

SNOHOMISH COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE INVESTIGATIVE CHECKLIST

FORGERY

RCW 9A.60.020

ELEMENTS

1. a. The suspect falsely made, completed, or altered a written instrument*; OR
b. The suspect possessed, uttered, offered, disposed of, or put off as true a written instrument* which he knew to be forged; AND
2. The suspect did so with intent to injure or defraud.

*Written instrument means: (a) any paper, document, or other instrument containing written or printed matter or its equivalent; or (b) any access device, token, stamp, seal, badge, trademark, or other evidence or symbol of value, right, privilege, or identification.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- [] 1. Affidavit of forgery from victim. Is the written instrument counterfeit or stolen?
- [] 2. If suspect is known to victim, victim's statement should contain nature of their relationship, whether suspect ever had permission to use victim's checks, and suspect's access to victim's checks.
- [] 3. A copy of the written instrument in question, front and back.
- [] 4. Written statement from the person who accepted the written instrument, describing the transaction, any identifying information about the person passing the written instrument, and any statements the person made during the transaction.
- [] 5. Proof of suspect's identity as the person who wrote/altered the check or who possessed/attempted to pass the check: photo montage, handwriting comparison, thumbprint, surveillance photographs, videos, CCDR, etc.)
- [] 6. To prove suspect passed the forged check, knowing it was forged: Obtain from suspect, if possible, as much detailed information from him as you can regarding how he obtained the instrument, whether he knew it was forged, and what he intended to do with the instrument. Provable lies are as worthy as admissions.