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### **Drive-By Shooter Sentenced to 15 Months Prison**

*Clallam County Superior Court Cause No.: 25-1-00136-05*

On July 29, 2025, Clallam County Superior Court Judge Brent Basden sentenced Stephanie Baker-Paulsen to 15 months prison for a drive-by shooting that occurred in Port Angeles earlier this year.

During the evening hours of May 23, 2025, on 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Port Angeles, a white SUV containing Baker-Paulsen, pulled into an alley and shot into a house. Luckily, no one was inside the house when the shooting occurred. Later that day, Baker-Paulsen went to the Clallam County Sheriff's Department where she ultimately confessed to the drive-by shooting.

Baker-Paulsen plead guilty to drive-by shooting, a Class B Felony, and was sentenced to 15 months prison, followed by 18 months of community custody. Due to no relevant criminal history, her offender score was zero with a standard range sentence of 15-20 months prison under Washington law. The State and the Defense agreed to a sentence of 15 months because Baker-Paulsen was forthcoming in her admission and acceptance of responsibility. Baker-Paulsen's legal financial obligations were waived due to indigency. After prison, she will be subject to supervision by the Department of Corrections Community Custody Division. The court also imposed a 10 year no contact order between Baker-Paulsen and the intended victim of the shooting.

During sentencing Baker-Paulsen said, "I thought he was trying to kill my dog," however she admitted that she made the wrong decision when she committed the drive-by shooting.

"Drive-by shootings are terrifying for the community and have become more prevalent in recent years. The Clallam County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

takes drive-by shootings very seriously and strongly discourages the use of firearms to settle disagreements,” stated Michele Devlin, Chief Criminal Deputy Prosecutor. The Clallam County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office appreciates the diligent work by the Port Angeles Police Department and the Clallam County Sheriff’s Office.

### **Office Information**

The Clallam County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office employs over 25 people, including attorneys, legal support staff and victim witness coordinators. 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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