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Port Angeles Man Sentenced to 25 Years Prison for Attempted First Degree Murder and Residential Burglary

Clallam County Superior Court Cause No. 21-1-00002-05

Tyler Scott Anderson, 40, was sentenced by the Honorable Judge Brent Basden on February 14, 2022, to 304.5 months (25.38 years) prison after entering a plea of guilty to one count of Attempted First Degree Murder with a Deadly Weapon against a Vulnerable Victim, a Class A felony and one count of Residential Burglary, a Class B felony.

On the afternoon of January 3, 2021, a woman was walking her dog in Port Angeles. Anderson followed this woman to her home where he attempted to gain access. Anderson did not relent in his efforts until the woman's husband joined her at the door, armed with a weapon, and told Anderson to leave. It was at that point Anderson backed away and left the property.

Later that same afternoon law enforcement received a call from a woman who reported screaming and pounding coming from her neighbor's home. Port Angeles Police responded to the scene and located an 81 year old woman on the bathroom floor with her throat slit from one side to the other. The woman was transported to Olympic Medical Center and eventually airlifted to Harborview. The woman was treated for trauma to the neck and head along with other bodily injuries. Following a search, law enforcement discovered Anderson 3 blocks from the scene. He was found with a laceration on his hand and the woman's phone covered in blood. Toxicology subsequently revealed that Anderson was under the influence of Methamphetamine at the time of the crime.

Anderson's standard sentencing range under Washington law for Attempted First Degree Murder with a Deadly Weapon against a Vulnerable Victim was 210.75 – 280.5 months, plus 24 months for the deadly weapon enhancement for a total range of 234.75 – 304.5 months and for the Residential Burglary 15 – 20 months. (Anderson's criminal history consists of Robbery in the Second Degree, Attempt to Elude and Bail Jumping, all of which factored in to the calculation of his sentencing range.) "The State and the defense agreed to a recommendation of the high end of the range in exchange for Anderson's plea," said Chief Criminal Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Michele Devlin. "We feel the high end of the range was appropriate given the heinous nature of the case."

After hearing 4 victim impact statements, Judge Basden imposed a sentence of 304.5 months (25.38 years). Anderson will be placed on Community Custody supervision for 36 months upon his release from prison. In addition, he will be required to comply with all requirements of the Department of Corrections including not possessing or consuming controlled substances and no contact with the survivors of his crimes.

“We appreciate the stellar work of PAPD Officer JJ Smith, Detective Corporal Erik Smith and other members of PAPD; PAFD and the Washington State Patrol Crime Scene Response Team,” said Michele Devlin and Tracey Lassus with the Prosecutor’s Office.

Office Information

The Clallam County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office employs over 25 people, including 14 attorneys. Clallam County, which includes Forks, Port Angeles and Sequim, has an approximate population of 78,000.

The Criminal Division represents the state and the county in criminal matters in the Clallam County District and Superior Courts. The Criminal Division is responsible for prosecuting all felonies in Clallam County and all misdemeanors in unincorporated areas of Clallam County as well as the Cities of Port Angeles and Sequim.

The Civil Division acts as the law firm representing the County and its agencies. The Civil Division advises and represents all of the County's elected officials and departments on a myriad of complex legal matters. The range of legal representation provided by this unit is expansive and covers virtually every aspect of civil practice.

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