

WCSO ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT OF CRIMES OF VIOLENCE

My heart goes out to the WCSO deputies who were shot recently in this incident.



The screenshot shows a news article from 'The Front' website. The article is titled 'BRIEF: Two Whatcom County Sheriff's deputies shot' and is written by Kieran Bresnahan, dated February 14, 2022, at 1:48pm PST. The article contains several paragraphs of text, including social media sharing icons (Facebook, Twitter, Email, Print) and a search bar at the top. The text describes an incident where two WCSO deputies were shot on Thursday, Feb. 10, while responding to a neighbor shooting a 12-gauge shotgun in the air near the 3000 block of Green Valley Drive in Maple Falls, Wash. The suspect, a 60-year-old male, was apprehended around 6 p.m. on Feb. 10 by WCSO deputies and the SWAT team. He was arrested for two counts of attempted murder in the first degree. On Friday, Feb. 11, a judge set bail at \$5 million for the individual charged. The article also mentions that the deputies were transported to PeachHealth St. Joseph Medical Center and Harborview Medical Center, and that the suspect fired directly at them, hitting the first deputy in the head while the second deputy returned fire to protect the first deputy.

And the incident sounds strangely familiar. I have no doubt at all that WCSO encouraged, supported, and condoned the actions of the asocial, violent person leading up to that incident, in the exact same way you've encouraged, supported, and condoned Reuben Sanchez's and his inner-city gang's asocial violence, threats/attempts to kill me, trespassing, and relentless harassment/stalking.

Which means Reuben Sanchez is just another tragedy waiting to happen.

If you review Washington stand-your-ground and no-duty-to-retreat laws (**see below**), it's clear I had the right to use lethal force in self-defense in his **9/14/21** assault because (1) I was in a place I had a legal right to be (public road where many community members walk on a regular basis, day and night), (2) I was not the first aggressor, and I made it very clear I was retreating and didn't wish to engage, and (3) I knew he was trying to injure/kill me.

I also know WCSO won't be there to protect me when he tries again because you want him to succeed, and you're too afraid of him to arrest him for violent crimes (**9/14/21**), violation of a harassment no-contact order (**2/13/22**), and relentless harassment/stalking (**5/21/21 to present**), which is documented in hundreds of videos and photos.

As I've said many times, WCSO's every action and word in response to Reuben Sanchez's crimes and violence accomplishes only one purpose: **Allowing him to commit increasingly brazen and violent crimes against his neighbors**, which are the exact same crimes of violence he's committed against multiple women for many years, including invading their homes with a hammer in his hand and repeatedly violating protection orders to harass/stalk them. (See crime stats for crimes against women: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJ5AB6g1x1Y>.)

Every single woman who's filed a complaint with law enforcement about him has stated they're afraid he'll kill them **and** their children. (See police reports on www.glenhavenSINS.com.)

A prime example of this is his **9/14/21** assault on me – with a flashlight in his hand, instead of a hammer, and the clear intent to do grievous bodily harm/kill me – in retaliation for being charged with criminal trespass on my property on **9/6/21**. He then parked his truck near my property on **9/16/21** and taunted me for over 2 hours with the fact WCSO allowed him to get away with it. And WCSO encouraged, supported, and condoned that too.

WCSO INCOMPETENCE AND PROTECTION OF CRIMINALS

On **2/18/22** I reported to Deputy Klix that Reuben Sanchez violated on **2/13/22** the harassment no-contact order issued to him on **9/24/21** by Prosecutor Kayleigh Mattoon when he appeared in court on the criminal trespass charges.

The order specifically states, "**Violation of this order is a criminal offense under chapter 9A.46 RCW and will subject a violator to arrest.**"

In support of WCSO's policy of encouraging and supporting and condoning the criminals, Deputy Klix **refused to arrest him for the violation**. Just one more in a long line of refusals to enforce laws and protect and serve. (As one WCSO deputy put it, "We're really not law enforcement anymore because we no longer enforce laws." Maybe you should change the name and get a different job.)

Deputy Klix also stated I didn't have the right to be on a dark, steep, public road on **9/14/21**, and Reuben Sanchez had the right to chase me down it at dangerous, breakneck speeds, even after I clearly indicated I was retreating and didn't want to engage. (The stand-your-ground and no-duty-to-retreat laws below would not have allowed him to plead self-defense if he'd injured/killed me.)

Watch the "knockout game" in action – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aCjbS98cUzw> – to see why many victims of violence/assault don't die from the assault itself, but from falling and hitting their heads on the ground/floor. This is what Reuben Sanchez was trying to do to me.

It would take someone of very little intelligence to believe he wasn't going to do anything if he'd caught up to me. And, as you can see in the stand-your-ground and no-duty-to-retreat laws below, the fact he didn't touch me is immaterial. He had no legal basis for the assault.

Deputy Klix is positively talented at spewing ignorant/stupid/wrong/arm-chair lawyer advice and opinions and ill-founded accusations intended to vilify victims, proving your female deputies (Baker, Larson-Coolley, Klix) are every bit as callous toward the people you serve and every bit as deliberately incompetent as your male deputies.

And Reuben Sanchez's **9/14/21** assault mirrors his many other crimes against women over the years, including ones where he refused to stop harassing/stalking an ex-wife by parking/sitting in his car in front of her house, after violating multiple protection orders. SCSO deputies told him they would arrest him for harassment/stalking if he remained there. In contrast, WCSO deputies routinely refuse to respond to my harassment/stalking reports, and they go out of their way to encourage, support, and condone his crimes by doing laughably incompetent investigations and interviews and obtaining laughably bogus alibis, while failing to obtain any alibi at all from primary suspects.

WASHINGTON'S STAND-YOUR-GROUND AND NO-DUTY-TO-RETREAT LAWS AND USE OF LETHAL FORCE IN SELF-DEFENSE

Under Washington's stand-your-ground and no-duty-to-retreat laws below, I had the right to use lethal force in self-defense to Reuben Sanchez's assault on **9/14/21** because:

- I was walking on a public road in my own neighborhood, where I had a legal right to be, and which I'd walked on many times before. (Along with hundreds of other community members.)
- I told WCSO deputies I turned and started the other way when I saw Sanchez behaving strangely on his property, so I was clearly not the first aggressor and was in retreat when he attacked.
- In the pathetic joke of an interview by Deputy Linderman and Jilk on **9/14/21**, Sanchez controlled the interview from beginning to end, while simultaneously and repeatedly confessing (1) he **knew** it was me he was chasing **and** (2) he **didn't start chasing me** until he saw me retreating (or "backpedaling," as he repeatedly called it in the interview).

And WCSO deputies are so afraid of Sanchez, they called in a third deputy to the interview, which is reminiscent of SCSO deputies calling in WCSO deputies for backup to arrest Sanchez, yet WCSO has no problem leaving the rest of us unprotected to suffer his violence and insanity and sociopathy, over and over and over again.

Which leads, very naturally, to the recent incident where your deputies were shot because the criminals control the neighborhoods, and the people you're supposed to protect and serve have to engage in self-defense training and arm themselves. (I'm lucky because I have the advantage of Tim Larkin and Navy SEALs and King County law enforcement teaching me hand-to-hand combat and how to use a gun in a real gunfight [it sure sounds like WCSO deputies could benefit from this kind of training]. I guess the other women in Whatcom County will have to wing it.)

SELF-DEFENSE LAWS IN WASHINGTON

Under RCW 9A.16.020, you may legally use force to defend yourself in these situations:

- Someone is about to hurt you, or you believe that someone is about to injure you.
- You are trying to prevent a "malicious trespass" or some other form of interference with your property.
- You are trying to keep a "mentally incompetent" person from hurting someone.
- You are trying to detain someone on your property who should not be there.
- You are a law enforcement officer performing your job, or you are assisting an officer at his/her discretion.
- You are attempting to perform a citizen's arrest of someone who committed a felony so you can deliver them to law enforcement.

DOES WASHINGTON HAVE A STAND-YOUR-GROUND LAW?

Stand-your-ground laws enable people to use force in certain situations. So, is Washington a stand-your-ground state? Yes. Washington does allow an individual to utilize force to protect themselves and others from harm.

There is no "duty-to-retreat" statute in Washington law. This means that if a person is being attacked in an area they are allowed to be in, they do not have to try to escape to safety. They can fight back and use the necessary amount of force to protect themselves.

DOES WASHINGTON HAVE A CASTLE-DOCTRINE LAW?

Although Washington does not have a castle-doctrine law, courts in *State v. Studd* (1999) and *State v. Reynaldo Redmond* (2003) found "there is no duty to retreat when a person is assaulted in a place where they have a right to be" (say, a public road where many community members walk on a regular basis, day and night).

Also, deadly force is justified and a defense of justifiable homicide in cases "when the actor reasonably fears imminent peril of death or serious bodily harm to him or herself or another."

However, if you started and then escalated a fight (say, by chasing someone down a dark, steep, public road at dangerous breakneck speeds with a weapon in your hand), you are considered the "first aggressor" and cannot claim self-defense, unless you first withdraw from the fight at the time and in a manner that lets the other party know you are withdrawing or intend to withdraw (say, by "backpedaling" to show you are retreating and don't want to engage) to avoid further aggressive actions. (See *State v. Craig*, 82 Wn.2d 777 (1973).)

If there is credible evidence that the person claiming self-defense made the first move by drawing a weapon (say, a hammer or a flashlight), they are not covered by stand-your-ground or no-duty-to-retreat laws. A victim faced only with words is not entitled to respond with force in self-defense.

I imagine one of the reasons people cling to their hates so stubbornly is because they sense, once hate is gone, they will be forced to deal with their pain.

JAMES BALDWIN

It's better to go down swinging than rolling over.

AMOS BURTON, *The Expanse*

Never give in; never give in; never, never, never, never – in nothing, great or small, large or petty – never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense. Never yield to force.

Never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy.

WINSTON CHURCHILL

It is never too late to be who you might have been.

GEORGE ELIOT