

NW CRU County/ Police Task Forces  
Monthly Narratives  
June, 2020



Mike Woodruff: USMS Pacific Northwest Violent offender Task

During the month of June, the SCVOTF made 11 felony arrests, including three DOC active offenders, three sex offenders, four arrests for BARK felonies, and one arrest for Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. Below are a few of the highlighted cases from the month:

- The SCVOTF assisted the Arlington Police Department in locating and arresting [REDACTED] whom they had probable cause for his arrest for the crimes of Burglary 1<sup>st</sup>, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, and Assault 2<sup>nd</sup>. [REDACTED] and his associate allegedly attempted to force their way into an apartment while armed with a handgun. They were turned away and fired a round while leaving. [REDACTED] was contacted outside his apartment in Everett and arrested without incident. His vehicle was seized pending a search warrant.
- The SCVOTF received a request to locate [REDACTED] who was released from the Snohomish County Jail due to COVID-19 concerns and failed to report to doc and his bond company. He was being held in the SCJ on charges of Vehicular Assault x2, Attempt to Elude, and Hit and Run Injury. He had been held on \$500,000 bond, but it was reduced to \$50,000 due to the COVID-19. His longtime girlfriend, conducted several fraudulent transactions with the bond company, who unwittingly bonded him out.

Through an extensive investigation, [REDACTED] were located in a hotel in Lynnwood. In addition, they had been driving a U-Haul truck that they had fraudulently rented (and failed to return). The two were contacted in the hotel, and [REDACTED] was arrested without incident. Inside their hotel room were numerous items that indicate fraudulent activity to include stolen mail, credit cards, and identifications. [REDACTED] was returned to the SCJ, where he is again held on \$500,000 bond. Charges for the fraudulent activity will be forwarded on [REDACTED].

- The SCVOTF received a request for assistance from the Everett PD ACT/Gang Team to help locate and arrest [REDACTED] (DOC Active), who was wanted by the Bellevue Police Department for Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> and Kidnapping 1<sup>st</sup>. [REDACTED] allegedly arranged to buy 3 high end belts from the victim, but robbed him at gunpoint instead. He and his associates, then drove the victim (at gun point) to the bank where they used his debt card to steal his money.

[REDACTED] was contacted outside the Everett DOC Office by SCVOTF Members. [REDACTED] attempted to flee/fight but was arrested at that location. He was turned over to Bellevue PD.

- The SCVOTF assisted the Vancouver USMS Task Force and Seattle VOTF in locating and arresting [REDACTED] [REDACTED], who had several warrants for his arrest for crimes varying from Robbery 1<sup>st</sup>, Assault 1<sup>st</sup>, Promoting Prostitution, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm and Theft of a Motor Vehicle. He had been wanted for over a year from several jurisdictions, with his most recent crimes in Vancouver of Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> and Theft of a Motor Vehicle.

[REDACTED] was tracked to [REDACTED], where he was taken into custody without incident. A search warrant was served on the house during which we located an AR15 rifle, a stolen 9mm handgun, a .40 caliber handgun and several types of ammunition. In addition, the victim's stolen vehicle was located and recovered.

[SPD West NCI: Chad Winfrey](#)

**Trainings:**

Firearms requal-6/25/2020 Oak Harbor, WA; CRU picnic/retreat

**Meetings:**

Meetings suspended due to COVID

**Operations:**

Numerous protest deployments

**Arrests:**

Stats are down due to current policing practices in reaction to current COVID situation, as well as protests.

The first nine days of the month NCI West was assigned to protests in downtown corridor and East precinct. We were assigned to SPD bike demonstration (demo) van. This is the vehicle that carries supplies for bike units during protests. It has snacks, water, bike repair tools, extra parts, and hard gear (riot gear) for bike officers. Our duties were to keep everything organized, assist with issuing hard gear, and provide security while bike officers were putting hard gear on. On top of that we also worked on foot on the front lines in riot gear when things got out of hand and protester needed to be pushed back.

I have worked over 50 protests since 2015 due to the Ferguson ruling, other Black Lives Matter events, as well as fighting off anarchists on May Day events. I can say that the protests our team worked up at the East precinct for eight days straight were the most intense and violent I have ever seen. There were thousands of protesters surrounding the East precinct every night. The precinct was literally under siege every night. To the South, East and North, hundreds of people lined the gates and tried to keep officers from coming or going. They would lay down in front of the gates so vehicles, officers, and supplies could not make it into precinct. That became very confrontational as protesters would have to be picked up and moved to the side causing emotion and aggression from protesters. It was very dangerous for officers to move in and out of the area. To the West, thousands of people would gather every night. Many of them were peaceful, but eventually bad actors would start throwing soup cans, rocks, frozen water bottles, or something else. SPD would start with pepper spray, then flash bangs, and as a last result if that did not work would have to administer tear gas. On three of the nights things became very violent and tear gas had to be administered. We worked till at least 2 am every night. On the last night protesters became more emboldened and broke through the lines and moved up the street towards the precinct. Tear gas was administered and we had hold the lines for hours until things got under control. The next morning we learned that City Council and the mayor would no longer allow the use of tear gas and were considering not allowing the use of any munitions. Since there was no way to hold off thousands of protesters safely without munitions the chief made the decision to give up the precinct. It was very sad. We had fought so long to keep it and then it was just given up because of the lack of political support. It displaced hundreds of officers.

This started what the world came to know as Chaz and later Chop. While that was going on, we basically spent the next week at the West precinct protecting it. To say that morale was low was an understatement. Most of the displaced officers were now at the west precinct. We were now in a strange predicament at our own precinct. The 911 center is there and there was a consensus that the west precinct would not be given up, but how to protect it without

munitions. There was a definite atmosphere of anxiety that week. Several times protesters came to the precinct, but there was never a real assault on the place like there was at East. Chop probably kept most of the bad actors away.

The next two weeks the city was in disarray, and there was a shortage of officers so we stayed busy assisting other officers with 911 calls. Our primary function with everything going was really making sure the precinct was protected and helping officers with calls for safety. The narcotics activity was also out of hand because it had been unaddressed due to most officers dealing with protests for weeks. We conducted many premise checks in high narcotics areas to move a long drug dealers. One drug dealer had gotten so comfortable that he had a leather lounge chair on the sidewalk. It was pretty incredible to see how bad things had gotten on the street from all of the protests. Most buildings in the retail district are boarded up. That mixed with the open air drug market right now Seattle has a very apocalyptic feel to it.

The last few weeks the west precinct has been vandalized non-stop. It has had bananas smeared on the windows, tobacco smeared on the windows, had obscenities spray painted on the outer walls, been colored in chalk, and continues to have a barricade up. The east precinct has since been taken back and Chop has been dismantled. There are still protests going and I-5 seems to be getting shut down at least twice a week. Seattle is in disarray, but NCI continues to work, seek out DOC warrants, and assist the Seattle Police Department as much as we can.

SPD NCI North:

[Jeff Sargent](#)

- I worked with the CCO's of the Northgate field office in an effort to promote safe communities.
- I worked alongside of my SPD partners during the recent protests in the city of Seattle.
- I attended firearms training.
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**The narratives below are an example of the case work that I completed this month.**

### **Seattle Protests/Demonstrations**

I worked alongside my SPD partners during the recent protests during the week of June 3<sup>rd</sup> through June 8<sup>th</sup>. This work was primarily focused on crowd control ensuring that protesters were able to peacefully do so and get their message across. However, there were challenges to a peaceful protest in that this movement had several anarchists in the group whose intent was to use this time of social unrest as a means to create anarchy. One of our missions was to identify these individuals and arrest or disperse them. Another concern was that the anarchists in the group may have plans to destroy the SPD's East Precinct. Per SPD command our role was also to protect the precinct from those whom intended to destroy the property.

These days of working the protests were long and physically taxing as in some cases I worked 16 hour days in that area

that has become known as the CHOP (Capitol Hill Organized Protest). The time I spent working the protests was also mentally challenging as the hateful words that were chanted and yelled towards law enforcement for hours on end were disturbing. Subsequently, the morale amongst the police officers I was associating with was extremely low. It was a confusing time as we stood on those police lines waiting to see what direction the politicians to include the Chief of SPD would lead us towards.

As I stood that line protecting the precinct and as a presence to ensure a peaceful protest, I had dangerous objects thrown at me. An incendiary device was thrown at me and went off less than 10 ft. from where I was standing. It was loud and I became disoriented. The officers of whom were next to me it when it went off had to go to the hospital with burns to their body. I also had to utilize my shield and or just get out of the way of objects that were hurled towards me to include frozen bottles of water, glass bottles, full cans of beer, softball size chunks of concrete, and rocks. Several officers that I was working with were hit with these objects and many of them were taken to the hospital with serious injuries.

Night in and night out that week I showed up and worked in this environment. After completing a 16 ½ hour shift on the morning of June 8<sup>th</sup>, I went home and got some rest. When I woke up and turned on the television, I learned that the SPD command had made the decision to walk away from the SPD's East Precinct. Since this time the area has become known as the CHOP. I do not know what the new normal will look like as it pertains to policing in the city of Seattle, but I do think the events of this week will result in changes.

I've found a ways to stay positive through all this through my **27** as well as support from family and friends. These times are unprecedented to say the least and for now only time will tell what my community and work place will look like when this chapter in our city, state, and county has come to a conclusion.

**(North Seattle Criminal arrested in a stolen U-Haul truck)**

