

SNOHOMISH COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE INVESTIGATIVE CHECKLIST

ATTEMPTING TO ELUDE A PURSUING POLICE VEHICLE

RCW 46.61.024

ELEMENTS

1. While driving a motor vehicle;
2. the suspect was signaled to stop by a police officer by hand, voice, emergency light or siren; and
3. the signaling police officer was in uniform and his/her vehicle was equipped with lights and siren; and
4. the suspect willfully failed to or refused to immediately bring the vehicle to a stop after being signaled to stop; and
5. while attempting to elude a pursuing police vehicle, the suspect drove the vehicle in a rash or heedless manner, indifferent to the consequences.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- [] 1. Include in report whether or not the officer was in uniform and driving a vehicle equipped with lights and siren. If the vehicle was marked as a police vehicle, include that, too.
- [] 2. Include in the report how, and at what point in the pursuit, the signal to stop was made.
- [] 3. Include in the report whether the suspect acknowledged or reacted to the signal to stop, for example, initially pulled over, or suddenly sped up, or looked back at police officer, etc.
- [] 4. If suspect abandons his/her vehicle, indicate how the suspect is identified as the driver. Obtain certified copy of registration if vehicle registered to suspect.
- [] 5. Give details of the pursuit, such as:
 - speed limit
 - time of chase
 - suspect's speed
 - length of chase
 - road, traffic and weather conditions
 - traffic control devices ignored, if any (signs, lights)
- [] 6. Detail other vehicles or pedestrians who were immediately endangered or who had to take evasive action as a result of suspect's driving. Obtain witness statements from these individuals, so that prosecutor can evaluate whether a sentence enhancement is appropriate.
- [] 7. If suspect's vehicle crashed during the pursuit, obtain photos of any damage done as a result.
- [] 8. If pursuit is terminated, explain in detail why it was too dangerous to continue.

9. If suspect had any outstanding warrants for arrest at the time of the pursuit, note those in your report.

10. Provide ADR for suspect.