custody conditions. Foulkes also had a felony conviction for robbery in the first degree, obstructing a Law Enforcement Officer, Theft, and Minor in possession of alcohol.

Leonard had felony convictions for Escape in the first degree, Robbery in the second degree, Unlawful possession of a Firearm in the second degree, Burglary, Theft, Identity Theft, Retail Theft with Extenuating Circumstances, and Taking Motor Vehicle without Permission. He also had misdemeanor convictions for theft and the use of drug paraphernalia (heroin).

After an investigation led Detectives to where Foulkes and Leonard were known to live, they were arrested March 15, following a five-hour stand-off.

Air Jordan shoe boxes and .45 caliber magazines and ammunition were found at the house pursuant of a search warrant. Foulkes and Leonard's DNA were also found on the steering wheel of a white Nissan Sentra that was seen leaving the murder scene through various surveillance cameras.

Victorya Foulkes denied having any involvement with the 7-Eleven shooting when interviewed by Detective Mehl at the Washington Corrections Center for Women November 18, 2020.

## Victorya confesses her involvement in the murder of Kandasamy

Almost a year-and-a-half years later, Victorya Foulkes was arrested by the Auburn Police Department and transported to the Edmonds Police Department. She then admitted to Detective Mehl that she and her boyfriend Joseph Leonard were involved in Kandasamy's murder.

Foulkes told Detective Mehl at the time that when she and Leonard arrived at the Edmonds 7-Eleven in 2020, Leonard stopped the vehicle, a white Nissan Sentra, got out of the driver's seat and told Foulkes to take the seat. Foulkes told police she refused and stayed in the passenger's seat, Leonard entered the 7-Eleven, and returned to the driver's seat then drove away.



Picture of victim Nagendiram Kandasamy.

## Mukilteo without Finance Director as mayor's pick withdraws

By BO JOHN BRISCOE

**MUKILTEO, Wash.** – Scott James has withdrawn his name from consideration to be appointed as the next Finance Director for the City of Mukilteo leaving the position in limbo.

“We missed an opportunity,” Mayor Joe Marine told the Lynnwood Times. “He is one of the best Financial Directors in the area. It would have been great to have him back.”

The announcement comes after a contentious city council meeting on March 21. A source told the Lynnwood Times that James had reservations accepting the appointment after his treatment by Councilmember Steve Schmalz during that March 21 city council meeting. It was also shared that because of the Council's decision to delay the vote until April 4th, James couldn't take the risk of being without a job.

Marine told the Lynnwood Times that he has instructed City Administrator Steve Powers to advertise the position and to seek an interim Finance Director. James currently is the finance director for the City of Snohomish. He served as the Finance Director for the City of Mukilteo from March 2007 to March of 2014. During Mr. James' time at the City of Mukilteo he was instrumental in

establishing the Long-Range Financial Planning concept and oversaw Finance operations that received Government Finance Officer Association's Awards and assisted the City through the process to obtain a Standard and Poor's AAA Bond Rating.

During it's April 4th council meeting, residents voiced their dismay to the council's decision in the previous meeting to postpone that appointment.

“I think that was a terrible decision that was made last week,” Mukilteo resident Charlie Pancerzewski said in reference to the Council's decision to postpone the appointment of Scott James to the Finance Director's position.

“You had an excellent person—he stood up here for a half-hour last week and answered all your questions and did it very well. The questions were not easy questions,” Pancerzewski continued.

“I didn't hear anybody say anything about his answers or that he was wrong [...] So I don't know of any significant reason to not have made that decision and to carry it over for a week. But I think that the City Council has made a very poor decision last week, and it's going to hurt the City for quite a few months.”

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# Alleged Lynnwood child molester hired as babysitter



Alleged child molester Evan Root.

By KIENAN BRISCOE

**LYNNWOOD** – New reports obtained by the Lynnwood Times show that Evan Root, 21, who was arrested for rape of a child and child molestation February 10, had allegedly groomed his 6-year-old victim for years with toys, candy, and even led the child to believe they were in a romantic relationship.

Please be advised that due to the sensitive and graphic nature involving a minor, much of the details of these accounts have been either redacted or summarized from the acquired police documents.

The victim's mother first met Root through care.com in search of a nanny to watch her two children. Root responded to her ad, had a clear background check, extensive references and when the two met it "seemed to go well" the mother told police during a February 22, 2022, interview.

In September of 2019, Root was hired as a babysitter to watch the two children five days a week until he got a job at Kinderling daycare. After that, he would still watch the children on weekends and was considered a friend by the family who invited him over for barbecues and referred to him as "uncle Evan."

Prior to his employment at Kinderling, Root worked in the Children's Ministry of Mill Creek Foursquare church in Lynnwood. He also worked at the following employers:

- Kids Foundation Academy, Edmonds, Lead Preschool Teacher,

- started Aug. 2021
- Kyo, Mountlake Terrace, Behavioral Therapist, May 2021 – Aug. 2021
- MeBe, Seattle, Behavioral Technician, Mar. 2021 – May 2021
- Autism Spectrum Therapies, Lynnwood, Behavioral Technician, Dec. 2019 – Mar 2021

Last summer Root spent the night at the victim's home, sleeping on the couch, because it was easier to work the back-to-back babysitting shifts, according to documents. The mother's boyfriend, who will be referred to as "Z", joked about Root practically living with the family. Root took the joke seriously and began staying with the family, sleeping on their couch every weekend until he moved out of his grandmother's house and got an apartment of his own in Lynnwood.

Z's son, who lived with them, later told police that Root's victim would sometimes sneak out of her bed at night to sleep with him on the couch.

As Root continued to watch the children on weekends, the victim's mother noticing "yellow flags."

It began with Evan Root giving the kids "lots of treats" and taking them to Chuck-E-Cheese on Fridays. The victim's mother told police that she felt Root was spoiling the kids. She also shared how these generous actions made the children excited when going to Root's apartment on the weekends. At one point, Root even gifted the 6-year-old girl an iPad tablet.

The victim told police that she was

always excited to go to Evan's house because he had "lots of toys and candy." She told police about a two-bedroom house Root said he would purchase so that her and her brother could live with him. She shared that Root would jokingly refer to himself as her husband.

Documents revealed that Root had kissed the six-year-old juvenile on the lips on several occasions prompting the victim's mother to tell both of them it was inappropriate behavior.

The mother became further suspicious when her daughter began referring to Root as her "boyfriend." The victim then divulged to her mother that on multiple occasions Root checked her private parts for redness.

When confronted, Root explained that he had training changing diapers and was simply applying ointment for a rash. Root confessed to police that he checked the juvenile's private area and further admitted doing so without the parent's knowledge.

The victim graphically described to police how Root would ask her to apply lotion on his genitals which the juvenile thought was "gross" but because she "trusted him," complied. Evan Root denied these accusations when questioned by the police.

A medical examination of the victim at Dawson Place found no trauma. However, the registered nurse noted in the documentation that the presence of a physical finding does not preclude the possibility of sexual assault.

According to witness statements by the mother's boyfriend's son, Root would occasionally take the victim into the mother's bedroom and close the door so that he could "talk to her." However, when he listened through the door, he could not hear anyone talking.

After the victim exited the room with Root, she would look sad and didn't want to talk about what happened, according to Z's son. He also told police that he had the feeling something "bad was going on" in the room.

The child-witness share with officers that Root showed a lot of attention to his victim by having her sit on his lap during movie nights and on several occasions, even taking her to the park leaving him home.

"When he wasn't around, we would say it's a little strange how jazzed he is to hang around kids," the mother told police. "I wonder[ed] why he didn't have any friends his own age."

The mother thought it was a "weird thing to say" when Root shared that he loved the kids and would sign

court documents to pay child support, according to the police report.

After reading pamphlets on grooming and looking back on the situation, the victim's mother realized that Root was grooming both her and her boyfriend just as much as he was the children.

Although Root had no academic criteria in child psychology, he would sit the parents down and pretend to be a leader in the field, according to the mother's statement. He allegedly told the mother that her daughter's love for him is not going to go away.

The mother told police it seemed that Root was "lavishing" in the affection he was given and was attempting to "undermine the actual father figure" in the family – her boyfriend. Root allegedly did this by contradicting parental decisions.

These "yellow flags" were first reported to Child Protective Services (CPS) on January 21, 2022. CPS then referred the case to law enforcement to pursue a criminal investigation.

The Sheriff's Office Special Investigation Unit (SIU) detectives began investigating the case and learned the suspect was actively employed for three months at Kinderling daycare center in Lynnwood. His employment there was terminated due to this active criminal investigation.

Root was employed by Kinderling daycare until he self-reported the ongoing CPS investigation.

With assistance of Child Interview Specialists and medical providers at Dawson Place, SIU detectives conducted an investigation and developed probable cause to arrest the 21-year-old suspect for first-degree child rape and first-degree child molestation.

On February 10, 21-year-old Evan Root was arrested at his Lynnwood residence without incident. He was transported and booked into the Snohomish County Jail and then later charged with two counts of Child Molestation in the first degree, both Class A felonies. Root is currently in custody at the Snohomish County Jail with a bond of \$500,000.

Class A felonies, which are the most serious, are punishable by prison sentences which can include life, as well as fines of up to \$50,000. If convicted, Root would be a lifetime registrant on the sex offender list.

If you suspect your child may have come in contact with Evan Root, please contact the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office at 425-388-3393.

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to government economic statistics for the United States, shows SGS-Alternate CPI estimates based on the methodology which was employed prior to 1980. Many economists argue that this provides an apples-to-apples comparison to core inflation currently calculated by BLS.

According to ShadowStats.com, actual inflation based on the 1980 calculation

would be "17.15% [up from 16.05% in February], the steepest inflation rate since June 1947 (in 75 years)."

### Real Earnings – March 2022

Real average hourly earnings for all employees decreased 0.8 percent from February to March, seasonally adjusted, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. This result stems from an increase of 0.4 percent in average hourly earnings combined

with an increase of 1.2 percent in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U).

Real average hourly earnings decreased 2.7 percent, seasonally adjusted, from March 2021 to March 2022.

Real average hourly earnings for production and nonsupervisory employees decreased 0.9 percent from February to March, seasonally adjusted. This result stems from a

0.4-percent increase in average hourly earnings combined with an increase of 1.4 percent in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W).

From March 2021 to March 2022, real average hourly earnings for production and nonsupervisory employees decreased 2.4 percent, seasonally adjusted.



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## BLM Network Foundation involuntarily closed in WA state

By KIENAN BRISCOE

**SEATTLE** – Black Lives Matter (BLM) Global Network Foundation has been involuntarily closed in Washington State effective January 5, 2022, after failing to successfully complete the registration or renewal process. To date, the Washington Secretary of State has not received the required registration/renewal application.

The Black Lives Matter Global Foundation has collected donations in Washington State since 2019, has a street address in Oakland, California, and a mailing address in Mesa, Arizona. The Washington Secretary of State sent a letter of delinquency to the organization in December 2021, notifying the organization of its delinquent status and impending closure.

Last month, the Lynnwood Times did not find evidence regarding a Washington Examiner report that claimed the Washington Black Lives Matter chapter was at risk of being closed by the state; however, further investigations found that all four charities registered in the state under the name Black Lives Matter have been involuntarily closed, or in one instance, merged.

Survived by the four registered charities are 11 registered businesses using the name Black Lives Matter, all representing the Black Lives Matter movement statewide, which the Washington Examiner did not specify. Six of these businesses have since been dissolved.

One of which, Black Lives Matter Seattle King County (BLMSKC), which uses the same name and address as the merged charity, filed its voluntary annual report on March 3, 2022, lifting the business from delinquent status with the Washington Secretary of State's office and is currently active.

Currently, out of the remaining registered corporations in Washington State using the title Black Lives Matter (not including those dissolved), all remain active except Black Lives Matter Seattle, which uses a Vashon address and cites different founding members than BLMSKC. The Black Lives Matter Seattle corporation has until June 30 to file its annual report or risk dissolution.

These remaining registered corporations include the largest, Black Lives Matter Alliance, which currently has an active 501(c) nonprofit status and has not received a closure notice from the state.

Currently, the Black Lives Matter Alliance represents the state-wide movement and operates as Washington's leading BLM organization with support from King County executives. Since founded as a statewide coalition during the legislative sessions of 2021, the alliance has appeared in over 1,500 news stories, broadcasted to an audience of 167.5 million, and has sent

over 40,000 emails to lawmakers, according to its website.

### What is the difference between BLM groups?

Black Lives Matter refers to a social movement, political action committee, or a loose confederation of groups advocating for social justice. As a movement, Black Lives Matter is decentralized, grassroots, and leaders have emphasized local organizing over national leadership.

There are, broadly speaking, two branches of activism within the larger BLM movement; on-the-ground, grassroots organizers who work locally with little money, and the larger, more professionalized Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation with corporate donations and fundraising power.

Even among the general BLM movement, there is tension between the two paths, the *Intelligencer* wrote. While local chapters stretched themselves thin fighting for social justice, BLMGNF reaped millions of dollars. Many organizers are increasingly concerned that their work is being co-opted by profiteers capitalizing on the suffering of Black families who have lost loved ones to police brutality.

While many local BLM organizers have demanded that funds raised by BLMGNF be returned to mourning families – or at the very least financial transparency – *Intelligencer* pointed out that they fear “right-wing” organizers could use the lack of financial transparency as a way of discrediting the movement's work as a whole.

### Controversies with Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation

In 2013 the Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation was established by Patrisse Cullors, Alicia Garza, and Opal Tometi to provide activists with a shared set of principles and goals. Local Black Lives Matter chapters were asked to commit to the organization's list of guiding principles but operate without a central structure or hierarchy. Although the BLMGNF is not the sole organization within the broader BLM social movement, it is the largest, most funded, and claims to speak on behalf of the movement.

Garza and Tometi have since left the organization, and in 2021, Patrisse Cullors resigned from her formal role as executive director of the Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation after an investigation revealed she spent \$3.2 million on four homes in California and Georgia, leading many to question how the organization was spending its money.

The Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation took in about \$90 million in 2020, following the murders of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor

by police, according to the Associated Press.

However, Cullors denies she used donations to purchase her four properties, and USA Today was unable to confirm where the money came from.

Since Cullors' resignation, BLMGNF has appeared to be operating under no discernible leadership. While Cullors stated she would be appointing two fellow activists to serve as the group's senior directors, both activists announced last September that they refused the positions over disagreements with the organization.

BLMGNF has received millions from sponsors and donations, including a transfer from former fiscal sponsor Thousand Currents of \$66.5 million in 2020. Despite claiming they have “committed approximately \$21.7 million to 30 organizations and BLM chapters,” the charity has not stated outright if the funds have been actually distributed and to which organizations, which could be verified by an audit of financial statements and tax filings that BLMGNF has yet to provide.

In January 2022, BLMGNF moved millions of dollars to a charity in Canada run by Cullors' wife to purchase a mansion that used to be owned by the Communist Party of Canada. The 10,000 square foot home near College and Spadina in Toronto will, according to BLM Canada, “Build an enduring space that could cultivate the most

transformative and radical ideas from Toronto's diverse Black communities.”

### Amazon suspends BLM Global from charity website

Just the other month, Amazon's charity website, AmazonSmile, suspended BLMGNF amidst questions about the group's financial transparency. AmazonSmile donates 0.5% of purchases to designated nonprofits which still include dozens of local BLM chapters among its thousands of approved charities.

The decision was made following the demands of Washington and California attorneys that the organization submit delinquent financial disclosures. BLMGNF is also delinquent in finan-

cial reports in New Jersey, North Carolina, Connecticut, Colorado, Maryland, Maine, and Virginia.

At the end of 2020, BLMGNF reportedly ended the year with a \$60 million balance. It has since not publicly named anyone responsible for the \$60 million since co-founder Patrisse Cullors has resigned.

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Foulkes told Detective Mehl she observed Leonard carrying a gun and wearing a face mask; she stated, “I know he was trying to rob something.”

According to a witness, Leonard was observed entering the backseat of the vehicle when he exited the 7-Eleven and Lisa Collins, DNA Supervisor for the Marysville Crime Lab, found both Leonard and Foulkes' DNA on the steering wheel cover as well as trace DNA that could be a third person's or “background noise.” It could not be determined which was the case and no comparison could be made.

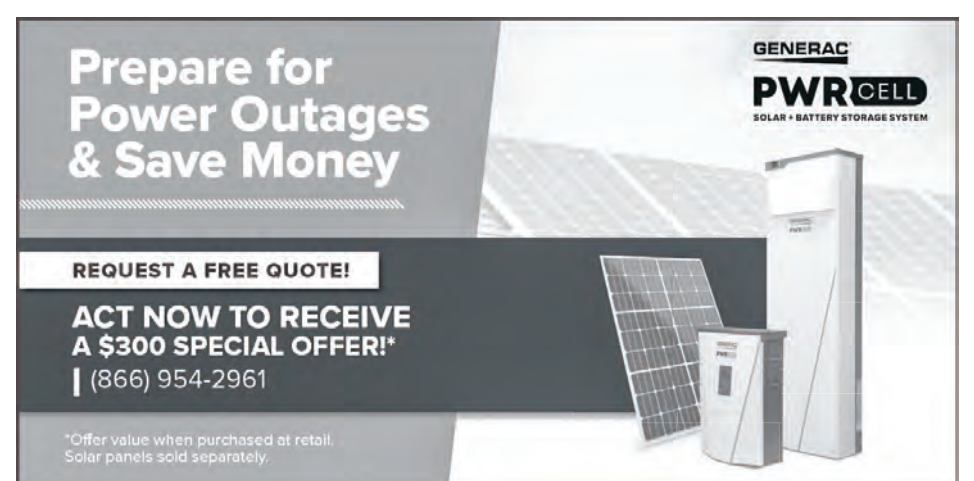
On Friday, April 1, Foulkes appeared before a judge in Snohomish County and prosecutors said she drove the getaway car. However, her lawyer argued that she was not involved in the crime.

Foulkes was released at 2:37 p.m. Friday, April 8. Prosecutor Michael Helm informed the Lynnwood Times there was not substantial enough evidence to keep her in jail.

### Statement from Snohomish County Prosecutor's Office

“At [Foulkes'] hearing, the court found probable cause. The standard of probable cause, which is required to set bail, is lesser than the standard required to file charges. Based on my office's understanding from the Edmonds Police Department that the investigation is ongoing, but that it was unlikely additional information would be received within the next 72 hours - the time period in which we would have to file charges into District Court - we did not object to the release of the suspect,” Adam Cornell, Prosecutor for Snohomish County, told the Lynnwood Times.

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conflict.

As part of her remarks, Mayor Frizzell read aloud the City's proclamation titled "In Solidarity With the People of Ukraine," which can be found on Lynnwood's Facebook page.

When sharing with the Lynnwood Times what the vigil meant for the Lynnwood Community, she said, "It means we partner with them. We partner with people who are having unjust things done to them. We partner with people that are going through horrific situations, especially situations that they didn't bring upon themselves."

"And my heart goes out to the people here who are worried about their friends and family there," she continued. "My heart goes out to the people whose lives I can't imagine what they're like in the Ukraine."

Executive Director of Refugee and Immigrant Services Northwest Van Dinh-Kuno, who was a refugee herself, spoke about the plight of refugees who've fled or are fleeing war-torn countries and the importance of welcoming them into the community.

"As a refugee myself [...] the community here opened the door for me and my family," Director Dinh-Kuno said. "You [didn't] know me; you just opened your heart and your arms and welcomed me and my family."

Director Dinh-Kuno noted the services and organizers who stand ready to receive and assist Ukrainians arriving in the City and Snohomish County.

After announcing that over 50 Ukrainian refugees had already arrived in the County within the last two weeks, she said, "So please open your arms and your hearts to support our Ukrainian people."

**Stories from Ukraine**

Before lighting the candles, Image Church Pastor John Petrus and his wife, Pastor Vita Petrus, briefly shared their stories of arriving in the states from Ukraine. John Petrus recalled how welcomed he felt in America and said that such welcoming exemplifies the Lynnwood community.

"We're so genuinely touched, moved, and we're so blessed to see all of you joining us tonight," he said.

Speaking about the central purpose of the vigil, John said, "remember those that lost their lives, and those that are destitute, that are hurting, displaced, fleeing their homes and running for their lives."

Image Church members Margarita

Filimonchuk and Victoria Cattarin, who are both from Ukraine, shared stories about the struggles of their friends and family back home.

"I just wanted to express my thanks for standing together as a community," said Margarita Filimonchuk, whose family came to America as refugees when she was just three years old.

"Right now, we still have a lot of family living in Ukraine," she said. "Some of them were able to leave. Some continue to stay. Some have made it their mission to help communities that are more in hot spots where there is more shelling."

Of her family that's decided to remain in Ukraine, Filimonchuk later explained to the Lynnwood Times how her cousins have been delivering humanitarian aid to people in Ukraine who don't have any means of preparing food and transporting people to safety on a daily basis.

When asked what she believes inspires her family to stay and help, she said, "It truly is a love for people, and I truly believe that it is faith-inspired, you know? We are Christians and my family, [they're] believers, and they believe that the greatest commandment really is just to love each other."

Victoria Cattarin, who was born in Crimea, Ukraine, recounted how her family came to the states as immigrants seeking asylum due to religious persecution and shared a story about her cousin in Ukraine whose village was surrounded by Russian forces.

With water, electricity, and supplies being cut off from the village, Cattarin explained how her cousin survived amidst the harsh and dangerous conditions and was ultimately able to escape with the assistance of Ukrainian Malitia.

To stay in contact with Cattarin, her cousin and her cousin's neighbors have been taking shifts charging their phones in idling cars and sending daily updates to loved ones overseas.

Fortunately, Cattarin's cousin flew into Washington state from Germany on April 1st.

"So I just wanted to say thank you for coming out and supporting, and obviously this story has a happy ending [but] there's still so many people there," she said.

**Candles, prayers, and connection**

Candles were distributed and lit among the crowd, and Pastor John Petrus offered a prayer for peace, solace, and safety.

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Detectives will also recommend charges of first-degree murder, attempted first-degree robbery and unlawful possession of a firearm for Leonard who is currently in custody on unrelated charges at the Pierce County Jail.

**Statement from Chief Michelle Bennett**

"The cowardly act that took the life of Mr. Kandasamy left a profound impact

on his family and our community. From its first moments, the women and men of Edmonds PD worked tirelessly towards putting this case together and taking a violent suspect off the street. While our detectives led the investigation, they had assistance from several law enforcement partners. This was a total team effort. We will continue working with the prosecutor's office to support their prosecution of the dangerous suspects. These arrests and charges are not a conclusion, but they bring us closer to providing justice for the Kandasamy family."

**County passes resolution honoring the legacy of Everett Police Officer Dan Rocha**

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY** – During its Administrative Session on Monday, the Snohomish County Council unanimously passed (5-0) Resolution 22-015 honoring the life and service of Everett Police Officer Dan Rocha.

The resolution, introduced by Councilman Sam Low (District 5) and seconded by Councilwoman Stephanie Wright (District 3) reads:

**WHEREAS**, Everett Police Officer Dan Rocha, Badge #1470, faithfully and dutifully served the people of the city of Everett; and

**WHEREAS**, during his time with the Everett Police Department, Officer Dan Rocha was a valued member and served the Everett community with bravery; and

**WHEREAS**, friends and community members knew Officer Dan Rocha as a committed husband and engaged father who loved his family dearly; and

**WHEREAS**, on the afternoon of Friday, March 25, 2022, Officer Dan Rocha was tragically killed in the line of duty; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Dan Rocha was honored to wear the police badge and proud to be a police officer in Everett;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT, RESOLVED**, that the Snohomish County Council and the Snohomish County Executive hereby recognize the life, service, and ultimate sacrifice paid by Everett Police Officer Dan Rocha. May his death be a reminder of his selfless heroism and service to the community.

**Public Comments on the resolution for Dan Rocha**

"I really hope this joint resolution will provide an important public acknowledgement of his loss and an historic marker to always remember this good man who served our community," Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers.

"Officer Rocha was an amazing police officer who was very committed to his community and treated everyone he came in contact with, with dignity, respect and compassion, which is what is absolutely needed today," Everett Police Chief Dan Templeman.

Councilmembers Dunn, Low, and Nehring shared they attended the memorial ceremony and provided supportive comments.

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Afterward, John shared with the Times how personal stories, like the ones shared at the event, transcend differences and promote human connection.

“Despite the background, whether it’s cultural or ethnical, the fact that we have the heart to hear someone else’s story or experience—it goes beyond politics,” he said.

“As a member of the Ukrainian community, I don’t wish anything bad for Russia. People are people in Russia. And most of them, I hope, they don’t want a war, so it’s about connecting and helping people.”

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The original motion, as amended, passed unanimously following its amendment.

### Police body-worn camera record fee

George Hurst then moved to approve ordinance 34-13 adopting amendments to LMC Title 3 relating to fees charged by the city for redactions in police body-worn camera video disclosure, as discussed in previous meetings. Hurst’s motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sessions.

In January of 2022 the Lynnwood PD implemented a Body Worn Camera (BWC) program. Officers within the Bureau of Field Operations, as well as members of the city’s Community Health and Safety Section, wear body cameras and capture recordings that are public records and subject to the Washington State Public Records Act (PRA), Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 42.56.

As explained by the Chief of Police during a presentation to council on March 15, the cost and work involved in reviewing and redacting audio and/or video can be substantive, and the Lynnwood Police Department is proposing the imposition of a fee for certain requestors for the reasonable costs of redacting audio/video footage prior to disclosure to support this work.

There was no discussion by council and the motion passed unanimously.

### Proposed changes to council rules

Council previously discussed an amendment to council rules that would allow, yet limit, council members to attend meetings virtually up to three times a year, excluding executive sessions. The number of allowed virtual attendances has been debated but was, at President Hurst’s request, discussed at council’s business meeting Monday.

Council Vice President Smith motioned to table the vote on council rules, seconded by Councilman Patrick Decker. The motion to table passed 5-2 with council members Joshua Binda and Shannon Sessions voting no.

### ARPA funds for chamber upgrades

During New Business, Council President George Hurst motioned to approve upgrades to council chambers using no more than \$70,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funds given the rapidly increasing supply chain shortages involved with IT equipment.

“We just need to move forward because the court did talk about if there was a failure with their existing equipment that the municipal court could not function,” Council President Hurst said. “I think this is similar to what we did with the IT upgrades to our chambers and we know what the supply chain has caused on that.”

Councilwoman Sessions agreed with the Council President’s points adding “we must move this immediately”. The motion passed unanimously.



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