

SNOHOMISH COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE INVESTIGATIVE CHECKLIST

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION DEVICE

RCW 9A.56.320(3)

ELEMENTS

1. The suspect possessed a personal identification device*; AND
2. (For the Class C felony crime) the suspect intended to use it to commit theft, forgery or identity theft.

*Personal identification device includes any machine or instrument whose purpose is to manufacture or print any driver's license or identification card issued by any state or the federal government or any employee identification issued by any employer, public or private, including but not limited to badges and identification cards or any credit or debit card.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- [] 1. Seize the personal identification device, and related items such as forged ID cards, card-making materials, stolen mail, etc. Photograph evidence items where found, and note specific location where found in your report. Include photocopies of a sufficient number of these items in your report to establish the fraudulent purpose of the possession.
- [] 2. Determine who had access to the personal identification device, and document that, for example, by seizing papers of occupancy/ownership for the building/vehicle were found; obtaining witness statements; latent prints; etc. If device is in a bedroom, seize sample-clothing items in bedroom to establish sex/size of bedroom occupants.
- [] 3. Copy of police reports regarding the theft of any stolen mail, stolen checks, or stolen identification cards found with the personal identification device.
- [] 4. Obtain from suspect, if possible, as much detailed information as you can regarding what the suspect used the device for, how the suspect obtained stolen items, who forged the ID cards, what happens to the identification cards that are made, etc. Provable lies are as worthy as admissions.
- [] 5. If computer equipment seized, search computer (pursuant to a search warrant) for evidence of fraudulent scheme.