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Dr. Greene,

Thank you, and I want to acknowledge the letter that the Snohomish County NAACP sent to us this week. I agree and share your concern about these hate crimes that occurred within the greater Marysville community. Each of the reported incidents to the Marysville Police Department in December of 2020 and January 2021 was immediately classified as hate crimes by our department, and we quickly investigated these crimes.

In the first incident, the suspects, in this case, were referred to the Snohomish County Prosecutors Office, juvenile division, with a recommended charge of RCW 9A.36.080 – Hate Crime Offense. This referral occurred quickly after we first received the incident. In the second incident, we began a hate crime investigation and made the outside referral to another agency on the same day we received it. When a possible conflict of interest was identified, the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, Major Crimes Unit, assumed the case's investigation.

The Marysville Police Department supports a safe learning environment for all students in our schools. We take all reports of hate crimes seriously and investigate them to the fullest extent, including referral for prosecution when appropriate.

We look forward to partnering actively with our BIPOC community to create safe spaces in our community, aggressively pursue hate crimes in our community, and hold people accountable for their actions. Racial hatred has no place in our community.

Thank you

Erik Scairpon
Police Chief, City of Marysville

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