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Port Angeles Man Receives 66 Months in Drive-by Shooting Case
Clallam County Superior Court Cause No. 23-1-00317-05

Clallam County Superior Court Judge Brent Basden followed the State's recommendation and sentenced Seth Weathers of Port Angeles to 66 months in prison for drive-by shooting and assault in the second degree with a firearm enhancement. The sentence followed a jury verdict on May 14 after a two-day trial.

On the afternoon of December 15, 2023, Samuel and Jessica Parks were riding their horses on Finn Hall Road in Agnew when they saw a blue truck with a canopy driving toward them at a high rate of speed. Samuel and Jessica tried to get the truck to slow down as it sped westbound toward them, but the truck's speed did not change. As it approached them, Samuel threw his hat in front of the truck. The truck then sped by and Weathers, the driver, pulled out a 9mm handgun. He pointed the gun outside of the driver's window and fired off three rounds in an unknown direction as he continued down Finn Hall Road. The gunshots scared Jessica and then both she and Samuel checked on a neighbor down the road. The neighbor's young son had been in a car near Finn Hall Road at the time of the shooting. Luckily, no one suffered any injuries as a result of Weathers shooting his firearm.

The Clallam County Sheriff's Office investigated this case and found a 9mm Hornaday shell casing at the scene. The next day, Deputy Cody Brooks found Weathers driving the blue truck with a canopy and pulled him over. Deputy Brooks searched Weathers and found a 9mm handgun loaded with Hornaday ammunition on him. Deputies searched Weathers's truck and found a substantial amount of 9mm ammunition inside the truck. Weathers was also recently convicted of a gross misdemeanor related to a similar incident shortly before Deputy Brooks pulled him over.

"Weathers acted extremely recklessly," said Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Steve Johnson. "The shooting occurred in an area where people have homes and ride horses. Old Olympic Highway is not that far away. This incident easily could have been much worse," said Johnson.

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.

The Child Support Division is wholly funded by and represents the Division of Child Support of the State of Washington. The Support Division carries out judicial establishment of paternity and child support, enforcements for failure to pay court-ordered child support, and modifications to existing child support orders. The Support Division also represents the State of Washington in collection actions on parents owing a duty of support.

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