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Sequim Man Receives 12 Months for Vehicular Assault, Hit and Run

Clallam County Superior Court Cause No. 25-1-00085-05

Clallam County Superior Court Judge Elizabeth Stanley sentenced Cole Douglas of Sequim to 12 months in jail for vehicular assault and hit and run. The sentence followed a guilty plea to the charges.

On March 31, 2025, Douglas got behind the wheel of his 1996 Lexus ES. Someone living with Douglas who witnessed him drive away from their home told the Sequim Police Department that Douglas seemed “high” when he got into his car. At about 9:00 p.m., Douglas turned eastbound from North 7th Street onto West Spruce Street in Sequim. Shortly before, several teenage boys had begun walking on Spruce Street. Douglas struck a 13-year-old boy who was on his skateboard, knocking the boy into the air before he struck the pavement. The other boys attempted to get Douglas to stop, but Douglas drove away. The boy Douglas struck suffered a severe head injury requiring emergency neurosurgery, a broken pelvis, and other injuries and had to be airlifted to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle. The Sequim Police Department eventually located Douglas in Oklahoma and extradited him back to Clallam County.

The Clallam County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office originally charged Douglas with hit and run – injury. Given Douglas’s lack of criminal history, under state law his standard sentencing range if convicted was three to nine months with no community custody (probation). The Prosecutor’s Office had also charged an aggravating factor that the injuries the victim suffered were substantially greater than what would be necessary to prove the crime; the aggravating factor allowed for a sentence greater than nine months. In addition to 12 months in jail Douglas’s sentence included 12 months of community custody. Judge Stanley ordered Douglas to complete a substance use disorder assessment, comply with recommended treatment, and prohibited him from driving while on community custody.

“Mr. Douglas nearly killed a teenage boy and then fled halfway across the country in an attempt to evade accountability,” said Deputy Prosecutor Steven Johnson. Johnson noted that the resolution involved Douglas pleading to a strike offense and receiving community custody and substance use treatment, which would not have occurred under the original charge. Johnson also thanked the Sequim Police Department for their efforts in both the investigation of the incident and locating Douglas.

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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