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**WASPC Statement on Recent Attacks on Law Enforcement**

(Lacey, WA) – Recent assaults and ambushes on law enforcement officers should be viewed as abhorrent, significant, and condemned by all. The rule of law and the enforcement of laws created by elected representatives are dependent on the recognition that officers are highly visible and have a special place in our society to protect and defend our residents.

In the space of just four days, between Sept. 3 and Sept. 7, in two separate incidents just miles apart in South King County, law enforcement officers, in full uniform and in marked police vehicles, were ambushed and multiple rounds fired at them while waiting in traffic. These incidents didn't just target law enforcement, they also put innocent members of the public at risk.

Two suspects were arrested in the Renton incident and the investigation continues for suspects in the other incident in Federal Way. The King County Prosecutor's request for high bail for both subjects was not accepted by the court. Attacks on law enforcement should always be taken seriously by the judicial, legislative, and executive branches of our government. The men and women who put their lives on the line everyday for our safety deserve nothing less.