

SNOHOMISH COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE INVESTIGATIVE CHECKLIST

THREATS AGAINST GOVERNOR OR FAMILY

RCW 9A.36.090

ELEMENTS

1. The suspect knowingly and willfully put in the mail (at post office or by letter carrier) a letter, paper, writing, print, missive, or document; AND
2. It contained a threat to take the life of or to inflict bodily harm upon the victim; AND
3. The victim was a) the governor of the state; b) the governor's immediate family; c) the governor-elect; d) the lieutenant governor; e) other officer next in the order of succession to the office of governor of the state, or f) the lieutenant governor-elect.

OR

1. The suspect knowingly and willfully made a threat to take the life of or to inflict bodily harm upon the victim; AND
2. The victim was a) the governor; b) governor-elect; c) lieutenant governor; d) other officer next in the order of succession to the office of governor; or e) lieutenant governor-elect.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Identify the precise nature of the threat, whether direct or indirect, and how communicated.
- 2. Identify the victim's status that makes the victim a protected person under this crime.
- 3. Follow the trail back from delivery of the threat to where it began. Seize, if available, any means by which the threat was communicated, such as voice mail recording, e-mail, text message, written materials.
- 4. Determine and detail what evidence exists to prove/disprove the suspect's motive.
- 5. Determine and detail what evidence exists to disprove/prove it was the suspect who made the threat and to disprove/prove the suspect's alibi. Interview possible alibi witnesses.
- 6. If suspect may be suffering from a mental disease or defect, determine and detail what evidence exists to prove/disprove that at the time the assault was committed, either the suspect's mind was affected by the mental disease or defect such that the suspect was unable to perceive the nature and quality of his/her actions, or that the mental disease or defect prevented the suspect from being able to appreciate that his/her actions were wrong.