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SULTAN POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

Date: May

To: Mayor and Council

From: Chief Walser

Subject: City Council Police Report for May

1 – Significant Arrests / Investigations

A. Suspect in the armed robbery of Vinaccios Coffee Shop last January has been identified and the case referred to the Prosecutor for charges of 1st degree armed robbery. The suspect is currently in the Snohomish County jail on another unrelated offence. Officer Larry Marshall worked the case to its successful conclusion.

B. Officer Holman arrested a juvenile male May 3rd at the Sultan High School who had threatened another student and had stated he had a gun and was going to bring it to the school to get even. This young person was booked into Denny Youth Center and the case referred to the prosecutor.

C. Sunday May, 12, Officer Marshall assisted the Snohomish County Sheriff and Sultan Fire Dept. at the scene of a vehicle-train collision in the 500 block of U.S.2. A man, talking on his cellular telephone was stopped on the railroad tracks in the private driveway to the horse stables and failed to observe the oncoming westbound freight train. The driver's wife was ejected from the vehicle and suffered serious injuries, she was airlifted to Harbor view Hospital, the driver and his 7 year old son were transported to Monroe Hospital, their family dog

died at the scene. This occurred in the county and the Sheriff investigated. Traffic on U.S.2 was backed up through Goldbar and the train delayed for 5 hours due to the investigation.

D. On May 14, Officer Marshall investigated a weapons complaint at the High School. A male juvenile was arrested for possession of brass knuckles and the case referred to Denny Youth Center Prosecutor. The student was expelled from the school for the rest of the year. Officers Holman and Faith are investigating 2 additional assaults and a theft case which occurred at the Middle School during the past week.

Items of Interest:

On May 2nd Officer Colleen Holman gave a presentation to the Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce on a new, affordable machine that can detect counterfeit and frequently altered currency. Officer Holman is working with Donna Murphy to explore the possibility of grant funding for businesses interested in this technology.

On Monday May 3, 2007, a meeting was held at the community room with local youth regarding issues at the Library and around City Hall. Approximately 20 young people attended as did folks from the V.O.A., Boys and Girls Club, and the Rock Church. This was a very productive meeting; concerns were shared regarding activities at City Hall, plans for the completion of Phase 2 of the Skate Park, and how to better improve communication. As a result of the meeting 15 youth signed up to participate on the Police/Youth Advisory Board hosted by both the Volunteers of America and the Boys and Girls Club. This board is intended to engage youth in an ongoing dialog of issues, resolutions, and input on youth oriented communication and activities.

On Tuesday, May 15, the City, Fire Department, Police, and School District conducted an earthquake evacuation drill. All schools were evacuated up Love's Hill Trail without incident within 23 minutes. A de-briefing was conducted after and was attended by representatives of the County D.E.M. The drill was determined to be a successful orientation type drill and valuable suggestions offered for future exercises. All agencies worked exceptionally well together, the County D.E.M. personnel were impressed.

On Wednesday, May 16, the Chief chaired a Parks informational meeting at City Hall with Council persons Blair and Slawson, 16 persons attended. The purpose of the meeting is to begin an on-going dialog with all stakeholders and Snohomish County to develop a Fisherman's destination park at the site known as the "Brier Patch" of North Skyview .

Additionally plans and discussions were held on the development of a public/private

destination shooting/training range complex off the Sultan Basin Rd. in the Olney Creek area. Snohomish County Parks has done a preliminary site plan and the required E.I.S. for the area and stated they can move ahead to possible completion in 2 years. Councilman Slawson and Chief Walser agreed to take the lead and work to bring together all potential stakeholders, and begin coordination of efforts. The next meeting of the group was scheduled for Wednesday, August 15, at 7:00 p.m. at the Sultan Middle School.

The Chief attended the Washington Association of Sheriff's and Police Chief's semi-annual conference and training at Wenatchee, May 21 – 24, 2007. The Chief Chairs two sub-committees and serves as a member on a third.