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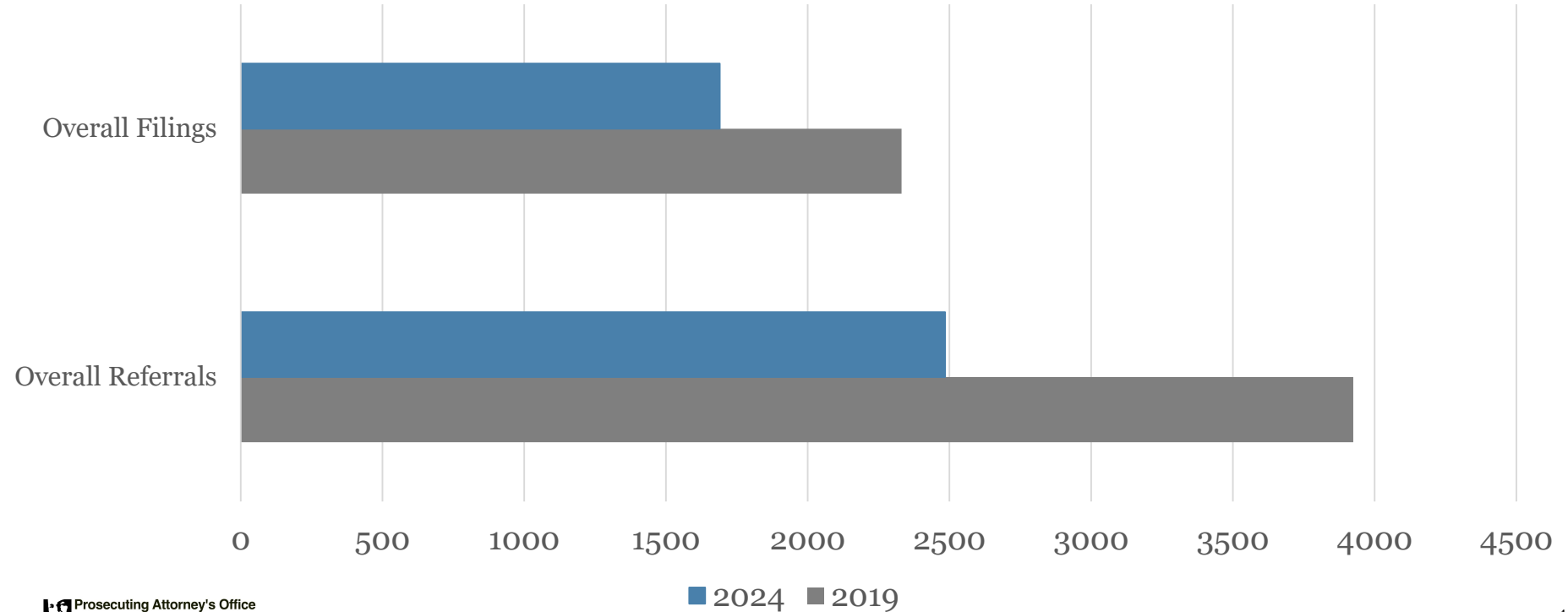


The State of Crime in Seattle and King County

↓ Overall Felony Crime is Decreasing in Seattle



2019 to 2024: Seattle Adult Felony Referrals Dropped -36.7%



Encouraging Trends in Seattle Crime Categories

- ↓ Adult **burglary** (commercial and residential) referrals were **down -38%**
- ↓ **Serious assaults/violence** referrals were **down -15.2%**
- ↓ Adult **domestic violence** referrals were **down -29.3%**
- Adult **vehicle theft** referrals **up less than 1%**


Charges in Seattle Vehicular Homicide Case

 King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office May 7, 2025

Yesterday afternoon, the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office Felony Traffic Unit charged a defendant with:

- Hit and Run Felony
- Vehicular Homicide
- Vehicular Assault
- Driving While License Suspended/Revoked In The Third Degree

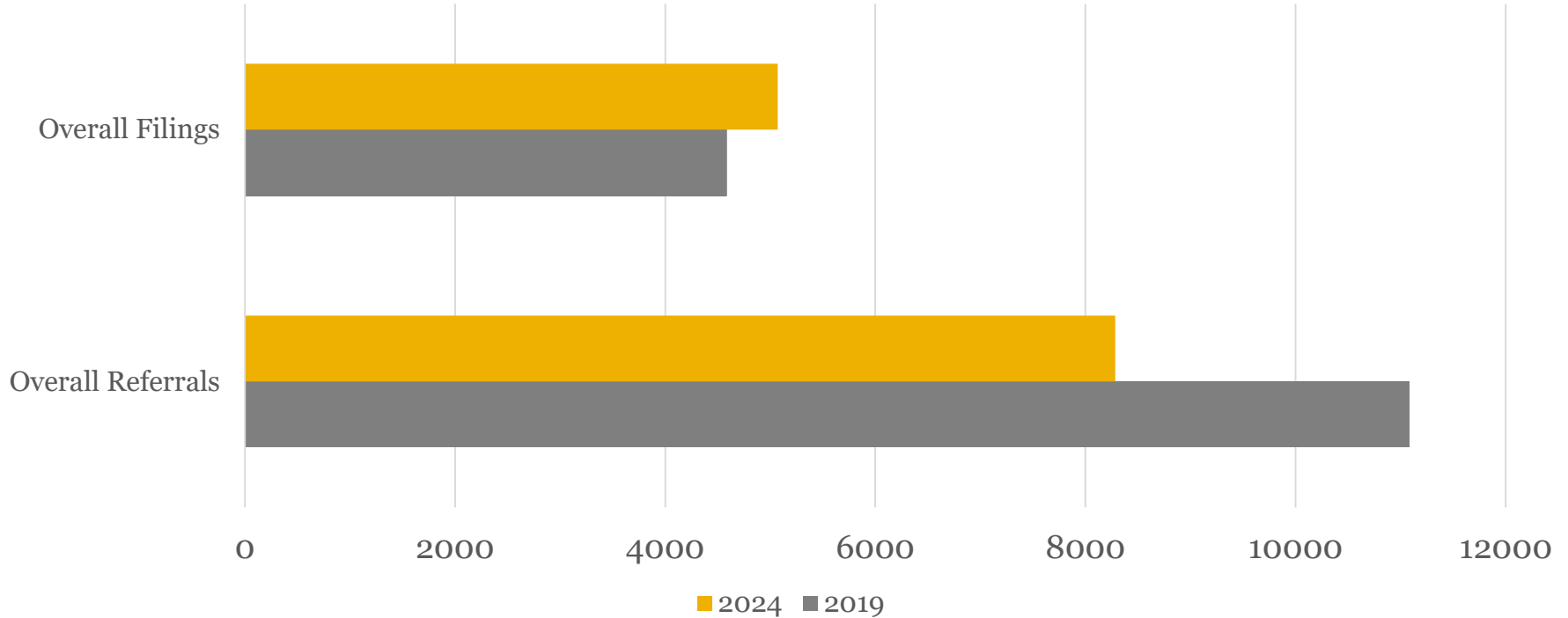
77 Month Sentence for Defendant in Seattle Area Home Invasion Burglaries

 King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office 2 min read · Apr 22, 2025

On Friday, a defendant in a case involving a series of 2023 Seattle area home invasion burglaries that targeted Asian households was sentenced to 77 months — 6.4 years — by a King County judge. This follows the defendant Demarcus Pate (cause #: 23-1-05930-8) pleading guilty as charged on March 31 to Unlawful Possession of a Firearm in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Burglary in the First Degree, and Hate Crime, in a case brought by the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

↓ Overall Felony Crime is Decreasing in King County


2019 to 2024: King County Adult Felony Referrals Dropped -25.3%



Encouraging Trends in King County Crime Categories

- ↓ Adult **burglary** (commercial and residential) referrals were **down -28.3%**
- ↓ **Serious assaults/violence** referrals were **down -13.4%**
- Adult **domestic violence** referrals **have stabilized**
- ↓ Adult **vehicle theft** referrals were **down -7.7%**

35 Felony Charges, Including Numerous Residential Burglaries, Filed Against Lake Stevens Man

 King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office · 2 min read · Mar 6, 2025

The King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office has charged a Lake Stevens man with:

- 11 counts of Theft of a Firearm
- 11 counts of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm in the First Degree
- 7 counts of Residential Burglary
- 5 counts of Theft of a Motor Vehicle
- 1 count of Burglary in the Second Degree

Nearly 32 Year Sentence in Bellevue Domestic Violence Murder

 King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office · 2 min read · Sep 24, 2024

On Friday, the defendant in a Bellevue domestic violence murder was sentenced to 31.6 years (380 months). Friday's sentencing follows a case argued by the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, which resulted in a guilty plea (Murder in the First Degree — Domestic Violence) on August 28, 2024. The resulting sentence is at the high-end of the sentencing range set by state lawmakers (320 months) and includes an additional 60 months for a firearm enhancement, for a total of 380 months.



Combatting Gun Violence

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Report: Gun violence decreasing in King County

King County has seen a significant decrease in gun violence during the first quarter of 2025, according to a new report released by the Prosecutor's Office.



LOCAL

What's behind King County's significant drop in gun violence



By [Brandon Thompson](#), KIRO 7 News
April 29, 2025 at 1:33 pm PDT

KING COUNTY, Wash. — Gun violence in King County is decreasing significantly, according to a new report from the King County Prosecuting Attorney's office.

Data released Tuesday shows that the number of shootings decreased by about 37% for the first quarter of the year.

- 2024: 443 shootings
- 2025: 278 shootings

It's the lowest number the county has seen since 2021.

King County Prosecuting Attorney Leesa Marion credits teamwork as a contributing factor. She says police, local governments, and non-profits are collaborating on ways to keep the community safe.

King County sees 'encouraging' reduction in gun violence so far in 2025

By [Franque Thompson](#) | Published April 29, 2025 6:32pm PDT | Seattle | FOX 13 Seattle | [➔](#)



King County, WA sees reduction in gun violence

The critical work to curb gun violence in western Washington seems to be paying off, as new numbers show King County is seeing the safest start since before the pandemic.

The Brief

- King County saw a 41% reduction in shooting victims and a 32% decrease in shots-fired incidents in Q1 2025, thanks to collaborative gun violence prevention efforts.
- The Gun Violence Prevention Unit's focus on intervention and accountability has been effective, especially in South King County.
- Continued collaboration is essential to address youth involvement in gun violence, despite budget constraints.

KING COUNTY, Wash. - The critical work to curb gun violence in King County is proving to be effective. On Tuesday, the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office released its quarterly shots-fired report.

Data shows drop in shootings and homicides across King County

[Jeremy Harris](#), KOMO News Reporter | Tue, April 29th 2025 at 6:44 PM
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Gun violence dips in King County, but concerns remain

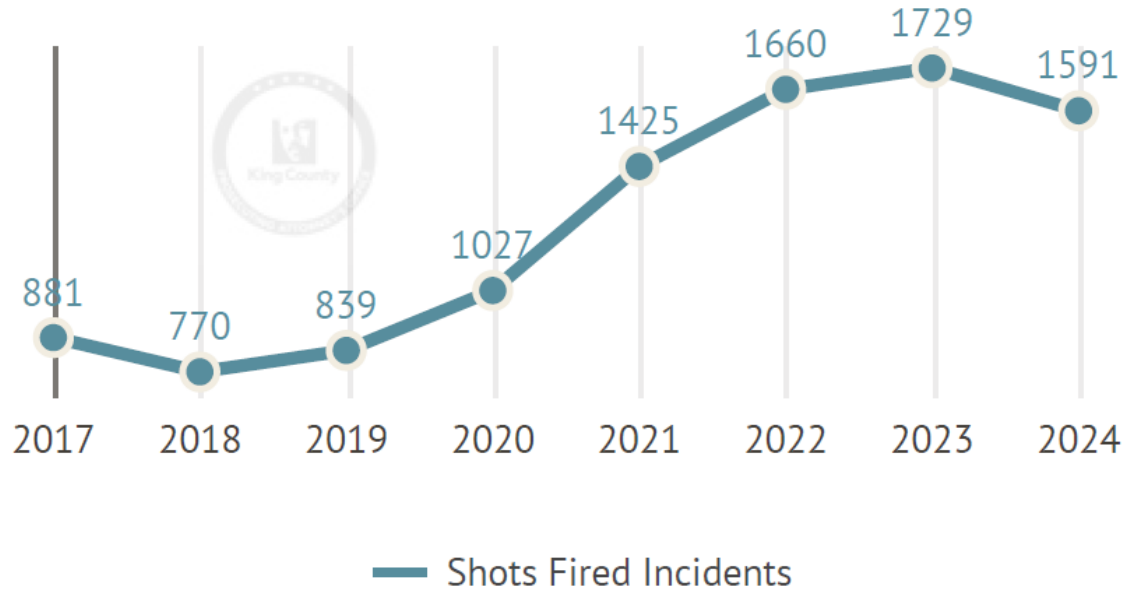


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[Gun violence in King County](#) dropped in 2024, marking the first decline in six years, according to a [report](#) from the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

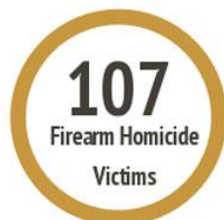
Why it matters: Gun violence still accounted for more than [two-thirds](#) of homicides in King County last year, but the recent data shows the Seattle-area is finally aligning with the [national trend of declining violent crime](#).

In 2024, **Gun Violence** in King County **Decreased** for the First Time Since 2018



2023 vs. 2024: Fatal & Non-fatal Shooting Victims were Down in King County

2023



2024



-29%

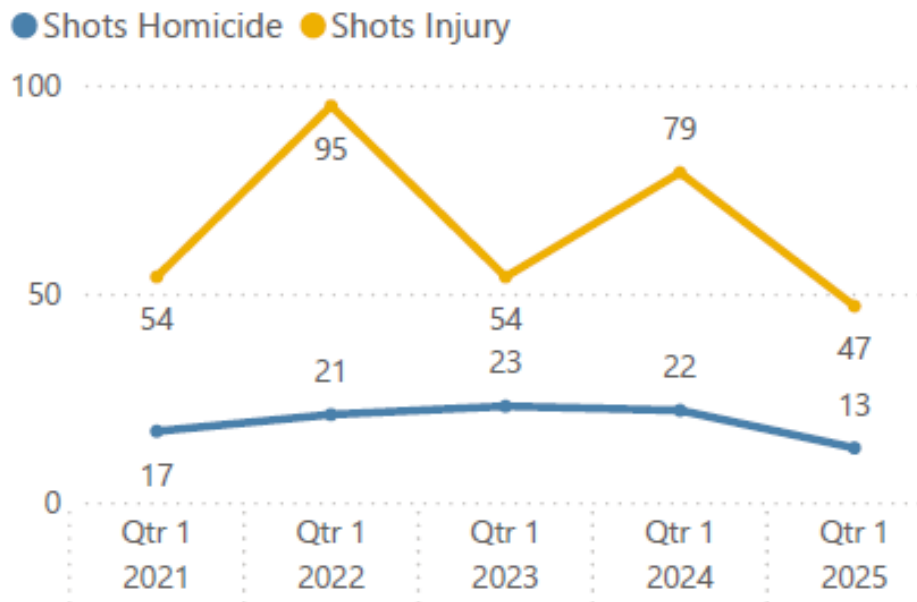
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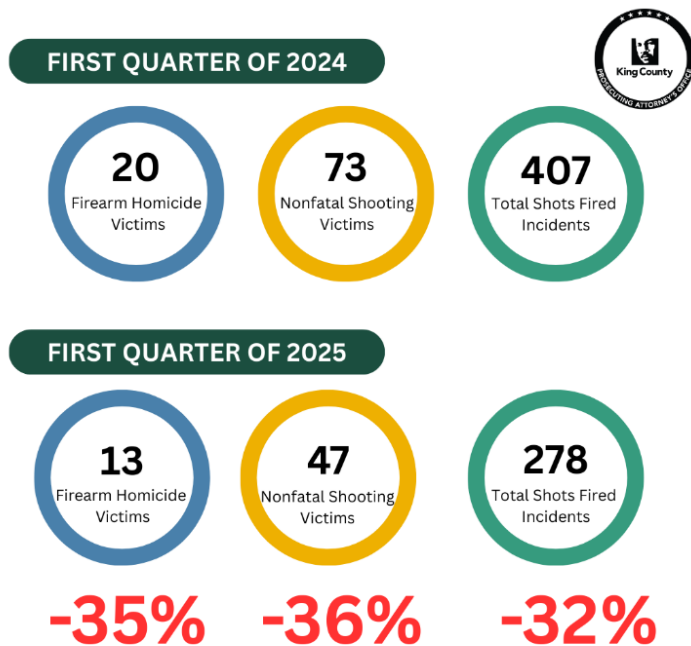
**...the latest data shows a
sustained decline in gun
violence**

Q1 2025: Fatal & Non-fatal Shooting Victims Reached Five-Year Low Points

Number of Shooting Victims Q1 2021-2025

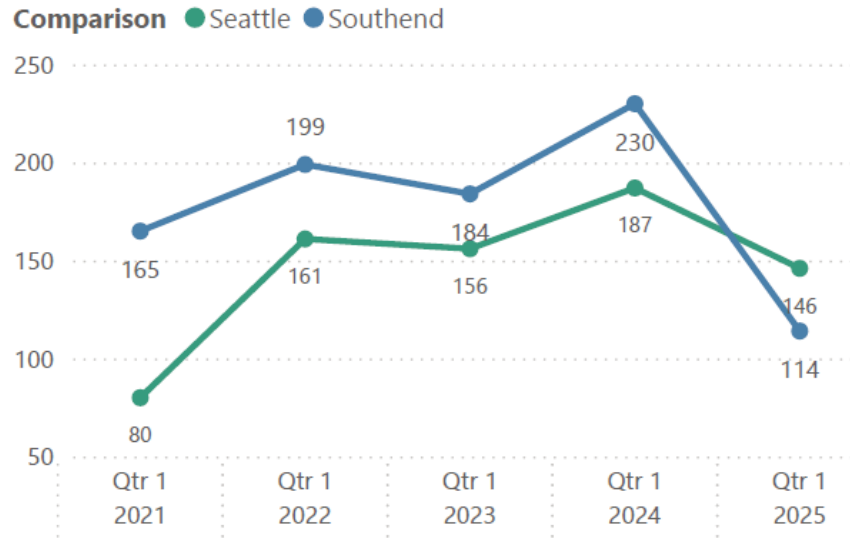


Q1 2025: Significant Reduction in Gun Violence Compared to 2024



↓ South King County Experienced an Exceptional Decline in Overall Shots Fired

Shots Fired in Seattle vs. South King County in Q1 2025



We're Making Progress, Not Declaring Victory

- We must continue our efforts to increase safety in Seattle and King County.
- **Of note:** gun violence is not felt equally. In 2024:
 - Of the 394 shooting victims, 82% were male; 26% were aged between 18-24; and 76% were **people of color**.
 - **Youth** gun violence remains high. The number of shooting victims in 2024 aged between 0-17 represented 15% of total shooting victims, compared to 9% in 2023. Additionally, the number of **youth shooting victims (61) in 2024 has doubled from 2019** and increased sharply by 45% (+19) since 2023.



Advancing Additional Justice Initiatives

Prioritizing Crime Victims



King County Prosecuting Attorney Leesa Manion Testifies in Support of Crime Survivor Services

King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office Feb 3, 2025

On February 3, 2025, King County Prosecuting Attorney Leesa Manion testified in support of SB 5362, which will provide critical funding for crime survivor services into the future.

Since FY 2017, the federal Crime Victim Fund and state distributions have experienced a 90% decline. If U.S. Congress does not act, the responsibility to stand up for crime victim assistance programs falls to Washington state.

Without federal or state action, these providers face millions of dollars in cuts. These cuts impact lifesaving services like emergency housing options, crisis lines, mobile advocacy, and access to civil legal aid.

By providing crime victim service programs with sustainable resources, SB 5362 ensures service providers have certainty and do not experience dramatic resource fluctuations that disrupt their critical work.

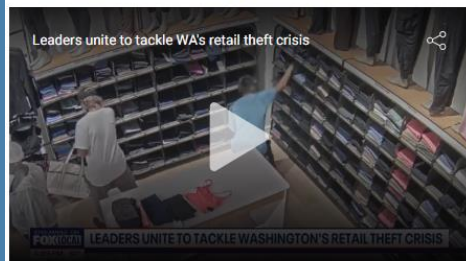


Retail Theft: Pilot Program & New Division

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Leaders discuss organized retail theft at King County Public Safety Summit

By Franque Thompson | Published: October 2, 2024 6:29pm PDT | Crime and Public Safety | FOX 13 Seattle |



Leaders unite to tackle WA's retail theft crisis

Regional leaders are collaborating on new efforts to stop the state's escalating organized retail theft crisis.

REDMOND, Wash. - Theft and larceny happen every 3.6 minutes in Washington, according to a King County Police Chiefs study conducted in 2023.

Wednesday was the first ever King County Public Safety Summit on Organized Retail Crime. The event, held in Redmond, focused on creating a long-term public-private partnership to prevent, deter, and hold accountable the thieves involved in organized retail crime in King County. The goal is to expand this partnership statewide.

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New King County division tackles growing rates of retail theft crimes

Despite efforts, retail crime rates and frequency remain high, says chief of King County's Economic Crimes and Wage Theft division.



Author: Natalie Swaby

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SEATTLE — Prosecutors are banding together with local law enforcement to curb retail crime in King County.


One of the changes King County Prosecuting Attorney Leesa Manion made this year involved launching an Economic Crimes and Wage Theft division. A prosecutor is also dedicated to working solely on retail crimes.

Involuntary Treatment Act Listening Tour

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Seattle man's repeated park damage arrests highlight flaws in mental health intervention

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TOPICS: SEATTLE MENTAL HEALTH INVOLUNTARY TREATMENT ACT TASK FORCE LEESA MANION STEVE IRWIN PARK DAMAGE

SEATTLE — "We can do better," said King County Prosecutor (KCPA) Leesa Manion. The Prosecutor is on a mission to improve the current Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) system.

She formed a task force to do so and launched an ITA listening tour last May.

Questions?

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