



KITSAP COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE

614 DIVISION ST MS-37
PORT ORCHARD, WA 98366

INCIDENT REPORT

CASE NUMBER K24000784	SUPPLEMENT NUMBER
CASE TYPE THEFT	CAD EVENT NUMBER P240011933
REPORT DATE 01/26/2024	
REPORTING OFFICER 113 - CLEAVER, RYAN	

INCIDENT

LOCATION 34500 BLOCK LITTLE BOSTON RD NE KINGSTON, WA 98346 US				OCCURRED	DATE	TIME	DAY
PREMISE NAME : @SONS OF NORWAY PB				ON OR FROM	01/26/2024	06:20	FRI
JURISDICTION KCSO				TO	01/26/2024	06:40	FRI
AREA KN	DISTRICT	ASSIGNMENT PATROL KC	SHIFT GO1	REPORTED	01/26/2024	07:21	FRI

RELATED REPORT NUMBERS

SYNOPSIS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

<input type="checkbox"/> BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH	<input type="checkbox"/> DUI (TIME/YEARS)
<input type="checkbox"/> SEX OFFENSE-INCLUDING FTR	<input type="checkbox"/> FOLLOW-UP COMPLETED
<input type="checkbox"/> SRO	<input type="checkbox"/> HUMAN TRAFFICKING
School	Use of Force NO
	Pursuit NO

STATUS

CASE STATUS INACTIVE K	CASE STATUS DATE 01/29/2024	DISPOSITION PROS	DISPOSITION DATE 01/29/2024	APPROVAL K00088/CMANCHES - MANCHEST	APPROVAL DATE 01/26/2024
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OFFENSES

ENTRY NO 1	VIOLATION/STATUTE 29A.84.040		OFFENSE DESCRIPTION POLITICAL ADVERT-REMOVE/DEFACE				
ATTEMPTED N	LEVEL M	COUNTS 2	NCIC CODE 2999	DISPOSITION		DISPOSITION DATE	
AGENCY CLASSIFICATION DAMAGE PROPERTY-OTHER			LOCATION OF OFFENSE				
COURT							
COMMENT							

VICTIMS

ENTRY NO 2	INVOLVEMENT VI		NAME: LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE HENDEN, DENNIS SCOTT				
HOME ADDRESS 26147 PORT GAMBLE RD NE KINGSTON WA 98346				MAILING ADDRESS			
EMPLOYER			EMPLOYER ADDRESS			OCCUPATION OWNER	
HOME PHONE (360) 297-4433			CELL PHONE		OTHER PHONE		EMPLOYER PHONE
DOB 05/14/1961	AGE 62	SEX M	RACE W	JUV N	ETH U	HEIGHT 508	WEIGHT 184
HAIR GRY	EYES BRO	POB CA	RESIDENCY R				
DL NUMBER	DL ST	SSN	FBI ID	STATE ID			
COMMENT							
ENTRY NO 3	INVOLVEMENT VI		NAME: LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE GERLACH, KIM EDITH				
HOME ADDRESS 9603 NE WYANT RD KINGSTON WA 98346				MAILING ADDRESS			
EMPLOYER			EMPLOYER ADDRESS			OCCUPATION	
HOME PHONE (360) 297-8505			CELL PHONE		OTHER PHONE		EMPLOYER PHONE
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SUSPECTS

ENTRY NO 1	INVOLVEMENT SU		NAME: LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE EVANS, LAURYNN H				
HOME ADDRESS 34053 HOOD CANAL DR NE KINGSTON WA 98346				MAILING ADDRESS			
EMPLOYER NORTH KITSAP SCHOOLS			EMPLOYER ADDRESS			OCCUPATION SUPERINTEN	
HOME PHONE			CELL PHONE		OTHER PHONE		EMPLOYER PHONE
DOB 07/02/1972	AGE 51	SEX F	RACE W	JUV N	ETH N	HEIGHT 0	WEIGHT BLN
HAIR BLN	EYES BLU	POB WI	RESIDENCY R				
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LAND VEHICLES

ENTRY NO 1	INVOLVEMENT OTHER		VEHICLE TYPE AUTO	YEAR 2021	MAKE FORD	MODEL RANGER	STYLE	COLOR GRY	COLOR	EVIDENCE N
LICENSE NUMBER C32662Y		STATE WA	TYPE	YEAR	VIN 1FTER4FHXMLD19491					
COMMENT										

PROPERTY

ENTRY NO 1	INVOLVEMENT DAMAGED		TYPE 77	CATEGORY EXPANDED OTHER			MAKE	MODEL
SERIAL NUMBER				QUANTITY	COLOR	COLOR	OAN	REF NO
EVIDENCE N								
DESCRIPTION POLITICAL SIGNS								
VALUE STOLEN \$1.00		DATE STOLEN		JURISDICTION STOLEN				
COMMENT								

NARRATIVE

On 1/26/2024 at approximately 0754 hours I was dispatched to a theft of campaign signs. The RP,

Dennis "Scott" Henden, was out with the suspect vehicle, a grey newer Ford Ranger WA# C32662Y, at the Sons of Norway parking lot in Poulsbo. PPD was originally dispatched, but discovered that the theft occurred off Cliffside RD near Eglon in the County.

Upon arriving at the Sons of Norway I contacted Henden and Kim Gerlach in the parking lot. They told me the following. They and several other member of the community formed a committee called "NKSD Bond". They are opposed to the 2024 Capital Bond Measure that will be voted on in the upcoming election on February 13th 2024. Gerlach and Henden have donated their own money to NKSD Bond for purchasing signs to place around the community, encouraging people to vote no on the bond. The signs say "VOTE NO NKSD BOND" with "NKSDBOND.COM" in smaller lettering below. Gerlach and Henden have placed many signs out in the community, and have had a lot of their signs stolen recently.

This morning Gerlach and Henden decided to wait and see if they could catch whoever has been stealing their signs. Gerlach waited by some signs at Eglon RD/Hansville RD and Henden waited by some signs on Little Boston RD between Cliffside and Hansville.

Henden said he was hiding in the brush on the south side of Little Boston RD. There were signs in that section on both the north and south side of the roadway. He parked his vehicle several hundred feet down the road from where he was hiding. Around 0630 hours Henden observed a newer grey Ford Ranger pull over on the south side of the road. A white female in her 50's, with medium length blonde hair exited the vehicle. Henden could not provide a clothing description because it was hard to make out what she was wearing in the dark. The female pulled two of the "VOTE NO NKSD BOND" signs out of the ground, placed them in the bed of her truck, and left towards Hansville RD.

Henden called Gerlach who was at Eglon RD/Hansville RD as he hurried back to his vehicle parked down the road. He told Gerlach to look for a newer Grey Ford Ranger that was headed towards her. Gerlach saw a newer Grey Ford Ranger turn from Little Boston RD onto Hansville RD and head south. She got behind the vehicle and took a picture of the license plate WA# C32662Y. She followed the Ford Ranger to Hansville and HWY 104. The Ford Ranger pulled off onto the side of the road. Gerlach went over and parked at The Point Market gas station. After a few minutes the Ford Ranger got back on the road and headed WB on HWY 104. Gerlach followed the Ford Ranger as it continued onto Bond RD southbound headed towards Poulsbo. The Ford Ranger made a right turn onto Stottlemeyer RD heading southbound. The Ford Ranger pulled off onto the shoulder on Stottlemeyer between Rova RD and Bond. Gerlach continued past it and waited at Foss RD/Bond RD until she saw the Ford Ranger again SB on Bond as it past her.

Henden had caught up to the Ford Ranger as it stopped at a stop light at Bond/HWY 305. He got out of his vehicle and shinned a flashlight into the vehicle to try and see the suspect better, but he wasn't able to make out any better description than a blonde female in her 50s with medium length hair. Henden had to turn right onto HWY 305 because he was in the turn lane, as the vehicle continued across 305 on continuing on SB Bond RD. Gerlach lost sight of the vehicle but continued onto Front street from Bond. As Gerlach was driving on Front street she saw the suspect vehicle parked in the Sons of Norway parking lot and a blonde female in her 50s walking inside. She recognized the female as Lauryann Evans, who is the superintendent for North Kitsap School District. Gerlach and Henden have been sitting in the parking lot waiting for Evans to come out since.

The DOL return for WA# C32662Y comes back to a 2021 Ford Ranger, registered to Laura Evans on

Hood Canal DR.

There was a meeting going on inside the Sons of Norway. Deputy Paul Woodrum #126 and I waited outside. The Ford Ranger has a cover on the bed of the truck, so I could not see inside. SGT Corey Manchester #14 went out to Stottlemeyer RD to the area that Gerlach described. He located two "VOTE NO NKSD BOND" signs down in a ditch along the side of the road. There was some greenish/blue grease on the signs. Corey learned that Henden had put the grease on the signs to deter people from taking them.

The meeting going on inside the Sons of Norway ended and most people left. A male told Deputy Woodrum that Evans was inside waiting for us if we wanted to speak to her. We went inside and I observed a blonde female in her 50s in the hallway. I asked if she was Laura Evans and if they grey Ford Ranger outside was hers. She confirmed that she was Laurynn Evans and that was her Ford Ranger.

I explained that some political signs against the NKSD Bond had been taken from off of Little Boston RD earlier in the morning. A witness saw a blonde female leave the scene in her vehicle and followed it to the Sons of Norway. Evans denied taking the signs. Evans said that she has been putting out a lot of signs in favor of the NKSD Bond, and her signs have been getting taken down as well. Evans said she left her house this morning at 0630 hours and headed straight to the Sons of Norway. She did not pull off to the side of the road anywhere on her trip. She was running late for the meeting and had to hurry straight there. She denied driving down Stottlemeyer RD at all.

Evans told me that she did not have any "VOTE NO NKSD BOND" signs in the back of her truck. I told her she didn't have too, but if she was willing to show me that there were not any signs in the bed of her truck that would be helpful. Evans pointed out the window and said she would be happy to show me if we could get Henden and Gerlach to leave. She said those two have been harassing her and are trying to frame her for something she didn't do. Deputy Woodrum went out and spoke to Henden and Gerlach who agreed to leave.

I followed Evans out to her truck. She had a male friend with her for support. She opened the rear tailgate of the truck. Inside were a stack of "SUPPORT NK STUDENTS & SCHOOLS VOTE YES" and a mallet for hammering stakes in the ground. There were no "VOTE NO NKSD BOND" signs in the bed of the truck, or inside the passenger compartment from what I could see in the windows.

SGT Manchester had just arrived back on scene with the "VOTE NO NKSD BOND" signs he had recovered from Stottlemeyer with the green/blue grease on them. He initially observed the same green/blue grease on the inside of the tailgate. I observed two places on the inside of the tailgate, and one in the bed of the truck that had faint smudges of the same green/blue grease that were on the "VOTE NO NKSD BOND" signs SGT Manchester had returned with. I took pictures of the grease and Evans truck on my department issued cell phone. Evans continued to deny that she took the signs and did not know how the grease ended up her the bed of her truck. We told Evans that she was free to leave.

Shortly after Evans left, SGT Manchester located a pair of gardening gloves and a yellow towel in the dumpster next to where Evans had parked. The gloves and towel were wrapped in a paper print out "SUPPORT NK STUDENTS & SCHOOLS VOTE YES" that is the same as the signs that Evans had

in the back of her truck. The gloves, towel, and paper had spots of the same green/blue residue that was on the signs Henden had set out. I took pictures of those items as well.

We searched the area but did not locate any security cameras to review. I later spoke to Henden and asked him more details on where his signs were on Little Boston RD. He told me that it was almost halfway between Cliff Side and Hansville. He said he had a lot of signs on the north side of the road that were still there. The ones taken this morning were directly across the road. I drove to the area and observed his signs on the north side of the road. It was in the 34500 block Little Boston RD.

Henden told me that he had a game camera set up in that same location the signs were taken from. He had an video from three different one of the 6th, 13th, 18th of this month, where a female had taken his signs. The quality is poor, but its appears to be the same female that removes the signs each time. She is wearing the same black down jacket and has the same hair length and style. The female appears look very similar to Evans. I did not get a picture of Evans but I beleive she was wearing a similar black down jacket when we contacted her. I uploaded the video Henden provided to me, as well as the pictures I took on scene and the picture Gerlach took of the suspect vehicles license plate. All the unaleted images were uploaded onto DigitalOnQ.

See Deputy Woodrum and SGT Manchester's supplemental reports for further.

Forward to the Prosecutor

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Ryan Cleaver #113

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SUPPLEMENT NUMBER

1

CASE TYPE

THEFT

CAD EVENT NUMBER

REPORTING OFFICER

126 - WOODRUM, PAUL

REPORT DATE

01/26/2024

INCIDENT

LOCATION

18991 FRONT ST POULSBO, WA 98370 US

DATE

01/26/2024

TIME

11:00

PREMISE NAME

AREA

DISTRICT

ASSIGNMENT

SHIFT

JURISDICTION

PATROL K GO1

KCSO

STATUS

WORK FLOW STATUS

FINAL

APPROVAL

K00088/PWOODRUM - MANCHESTER, CORY

APPROVAL DATE

01/28/2024

VICTIMS

ENTRY NO 2	INVOLVEMENT VI	NAME: LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE HENDEN, DENNIS SCOTT											
HOME ADDRESS 26147 PORT GAMBLE RD NE KINGSTON WA 98346						MAILING ADDRESS							
EMPLOYER						EMPLOYER ADDRESS						OCCUPATION OWNER	
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NARRATIVE

1-26-2024 At approximately 0703 hrs Cencom advised of a theft of political signs. According to the call on the MCT the signs were supposedly stolen from Cliffside Road near Eglon Road. The caller (Scott Henden) stated that the vehicle was followed and was now at the Sons of Norway (18991 Front Street Poulsbo) and he and Kim Gerlach were waiting outside for contact.

Deputy Cleaver (113) was on scene speaking with Henden and Gerlach when I arrived. I heard them stating that the signs that were stolen were Vote No reference the North Kitsap School bond. They stated that the suspect (later identified as Laurynn Evans) was inside the building but the vehicle involved was a Ford Ranger (2021 Ford Ranger WA C32662Y Registered owner Laura Hinde Evans 34053 Hood Canal Drive Kingston WA 98346) which was in the parking lot. As Deputy Cleaver was speaking with Henden and Gerlach I went up to the Ford Ranger and looked through the windows of the vehicle but did not see any signs in the truck. The bed of the truck had a cover over it and I could not see inside it. I never saw anyone else approach the truck until later when we checked the back of the truck.

Sgt Manchester (14) arrived on scene and Deputy Cleaver informed us that he was told that Evans had pulled over on Stottlemeyer Road when she was being followed. Sgt Manchester stated that he would go check and see if he could locate any signs in that area. While still waiting for the meeting to end at the Sons of Norway, Sgt Manchester informed us that he had located two Vote No signs in the brush on Stottlemeyer Road.

We waited outside for quite some time and numerous people had left the meeting, however Evans had still not come outside. Eventually a man (unknown name) came outside from the Sons of Norway and advised that Evans was inside the building and she would rather us come inside to speak with her. Deputy Cleaver and I went inside and Deputy Cleaver spoke with Evans. I was listening to Evans speak with Deputy Cleaver and I heard her say that she never stopped anywhere and did not take down any signs. As I was standing there and Deputy Cleaver was speaking with Evans I was approached by Poulsbo Police Chief Ron Harding (600) who had arrived on scene. Chief Harding asked if I could speak with him and we walked around the corner and he stated that he received a phone call from Evans asking him to come down there. He stated that he wasn't trying to persuade our investigation in any way. He then left a short time later.

After Deputy Cleaver was through speaking with Evans she briefly spoke with me saying how she was afraid of these people and that they are out to get her. I told Evans if she had concerns for her safety that she should apply for a protection order.

Deputy Cleaver returned and asked Evans if she would mind showing us the back of her pickup truck. Evans stated that she would but didn't want to go outside while Henden and Gerlach were still there. I walked outside and spoke with Henden and Gerlach and asked them if they minded leaving at this time and if we needed anything further from them we would contact them. Both stated that they would leave. I went back inside the Sons of Norway and advised Deputy Cleaver and Evans that they stated they would leave. I watched at the window and saw Hendon get into his vehicle and drive away and I saw Gerlach walk up the street and around a corner and out of sight. At that time Deputy Cleaver, Evans and I walked out to her truck and Sgt Manchester approached from outside. Evans opened the back of her truck and I did not see any No to Bond signs, however there was a stack of Pro Bond signs and a mallet in her truck. At that point Sgt Manchester pointed out several greenish/blue substances on the inner tailgate of the truck. Sgt Manchester asked Evans about the green/blue substance and Evans stated she didn't know how it got there. Sgt Manchester then advised Evans that the same color substance was on the Vote No signs on Stottlemeyer Road. Evans still claimed she did not know how the substance got on her truck. Evans left the area at that time.

Sgt Manchester had some of the green/blue substance on his hand and he wiped it off with a paper

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towel. I saw Sgt Manchester walk over to a dumpster that was directly in front of where Evan's truck had been parked. Sgt Manchester then called Deputy Cleaver and myself over to the dumpster and I looked inside and saw a pair of what appeared to be gardening gloves, a yellow towel, and a support NK Students and Schools (Vote Yes) sign. The items were retrieved from the dumpster and it appeared that there was very small specks of the greenish/blue substance on all three items.

I asked an employee of the Sons of Norway if they had any cameras showing the parking lot of their business and he stated they did not. I also looked at other local business to see if it appeared that there were any cameras showing the Sons of Norway parking lot but I did not locate any cameras.

Supplemental Report.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

P.S. Woodrum #126

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CASE TYPE THEFT	CAD EVENT NUMBER
REPORTING OFFICER 14 - MANCHESTER, CORY	REPORT DATE 01/26/2024

INCIDENT

LOCATION 18991 FRONT ST NE POULSBO, WA 98370 US				DATE 01/26/2024	TIME 12:20
PREMISE NAME SONS OF NORWAY HALL					
AREA KN	DISTRICT	ASSIGNMENT PATROL K	SHIFT GO1	JURISDICTION KCSO	

STATUS

WORK FLOW STATUS FINAL	APPROVAL K00032/CMANCHES - MATTHEWS, SONYA	APPROVAL DATE 01/26/2024
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NARRATIVE

K24000784
POLITICAL ADVERTISING-REMOVING OR DEFACING

On 01/26/2024 I was working as a Sergeant for the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office. I was wearing a full uniform, which included a green and tan jumpsuit with Sheriff markings, along with a green exterior ballistic vest that is also clearly marked with Sheriff and includes my gold badge on the front and my name tag.

At approximately 0740 hours I was running a shift meeting with dayshift Deputies. I was informed by Sgt. Twomey #17 about a theft detail that was pending for north units and it involved a suspect that is a public official (NKSD Superintendent). I was told Poulsbo PD was on scene. I was also told the alleged theft occurred in the County and Deputies were needed at the Sons of Norway in Poulsbo to take over the investigation because the theft happened outside the City.

I advised Deputies Cleaver #113 and Woodrum #126 about this call and that both would need to respond. I advised both I would also soon be en route.

I responded toward Sons of Norway and I notified Lt. Sapp #9 that we were investigating this case and I would keep him apprised, since it involved a public official as a suspect.

At approximately 0815 I arrived on scene to the Sons of Norway parking lot in downtown Poulsbo. By this time Deputies Woodrum and Cleaver had been on scene with victims KIM GERLECH and DENNIS "SCOTT" HENDEN.

I parked across the street from Sons of Norway and walked over to the parking lot, where Deputies Cleaver and Woodrum were talking with GERLECH and HENDEN in the middle of the lot, not far from a gray Ford Ranger belonging to the suspect, whom I was told is the Superintendent of North Kitsap Schools.

Deputy Cleaver explained HENDEN and GERLECH had grown frustrated in recent weeks after many of their political signs have been tampered with or stolen. They had personally bought the signs and they are valued at around \$3.50 each. The political signs have language for a no vote on an upcoming election related to school funding. They are placed in various locations in the County.

This morning HENDEN hid in the bushes at one of the locations and observed the gray Ranger arrive. A female exited the truck, removed a couple of HENDEN and GERLECH's signs and put them in the bed of the Ranger. See Deputy Cleaver's report for information as to where this theft/tampering occurred. I was not informed of where this occurred.

When the suspect left with the signs GERLECH followed the truck. It eventually went south on Stottlemeyer road and it pulled over on the shoulder of Stottlemeyer between Rova Road and Bond Road in Poulsbo, Kitsap County, WA.

Deputy Cleaver asked me if I could check the shoulder of the roadway on Stottlemeyer between Rova and Bond Road, to see I could locate the political signs, as they were possibly discarded in that area. I was told the signs were similar to "Vote No" for a school bond. That seemed to be enough information for me to go and check the area for the missing signs.

I responded to that area and I went north on Stottlemeyer from Bond Road to Rova. I did not see the signs initially, but I was mostly looking on the northbound shoulder. I then turned around and traveled south from Rova Road on Stottlemeyer Road toward the intersection of Stottlemeyer/Bond Road.

I located the two signs on the shoulder of the roadway, in sticker bushes. This was maybe a couple hundred feet from the intersection of Stottlemeyer and on the south shoulder just before the sweeping curve approaching the intersection. Only one sign was visible from my vehicle and was just a few feet off the shoulder. The other sign was several feet further into the ditch, in heavy sticker bushes. In this location the signs would have no effective visibility and they were effectively trash at this point.

The signs had wet marks about 6 inches up the wooden stakes from the bottoms, but the rest of the stick appeared otherwise dry. This indicated to me the signs were recently pulled from moist ground. The signs said, "VOTE NO NKSD BOND" and then NKSDBOND.COM

I photographed the signs and took a short video showing the signs in place. I then used latex gloves and recovered the signs. It was at this point that I realized the top of the signs were coated in what appeared to be thick grease, similar to a non-gritty tooth paste, greenish blue in color. This substance was possibly some type of automotive or marine grease. It got just inside my uniform sleeve near the bottom of my left hand and I had to wipe it clean with a latex glove.

I called Deputy Cleaver and advised I had recovered two of the signs described to me earlier, on the southbound shoulder of Stottlemeyer. The signs, each unit being several feet long as a total unit with stick and sign, were coated in grease. I advised I would bring them to Sons of Norway and that we would likely give them back to the victims. At this point I had no information about how the grease got

onto the signs.

I transported the signs to the Sons of Norway and contacted victim GERLECH in the parking lot. I asked about grease on the signs. She advised she would call HENDEN to see if he knew about the grease, since GERLECH said he was talking about putting grease on the signs to deter tampering/theft because they were tired of their signs being messed with.

HENDEN advised GERLECH over the phone that he put the grease on the sign as a deterrent.

I then learned from Deputy Woodrum that Deputy Cleaver was speaking with suspect NKSD Superintendent LAURYN EVANS in the Sons of Norway. I was told she was going to be opening up the back of her truck to show she didn't have any missing signs.

I walked over to the back of EVANS' Gray Ford Ranger as she approached with Deputy Cleaver. She had a black Tonneau cover or similar over the bed of the truck and she opened the previously tailgate and laid it flat, while I was standing a few feet away or so. I immediately saw two marks on the inside of the tailgate that appeared to be the same greenish blue grease that was on the signs I had also recovered. There were also dirty scrape marks consistent with signs being moved in and out of the bed of the trunk.

I pointed out the grease marks as EVANS tried to shut the tailgate and I asked her not to do that. I took a quick photo showing the grease marks. I told EVANS I could see the grease marks in her truck and they were a match for the same grease that was on the signs that were taken and later recovered by me at a location she was observed stopping at. EVANS looked shocked and I don't recall if she said anything. It was clear she was not telling the truth and I told her she should probably talk to the Deputies, hinting that she should probably start telling the truth.

I walked away and ended up learning EVANS still continued to deny her involvement, even though she was clearly involved in tampering with a removing the recovered political signs, later dumping them at the location on Stottlemeyer where I recovered them.

It was determined EVANS would be allowed to leave the scene and that charges would be forwarded to the Prosecutor's office. EVANS departed in her newer gray Ford Ranger, which is registered to her. See other reports for details on the plate information.

I then walked over to GERLECH and spoke with her at her SUV. She had put the signs in the back of her SUV. I had gotten some grease on a hand during the transfer of the signs to GERLECH, possibly because I was not using latex gloves during that transfer, but I don't recall. It is also possibly that I got some on my hand while removing latex gloves, but I cannot recall the circumstances of how I got the grease on my hand. I was offered a paper towel by a business owner whom I did not identify, and I wiped off my hand.

With paper towel in hand, I then went to a dumpster that was just a few feet away from where the rear of EVANS' truck had been parked minutes earlier. I opened the dumpster to toss the paper towel and could see the dumpster was basically empty from having been recently emptied. I observed a

paper political sign/poster on the bottom of the dumpster in the lower right corner closest to where my feet were located. Balled up in the poster was a yellow wash cloth and a pair of small garden gloves. I removed the items and it appeared there was small amounts of the same grease on one of the garden gloves, a few drops/globs of grease on the paper poster that was bleeding through to the other side, and a small section of smear on the washcloth that appeared consistent with the grease on the stolen signs. I retained the items as evidence. It should be noted that Deputy Cleaver took photos prior to my recovery of the items from the dumpster.

I was able to take that paper political poster (pro school bond and maybe 10x16 inches or so) and I walked it over to GERLECH's signs in the back of her SUV and I was able to hold the sign up near one of the signs. The color of grease on the paper/poster from dumpster matched the grease on the sign. I took a photo of the items next to each other for comparative and evidence purposes. Later at the office, I took some additional photos of the sign showing the grease marks. I used latex gloves while handling the paper poster and other items.

Deputies Woodrum, Cleaver and I all checked the area businesses to see if there were any surveillance systems showing the parking lot where EVANS' truck had been parked, along with the dumpster. No cameras were located.

I later entered the paper poster, yellow wash cloth, and pair of small garden gloves into KCSO evidence. Photos and video that I took with my department issued Iphone were also entered into Digital on Q.

After I cleared the call I updated Lt. Sapp on what had taken place.


I called HENDEN at his listed phone number and I asked him about the dumpster by EVANS' truck. I informed him of some items we found in the dumpster. He was adamant that he and GERLECH never went by the truck or the dumpster. I asked specifically if he accessed the bed of EVANS truck and he advised again they never went near the truck.

I spoke with GERLECH at around 1600 hours and she also advised she and HENDEN did not go into the dumpster at all and never went into EVANS' truck. She made a comment that cameras at the Sons of Norway should show that. I informed her that we had already looked for surveillance cameras in the area and didn't see any.

Forward to Prosecutor.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Sgt. Cory Manchester #14

INCIDENT REPORT		KITSAP COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE		CASE NUMBER K24000784	
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		CASE TYPE THEFT		CAD EVENT NUMBER	
		REPORTING OFFICER 113 - CLEAVER, RYAN		REPORT DATE 01/26/2024	

INCIDENT					
LOCATION WA				DATE 01/26/2024	TIME 13:17
PREMISE NAME					
AREA	DISTRICT	ASSIGNMENT	SHIFT	JURISDICTION	
		PATROL K	GO1	KCSO	
STATUS					
WORK FLOW STATUS FINAL		APPROVAL K00088/RCLEAVER - MANCHESTER, CORY		APPROVAL DATE 01/26/2024	

NARRATIVE
AGENCY: KITSAP COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
<u>CERTIFICATE OF PROBABLE CAUSE</u>
REPORT NUMBER: K24-000784
SUSPECT'S NAME: LAURYNN H. EVANS
BIRTH DATE: 07/02/1972
COURT: DISTRICT
TITLE OF CRIMES AND RCW'S: POLITICAL ADVERTISING, REMOVING OR DEFACING. RCW 29A.84.040
LOCATION OF CRIME: 34500 BLOCK OF LITTLE BOSTON RD NE, KINGSTON.
<u>PROBABLE CAUSE:</u>

On 1/26/2024 at approximately 0754 hours I was dispatched to a theft of campaign signs. The theft occurred in the 34500 block of Little Boston RD. The caller, Dennis Henden, and his friend Kim Gerlach had followed the suspect vehicle (WA#C32262Y) to the Sons of Norway in Poulsbo. Henden and Gerlach have been spending their own money to put out signs in favor of voting no on the 2024

Capital Bond Measure that will be voted on in the upcoming election on February 13th 2024.

Henden and Gerlach have been frustrated because their signs "VOTE NO NKSD BOND" keep getting stolen or damaged. This morning Henden and Gerlach decided to hide by the spots they keep getting signs taken from to catch whoever has been taking them. Around 0630 hours Henden, who was hiding in the brush in the 34500 block of Little Boston RD, observed a white female in her 50's with medium length blonde hair take two of his signs and place them in the back of a grey newer Ford Ranger. He called Gerlach who was at Eglon RD/ Hansville RD. She started following the vehicle and got the license plate WA#C32262Y. She followed it until it turned off onto the shoulder on Stottlemeyer RD between Rova RD and Bond RD. She drove past and waited for the vehicle at Bond/Foss RD where she picked it up again and started following it into Poulsbo. She lost it for a time, but found it parked at the Sons of Norway in Poulsbo. She saw a blonde female in her 50's walk inside the building from the parking lot. She recognized the female as Laurynn Evans, the Superintendent of NKSD, who has been a vocal supporter in favor of the 2024 Capital Bond Measure for NKSD.

The suspect vehicle had a cover over the bed of the truck so I could not look inside to see if the signs were in there or not. I waited outside the Sons of Norway for Evans who was in a meeting. SGT Manchester #14 went to Stottlemeyer RD to look around the area that Gerlach described the suspect vehicle had pulled over. SGT Manchester located two "VOTE NO NKSD BOND" signs down in the ditch in the area of road Gerlach had described. The signs had a green/blue grease on them that Henden had placed on them to deter people from taking them.

I spoke to Evans after her meeting was over. She denied taking the "VOTE NO NKSD BOND" signs or making any stops on her route from her house on Hood Canal DR, until she arrived at the Sons of Norway. She agreed to show me inside the bed of truck WA#C32262Y which is registered to her. She did not have any "VOTE NO NKSD BOND" signs in the bed of her truck. She did have multiple smudges of the same green/blue grease that Henden had put on his signs that were stolen. Evans said she did not know how the green/blue grease got on the inside of the bed of her truck. After Evans left we also located some items in a dumpster that Evans had been parked next to. Gardening gloves, a towel, and a "SUPPORT NK STUDENTS & SCHOOLS VOTE YES" print out that all had the same green/blue grease from the stolen signs.

Based on the eye witness testimony of Henden who observed the theft of his signs that he had covered in green/blue grease and identification of the suspect vehicle. Gerlach who witnessed that suspect vehicle pull over on Stottlemeyer RD between Rova RD and Bond RD. SGT Manchester who found the signs in that same location Gerlach described and observing the same colored grease on the signs in the bed of Evans truck. I believe there is probable cause that Laurynn Evans intentionally removed lawfully placed political advertising signs without authorization from the 34500 block of Little Boston RD in violation of RCW 29A.84.040 Political Advertising Removing or Defacing.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Ryan Cleaver #113