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### **Everett Man Receives 13 Years for Armed Drug Dealing** *Clallam County Superior Court Cause No. 24-1-00009-05*

Clallam County Superior Court Judge Simon Barnhart followed the State's recommendation and sentenced Daniel Hawn of Everett to 156 months in prison for two counts of possession of controlled substances with intent to deliver while armed with a firearm. The sentence followed a guilty plea to the two charges.

Early in the morning on January 7, 2024, Deputy Steffen Estep of the Clallam County Sheriff's Office came upon a running car parked on the wrong side of the road near Sequim Bay Lodge. Dep. Estep went up to the car and saw that the driver and passenger were both asleep. Dep. Estep knocked on the driver's window and Hawn, who was seated in the driver's seat, awoke. During his contact with Hawn, Dep. Estep saw a firearm on the driver's floorboard. Hawn, who had an active warrant for his arrest, claimed was a fake gun. Dep. Estep and other law enforcement personnel from the Clallam County Sheriff's Office and Sequim Police Department arrived and eventually seized the gun, which was real, along with sizeable quantities of methamphetamine, cocaine, and heroin from Hawn's car.

"Dep. Estep handled that situation about as capably as one could," said Judge Barnhart, noting how dangerous it was for Dep. Estep to be alone at night with Hawn who had multiple guns and drugs with him. Hawn has eight previous felony convictions, including burglary, theft of property, vehicle theft, attempting to elude police, and unlawfully possessing a firearm.

"This case underscores the continued scourge that drug dealing is in our community," said Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Steve Johnson, who handled the case. "Hawn had no known ties to Clallam County, but came here armed and with several narcotics he was planning to sell. Guns and drugs bring a lot of harm and risk to our community and this resolution reflects how seriously we take these types of crimes," Johnson said.

### **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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