

SNOHOMISH COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE INVESTIGATIVE CHECKLIST

THEFT OF FIREARM

RCW 9A.56.300

ELEMENTS

1. The suspect obtained control over a firearm (a weapon from which a projectile may be fired by an explosive such as gunpowder) that belonged to another;

AND

2. the suspect did so by
- a) wrongfully obtaining or exerting unauthorized control over the firearm;
OR
 - b) color or aid of deception;
OR
 - c) appropriating the lost or misdelivered firearm;

AND

3. the suspect intended to deprive the rightful owner of the firearm.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- [] 1. Victim's statement should specify what was taken, the last time the firearm was seen by victim, whether the firearm was operable at the time it was stolen, the fact that no one had permission to take the firearm, and any potential suspects. If firearm has been recovered, include how victim identified firearm as his/hers.
- [] 2. Suspect's statement, if possible, should include whether suspect admits committing the theft of the firearm or admits only possessing the stolen firearm; whether suspect knew victim; and if suspect claims the firearm belonged to him/her, the basis for that claim.
- [] 3. If stolen firearm recovered, provide property recovery report, even if report is from another agency.
- [] 4. Photograph firearm at location where found, if possible. Photograph firearm before returning it to owner.
- [] 5. Test firearm, before returning to victim, to determine if it is operable.