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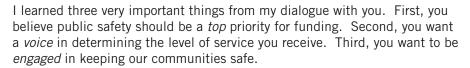


2008 Annual REPORT

From the Sheriff

The King County Sheriff's Office had a very productive 2008. In the communities we serve, crime rates have either dropped or held steady. Many of our employees were recognized for their outstanding work in apprehending criminals and serving the public. We also strengthened connections within our communities through new programs focused on promoting and integrating citizen involvement.

This exceptional work by Sheriff's Office employees was provided, even as we prepared for a \$10 million budget cut, the largest in the history of the Sheriff's Office. To address that budget crisis, KCSO employees evaluated all aspects of our operation to find every possible way to create efficiencies and save money. We did this while maintaining our commitment to provide quality police services for our residents. But we didn't do it alone. Instead, we reached out to you, our citizens, for your input and your support.



And your voices mattered. In fact, I am deeply grateful that so many members of the community became actively involved in the budget debate. As a result, the County Council restored over \$2 million in funding that the King County Executive had cut from our budget.

Even so, the budget crisis is not over. But I am committed to maintaining the ability to respond to both our current and emerging community public safety needs. I will be out front, pushing hard to retain our services at risk on the chopping block. Those include patrol deputies, services that support search and rescue, and programs that protect our children from gang and other violence. Vital needs also include increasing our ability to address growing criminal enterprises like identify theft and Internet-based fraud—crimes that put each one of us at risk.

As the Sheriff, it is my job to provide leadership in preserving and building the policing agency you need. In 2009, I am going to increase the level of community engagement and interaction by harnessing technology and other resources to both improve our policing and our partnerships with you.

Keeping you safe is my top priority. I can do that most effectively when we work together. I need your voices and engagement to make sure your safety is a top priority with all of our elected officials as we navigate through these very difficult financial times. Together, we have a strong voice and a powerful message.



Susan L. Rahr Sheriff

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Three things you can do...

1: Write a letter to the Editor

opinion@seattletimes.com

letters@seattleweekly.com

A listing of local newspapers can be located at: <u>pnwlocalnews.com</u>

2: Contact County Council Members:

Phone: 206-296-1000
Toll Free: 800-325-6165
TTY/TDD: 206-296-1024
Fax: 206-296-0198
council@kingcounty.gov

3: Raise the issues with friends, neighbors & family

Tap into community listservs and blogs

Speak up in community meetings

Budget

Dollars and Cents

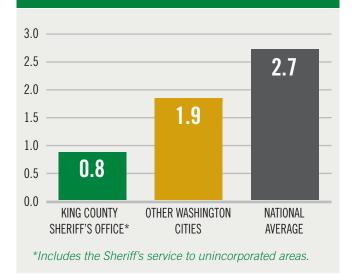
The total King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) budget in 2008 was \$129.2 million. About \$57.3 million in collected revenues, or 44 percent, was returned to the County General Fund. The bulk of these revenues were collected through contract partnerships that use KCSO deputies to staff city and transit agency police departments (see page 4). Those revenues reduced the net cost of the Sheriff's Office to just \$72.0 million in 2008.

In 2009, KCSO is poised to bring in 50 cents for each dollar it spends. In fact, by building and expanding our contract services program over the years, the Sheriff's Office has created a tremendous cost savings for both unincorporated

residents and our contract customers. KCSO demonstrates the principle of "economies of scale," providing service at a lower cost per capita than many small, independent police departments can offer. Essentially, by sharing in the costs to run a police agency that serves many jurisdictions, everyone saves money.

At the same time, by sharing in otherwise more expensive infrastructure, such as police communications and criminal information data bases, our ability to identify and apprehend criminals is also greatly enhanced! These partnerships create a win-win situation for us all—and are an important example of good government.

Comparison of Sworn Employees per 1,000 Residents



2008 King County Sheriff's Office Expenditures and Revenues

as a portion of the Total County General Fund



Cost of Police to Each Resident in 2008



*An example of lower costs due to the economies of scale



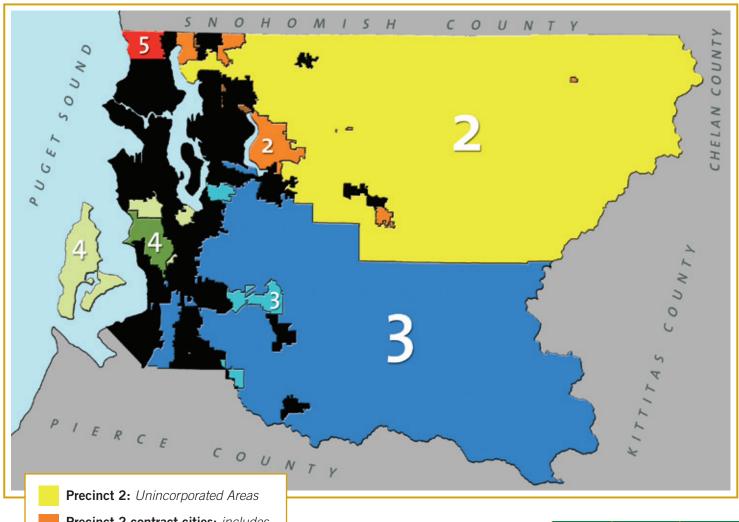
Crime Statistics

King County Sheriff's Office Jurisdiction

King County is the largest county in Washington and the 13th largest in the U.S, with a population of 1.8 million people. The county has a total area of 2,134 square miles and borders Snohomish County to the north, Pierce County to the south, Kitsap County to

the west, and Kittitas County to the east. Vashon Island and Maury Island are also part of King County. The King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) provides regional services for all of King County's residents, two-thirds of whom live in the suburbs. KCSO's wide array

of law enforcement services benefit everyone who lives in the County, plus tourists who visit our cities, outdoor enthusiasts who use our rivers and lakes, who camp or hike, and anyone who drives through unincorporated King County.



Precinct 3: Unincorporated Areas	
Precinct 2 contract cities: includes Kenmore, Woodinville, Sammamish North Bend, Skykomish	
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Precinct 3 contract cities: includes
Covington, Maple Valley, Beaux Arts,
Newcastle, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe

Precinct 4: Unincorporated Areas		Precinct 4:	Unincorporated Areas
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Precinct 4 contract cities:	includes
Burien, SeaTac	

Precinct 5 contract city: Shoreline

Countywide Crime Statistics	2008	2007-08 % change	10-year avg. annual change
VIOLENT CRIMES	1,147	-9.8%	-2.1%
Homicide	17	-19.0%	-1.2%
Rapes (Includes attempts)	194	-9.8%	-2.0%
Robbery	425	-4.5%	0.1%
Aggravated Assault (excluding Aslt 4)	511	-13.5%	-3.8%
PROPERTY CRIMES	14,344	-15.1%	-3.0%
Burglary, Commercial	790	-21.7%	-2.9%
Burglary, Residential	3,354	6.8%	2.6%
Larceny	8,175	-9.0%	-4.2%
Vehicle Theft	1,843	-46.2%	-5.0%
Arson	182	-46.2%	-6.8%

Precinct 2	2008	2007-08 % change	10-year avg. annual change
VIOLENT CRIMES	206	5.1%	-1.5%
Homicide	1	-83.3%	-18.1%
Rapes (Includes attempts)	49	8.9%	-0.7%
Robbery	58	18.4%	6.5%
Aggravated Assault (excluding Aslt 4)	98	2.1%	-4.3%
PROPERTY CRIMES	3,276	-11.0%	-1.5%
Burglary, Commercial	188	-15.7%	-1.9%
Burglary, Residential	564	-18.4%	2.4%
Larceny	2,272	-4.7%	-2.0%
Vehicle Theft	207	-34.9%	-4.7%
Arson	45	-29.7%	1.9%
Precinct 3			
VIOLENT CRIMES	247	-18.5%	-4.1%
Homicide	5	0.0%	5.8%
Rapes (Includes attempts)	56	-27.3%	-3.9%
Robbery	82	2.5%	-0.4%
Aggravated Assault (excluding Aslt 4)	104	-26.2%	-6.6%
PROPERTY CRIMES	4,228	-18.0%	-4.6%
Burglary, Commercial	214	-29.8%	-4.2%
Burglary, Residential	1,263	-5.0%	1.4%
Larceny	2,131	-21.0%	-6.7%
Vehicle Theft	536	-26.1%	-6.0%
Arson	84	-16.8%	-6.1%
Precinct 4			
Violent Crimes	596	-9.6%	-1.6%
Homicide	10	11.1%	2.5%
Rapes (Includes attempts)	76	5.6%	-0.3%
Robbery	240	-8.7%	-1.0%
Aggravated Assault (excluding Aslt 4)	270	-14.3%	-2.6%
Property Crimes	5,150	-5.7%	-2.9%
Burglary, Commercial	311	-17.1%	-3.0%
Burglary, Residential	1,242	38.0%	4.0%
Larceny	2,641	-2.9%	-4.2%
Vehicle Theft	920	-35.5%	-4.9%
Arson	36	-7.7%	-7.0%
Precinct 5			
VIOLENT CRIMES	98	-18.3%	-0.7%
Homicide	1	0.0%	-7.4%
Rapes (Includes attempts)	13	-38.1%	-5.7%
Robbery	45	-15.1%	1.0%
Aggravated Assault (excluding Aslt 4)	39	-13.3%	0.0%
PROPERTY CRIMES	1,690	-4.9%	-1.5%
Burglary, Commercial	77	-27.4%	-1.2%
Burglary, Residential	285	29.5%	3.2%
Larceny	1,131	-7.6%	-2.1%
Vehicle Theft	180	-12.2%	-2.6%
Arson	17	-22.7%	-5.8%

"I really feel like they took care of me...It felt good that they caught him, but it was shocking."

—Domestic Violence Survivor (see her story on page 9)



Average Response Times

Our emergency response times are calculated from the time your call comes in to the 911 center, until a deputy arrives on the scene.

EMERGENCY CALLS	Average Response Time	Frequency
COUNTYWIDE	3.99	557
Precinct 2	4.37	124
Precinct 3	4.86	119
Precinct 4	3.58	223
Precinct 5	3.31	91

Contract Highlights

We Are Your Local Police Agency

The King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) provides police services for all of unincorporated King County. KCSO also contracts with a variety of communities and agencies offering a wide range of quality police services.

In fact, KCSO has about 50 contracts, worth about \$60 million, with 21 cities and other agencies across the County. These partnerships include Beaux Arts Village, Burien, Covington, Kenmore, Maple Valley, the Muckleshoot Tribe, Newcastle, North Bend, Sammamish, SeaTac, Shoreline, Skykomish and Woodinville.

Additionally, KCSO provides transit policing for both **Metro** and **Sound Transit**. Our contracts also include law enforcement and aircraft rescue fire fighting for the **King County International Airport**. And we are the provider of choice for a wide range

Excelling in the Line of Duty

On the night of September 4, 2008, Burien Officer Michael Glasgow received a call that shots had been fired at a Burien apartment complex. When he arrived on scene, he found two gunshot victims, one bleeding profusely from his face.

"I grabbed my aid bag out of the trunk of my car and told the man to sit down and lean forward because he was choking on his own blood," says Glasgow.

Glasgow, who spent 14 months as a combat medic in Iraq, was able to get the man stabilized until an ambulance could arrive. He then aided the other victim, who had been shot in the chest.

"I knew this type of chest wound required a chest seal, which is a special kind of Band-Aid that does not allow air in, but will allow air out," says Glasgow. "I had one of those special bandages in my bag because I had previously gone to the fire department and asked if they would let me have one, just in case I ever needed one."

He got the second man stabilized and, once both victims were safely on their way to the hospital, Glasgow transitioned back to police work, trying to determine what had happened at the scene.

Had these two victims not encountered Michael Glasgow, they might not have survived. For Glasgow's quick thinking, skill, and preparedness, he has been given the Lifesaver Award by the King County Sheriff's Department.





In Memory of Quincy

Quincy served as a Sheriff's Office explosives detection dog and fought crime for more than 10 years throughout our communities in King County. He was one of only 18 Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms-trained explosives dogs in the country, served in numerous high-profile cases, and helped protect several presidents. Bomb Disposal Unit assistance is just one of the many services available for all of our contract clients. Quincy passed away at the age of 12 on November 3, 2008. Thank you for your service, Quincy. We miss you.

















of services, from marine patrol to school resource officers to suspicious fire investigations for communities throughout King County.

Our contract clients choose the level of service they need and they set local policing priorities. The Sheriff's Office ensures the delivery of quality policing as an economically viable option for everyone in our county. In fact, it's a flexible, win-win model that both supports policing efforts in unincorporated King County, while ensuring the availability of affordable policing for all our communities. Well policed neighborhoods are in everybody's interest because that helps keep crime from spilling across communities.

Sound Transit Launches its Police Department

collaborative partnership with Sound Transit resulted in A major new contract for the Sheriff's Office in 2008. Sound Transit's police department was launched last August with the hiring of Captain Ron Griffin as its Police Chief.



Sound Transit Police Chief Ron Griffin

Chief Griffin has been with KCSO for over 28 vears, was previously the Chief of the KCSO's police operation at the King County International Airport, and is a former commander of the Washington State Police Academy.

As Sound Transit's department ramps up for the opening of light rail operations in July of 2009, its policing will concentrate on three basic law enforcement strategies: High Visibility Patrol. Proactive Detective

Follow-up, and Crime Analysis. The elements of these strategies have a proven track record of addressing criminal activity and solving problems.

To achieve success, Sound Transit will emphasize hiring police officers who are 10- to 12-year KCSO veterans and have a wide variety of law enforcement experience. These officers will become familiar and helpful to regular commuters, establishing themselves as a trusted presence at transit facilities. They will help Sound Transit uphold its mission-critical focus of creating a safe environment for all of the riding public.

The Muckleshoot: A Model in Community Policing

ducation, community involvement, crime prevention, and communication are at the cornerstone of the Muckleshoot Police Department's mission to provide professional, quality law enforcement services for the residents of the Muckleshoot Tribal Reservation.

The Muckleshoot Police Department has been a collaborative effort with the King County Sheriff's Office



Muckleshoot Police Chief Jon Loye

since 1999. Under the leadership of Chief Jon Love, the Department also teams with other service providers in the areas of emergency preparedness, gang intervention, and with the Auburn Police Department to help reduce crimes, enforce laws, and ensure a safe community.

Chief Loye, who's been with the Sheriff's Office for almost 29 years, is a certified firearms instructor and a 22-year SWAT veteran. He was also the former Chief Pilot for

KCSO's Air Support Unit and a motorcycle instructor for both King County and the State of Washington.

By continuing to engage the community in policing and problem-solving issues, and working with community members and other tribal departments, the Muckleshoot Police Department has consistently demonstrated its strong commitment to providing quality law enforcement services for its community.

















Our Communities, Our Stories

Detective Nabs Bank Robber

When KCSO's Shoreline Detective Diana Magan gets a case, she doesn't let go.

Take, for instance, the burglary of the Qualstar Credit Union which was robbed sometime between November 24th and 25th in 2007. The alarm system had been deactivated.



the main switchboxes for landlines and cell phone towers had been cut, and the safe had been drilled.

Detective
Magan started
working leads
and discovered
that the
Tacoma Police
Department
had a similar
burglary back
in 2002. They
had arrested a
suspect who had

recently been released from prison. Magan also discovered that this suspect had twice served prison time in California for bank robbery.

Magan checked with other agencies and found similar cases in Lacey, Tumwater, Olympia, Pierce County, Federal Way, Renton, and Bellevue. Because the banks are federally insured, she also contacted the FBI and then set up surveillances of the suspect, using detectives from all the agencies involved.

The surveillance yielded enough information for a search warrant which turned up boxes of safe diagrams, books on alarm systems, a catalogue of locksmith tools, and a stolen handgun. Also seized was a Mercedes Benz the suspect had boldly purchased with cash from the Shoreline Qualstar burglary. Once in custody, the suspect confessed after a five-hour interrogation.

For her determined effort in coordinating the investigation and solving the crimes, KCPQ-13 and Washington's Most Wanted named detective Diana Magan their Officer of the Month in January 2009, based on her work in 2008.

Service at its Best

Peter Truong's journey to the King County Sheriff's Office has been a snapshot in adventure, risk-taking, and compassion.

He came to the United States in 1975, just 22 years old, after the collapse of South Vietnam. Sponsored by the Washington State Patrol in Spokane, he washed dishes in a Chinese restaurant in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and went to school full time at North Idaho College. He worked



hard and eventually opened his own restaurant in 1982. When he moved with his family to Seattle in 1988, he landed the Community Service Officer position for KCSO.

Working in KCSO's southwest precinct, Truong mainly focuses on building and maintaining relationships, knitting himself into the very fabric of the community he serves.

As a liaison between the Sheriff's Office and the community, he is involved in a wide range of activities including crisis intervention, conflict mediation, keeping kids in school and drugs off the street, and assisting crime victims. In our diverse communities, his proficiency in English, Vietnamese, Mandarin Chinese, French, and some Cambodian is a valuable asset.

"Many of the calls for assistance that I get come from immigrants who find themselves confused by this new culture and, as an immigrant myself, I have gone through many of these same problems," says Truong. "I love this community, and I think I owe this country so much, so I want to do whatever I can to pay that back."

Truong has also helped the Everett Police Department in a double homicide investigation, assisted a drug task force in seizing \$250,000 in marijuana, helped the DEA and IRS close down several illegal businesses, and used his expert interpreting skills in more than 75 suspect interviews last year.

"Peter is in constant demand from community activist groups, after school programs, and for a host of community based events," says his supervisor, Sgt. Robert Mathis. "He has high integrity and a work ethic that won't quit. His services, energy, and enthusiasm are unmatched in our department."

For his tireless efforts serving his community, Truong was named the Sheriff's Office 2008 Employee of the Year. "I would rather give this award to the youth, to let them have the chance to be in front. I don't like to be in front," said Truong in his typically humble style, not realizing that it is this stellar attitude that makes him all the more deserving of the recognition.

Local Priorities: Helping the Memory Impaired

An estimated 59 percent of people with Alzheimer's disease will wander off and become lost. Other conditions, such as Down syndrome, autism, Prader-Willi, or traumatic brain injury can also create a tendency to wander or become lost.

To address this growing problem, the Shoreline Police Department offers a free program to assist Shoreline residents in the recovery of memory impaired loved ones.

A trained volunteer will arrange to meet with a family member and the memory impaired person at a convenient location to complete registration forms, take a digital photo, and place a soft vinyl wristband on the memory-impaired person that

has an ID number stamped on it.

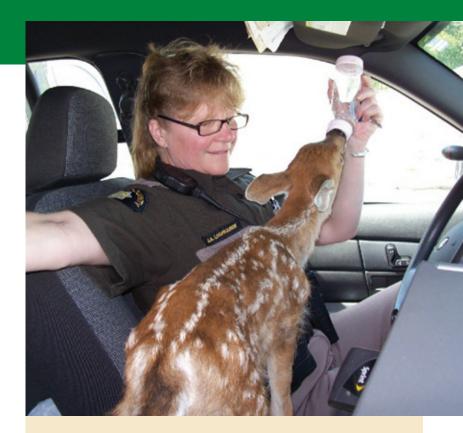
"Once they are in the computer. any patrol officer or dispatcher can look up that number at any time," says KCSO's Shoreline Officer Leona Obstler. coordinator



If someone is found wandering and wearing a wristband, a call to 911 will dispatch an officer. The family member or caregiver will also be notified.

The Memory Impaired Assistance Program is available free of charge to all Shoreline residents. To contact the program, please call the Shoreline Police Department Neighborhood Centers at 206-546-3636 (West) or 206-363-8424 (East).





One Boy's (Wild)Life Lesson

When Deputy Julie Loofbourow received a call from Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife game warden, Wendy Willette, that a group of kids had kidnapped a fawn, she didn't quite know what to believe.

The two finally caught up with the group of kids and discovered a young fawn wrapped in a blanket, sleeping peacefully in a small cart attached to one of the boy's bikes.

The 10-year-old had found the fawn on the Cedar River Trail, while walking with his friends. "He ran home and got his uncle, who didn't realize that taking the deer would be a bad thing to do," says Loofbourow.

Loofbourow gently explained to the boy that the fawn's mother had probably gone off to get food and would be back looking for her child. "Sometimes people just pick fawns up, like this boy did," she says. "People think, 'Momma is not here, so it must be abandoned.""

Initially, the young boy was heartbroken by the news that he would have to give the fawn back. "He was just crushed," says the Maple Valley precinct deputy. "We had to explain that momma had to leave it, but she would eventually come and get it. Then we told him that he could teach all of his friends to leave deer alone."

Loofbourow and Willette placed the fawn around a game trail at a nearby residence. "Wendy went back the next day, and it was gone," says Loofbourow.

"We have to be an animal's caretaker; they are our neighbors just like people, and that's exactly how it was presented to the young boy," Loofbourow says. "He thought that was pretty cool."

Kids Explore Law Enforcement

or kids with a budding interest in law enforcement, the King County Sheriff's Office supports a collaborative partnership with a great, fun-filled program. Law Enforcement Exploring is a worldwide organization that helps young people gain insight into a variety policing activities.

Exploring offers kids the chance to go on ride-alongs, to enter law enforcement-themed competitions, and participate in a variety of community events.

The program is open to young men and women who



have completed the eighth grade and are at least 14 years old, but have not yet reached their 21st birthday. Explorers get to wear uniforms and are trained on various law enforcement topics, such as how to conduct a traffic stop or an actual police investigation.

The training even includes attendance at a series of Summer and Winter Academies run by the Washington Law

Enforcement Explorer Advisors. Kids are given hands on exercises to practice what they have learned.

"A lot of times people watch cops on television and have an idea of what police work is all about," says KCSO Sergeant Andrew McCurdy. "We show people it's not just about chasing bad guys. It has a lot to do with interacting with people, responding to calls for service, and coming up with ideas for how to find solutions."

Once a year the young explorers also have a chance to attend a National Law Enforcement Academy, where they can test their knowledge and skills in competition with kids from around the country.

"We often deal with kids in negative circumstances and with this program, it's nice to deal with kids in positive circumstances," says McCurdy. "It's truly about giving back to the community. If we can show that to these kids, I think they'll learn some life lessons that they can bring with them later in life."

PAL: Connecting Kids and Cops



"If we can get into the fabric of what happens in the day-today life of kids, we can help steer them in a direction and keep them out of trouble," says John McSwain, KCSO's Chief of Police for the contract city of Woodinville.

The best way that Chief McSwain knows how to do that is through the King County Police Activity League (PAL), which was created to build partnerships among youth, police, and the community. Its focus is to develop good citizenship and reduce juvenile delinquency.

McSwain wanted to tap PAL as a way to give the youth of Woodinville something to do other than loiter and risk getting into trouble. So, in May of 2008, McSwain decided to use Woodinville's community center one night a week all summer to invite teens to play basketball, eat pizza, and talk.

He talked with parents about what he wanted to accomplish. "I asked them to encourage their kids," says McSwain. It worked, as some residents dropped off a vanload of kids. "The kids just raved about how much fun they had," says McSwain.

During the summer the program averaged almost 40 kids a week. "We saw a pretty dramatic reduction in the amount of calls that we got in the downtown core area," says McSwain. The Chief also noted that many of the kids who had dropped out of school have now returned.

And because of its success, McSwain will sponsor the teen lounge at the community center again this coming summer. The Chief says he is hoping for another chance at victory after the kids beat the cops in a PAL's sponsored football game.

"I had a friend and former NFL quarterback come out to referee for us," says McSwain. "The kids beat us by three points, and I'm looking for a rematch."



Woodinville teens take on the cops in a PAL sponsored football game.

Domestic Violence Survivor Puts Abuser Behind Bars

In 2008, the King County Sheriff's Office responded to 3,484 calls involving domestic violence, or intimate partner related assaults and disputes. Each of these assaults represents an abused mother, wife, child, domestic partner, or significant other—and sometimes a husband or father. Many more assaults in 2008 went unreported, untried, and continue silently today. Victims are mostly women (and some men) of all ages, from all types of backgrounds. The King County Sheriff's Office is committed to strongly addressing domestic violence by helping victims access resources in their communities and holding those who have committed crimes accountable. Amanda is one of the many victims we worked with in 2008 who was lucky enough to escape with her life and put her attacker behind bars.

n late December 2007, Amanda (a pseudonym) awoke on her couch to find a man on top of her and beating her severely.

"He just kept hitting me blow after blow after blow," she says. "At one point we ended up on the floor."

She fought back—hard. "I grabbed at his face, and I remember he was wearing a rubber Halloween mask." she says. "I

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remember screaming so loud, but I didn't think it was me because I've never heard myself scream like that before."

Her attacker tried to stick his hand down her throat, and she bit him. He tried to gouge her eye out, and she fought him off. "He had rubber latex gloves on and had either

painted them black, or put grease all over them," she says. "My face was black, and the inside of my mouth was black. It tasted like car grease, and he smelled like gas."

"At some point, I could tell it was my husband. I don't know how, but I could feel it," she says. "So I tried to talk to him."

The couple had been married for six years, had separated, and had been living apart for months.

At some point, she managed to break free and run to a neighbor's house. where she called police.

Detective Jim Belford of the King County Sheriff's Office Domestic Violence Unit took up Amanda's case and worked alongside her in the 2008 investigation and trial.

"I really feel like they took care of me; they all worked so hard," said Amanda.

"I didn't know anything about the court system and they walked me she says. "I wasn't iust forgotten. and I am so appreciative," she she received from Detective Belford and the Sheriff's Office.

While doing a thorough search of her home after the attack, Detective Belford discovered the discarded

Halloween mask that her husband had used during the assault. Later, when Sheriff's deputies went to her husband's house, they found the gloves with her bite marks in a van parked just outside.

Her husband was arrested the following day and was convicted in 2008. He is now serving time.

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through everything," notes of the support



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Vision

Our vision is to improve public safety by leading and promoting collaboration and professionalism in the criminal justice system.

Mission

The mission of the King County Sheriff's Office is to provide quality, professional, regional and local law enforcement services tailored to the needs of individual communities to improve the quality of life.



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