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TO: Mark Calhoun, City Manager
FROM: Mark Werner, Chief of Police
DATE: April 16, 2018
RE: Monthly Report March 2018

In August 2016, we switched from UCR to NIBRS classification, which means we went from reporting based on a hierarchy to reporting all the crimes for each incident. Consequently, comparing crime statistics before August 2016 to crime statistics after that timeframe is not recommended using the data provided in the attached charts and graphs.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Chief Werner attended a meeting for the new Spokane Communications Board and discussed weighted voting amongst those on the board.

Deputy Todd Miller was recognized mid-March by the Greater Spokane Substance Abuse Council for his diligence in the field of DUI enforcement. (See below for more information.)

Three new officer candidates were sworn in and will begin the new Pre-Academy Training at the Sheriff's Training Center. Welcome Stephan Blaakman, Rebecca Lederle, and Devin Sontage.

Chief Werner attended a monthly lunch meeting with Sheriff Knezovich and other local Police Chiefs.

The end of March brought the Quarterly Leadership Training at the Sheriff's Training Center. Chief Werner, along with all commissioned officers detective rank and above, attended the afternoon training.

Chief Werner also attended the Inland Northwest Law Enforcement Leadership Group at the end of March along with other law enforcement from the area.

SHERIFF’S COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING EFFORT (SCOPE):

In the month of **March**, S.C.O.P.E. participated in:

- East Valley School District E-Cap Bike Training and Helmet fitting
- Big Horn Show- Operation Family ID
- Crime Free Rental Property Training
- 2018 Washington State Crime Prevention Association conference planning meeting
- Moving Forward S.C.O.P.E. Regional Meetings
- East Valley Community Coalition Meeting
- Underage Drinking/Drug Prevention
- GSSAC Coalition Meeting
- Operation Family ID

March 2018 Volunteers Hours per Station

*Includes estimated volunteer service hours that are provided in the City of Spokane Valley. These two locations cover both Spokane Valley and the unincorporated portion of the county.

Location	# Volunteers	Admin Hours	L.E. Hours	Total Hours
Central Valley	8	41	64	105
East Valley*	28	257	344	601
Edgecliff	9	187	22	209
Trentwood	5	125	98.5	223.5
University	25	356.5	124.5	481
West Valley*	21	395.5	66.5	462
TOTALS	96	1,362	719.5	2,081.5

Volunteer Value (\$30.46 per hour) \$63,402.49 for March 2018

S.C.O.P.E. Incident Response Team (SIRT) volunteers contributed **10** on-scene hours (including travel time) in **March**, responding to crime scenes, motor vehicle accidents and providing traffic control; **10** hours were for incidents specifically in Spokane Valley. There were two special events in March; one was in Spokane Valley, the East Valley HS Rapid Rabbit, where 12 hours (four individuals at 3 hours each) were spent on traffic control. Total **March** volunteer hours contributed by SIRT, including training, stand-by, response and special events is **1,038**; total for 2018 is **3,098**. *(Starting January 2018, a change is being made in how actual hours of ‘stand-by’ time is calculated. Due to the shortage of staff necessary to cover up to 62 shifts of 24 hours per day per month, a simple formula as used in the past, no longer reflects the actual time spent on stand-by. Now, we will count each month the actual time members sign up for duty minus the time actually spent on-scene.)*

Abandoned Vehicles

	January	February	March
Tagged for Impounding	49	31	30
Cited/Towed	5	8	6
Hulks Processed	5	5	19
Total Vehicles Processed	118	98	114
Yearly Total of Vehicles Processed	118	216	330

SCOPE DISABLED PARKING ACTIVITY REPORT					
<u>City of Spokane Valley</u>					
	# of Vol.	# of Hrs.	# of Disabled Infractions Issued	# of Warnings Issued	# of Non - Disabled Infractions Issued
January	0	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0	0
March	1	3.5	1	3	0
YTD Total	1	3.5	1	3	0

<u>Spokane County</u>					
	# of Vol.	# of Hrs.	# of Disabled Infractions Issued	# of Warnings Issued	# of Non - Disabled Infractions Issued
January	1	11.5	1	11	0
February	3	24	7	13	0
March	3	34.5	11	16	0
YTD Total	7	70	19	40	0

OPERATIONS:

Meth, Heroin & Cash: During a traffic stop, Spokane Valley Deputies Veronica Van Patten and Clay Hilton developed probable cause and obtained a search warrant for the vehicle. Heroin, methamphetamine and other items used to sell illegal drugs were located and seized along with nearly \$2000 in cash. In early March, at approximately 10:30 p.m., Spokane Valley Deputy Van Patten stopped a vehicle near Thor and Pacific for traffic violations and a computer check of the license plate showed the registered owner had a suspended driver's license. Deputy Van Patten contacted the 49-year-old male driver who said he purchased the vehicle a month ago, but was not the registered owner. While talking to Smith, Deputy Van Patten observed a plastic tube, commonly used to ingest illegal drugs with residue on it, sticking out of the area of the odometer. After determining that the driver's driving privileges were suspended, he was arrested for driving while suspended. During a subsequent search, Deputy Van Patten located a trinket with a white powdery substance residue in the driver's pocket. She also observed a digital scale on the floorboard of the passenger's side of the vehicle. Deputy Hilton, who arrived to assist, contacted the 25-year-old female passenger. When she exited the vehicle, Deputy Hilton observed a large amount of cash in her coat pocket. She stated that the driver gave it to her and it was a couple hundred dollars. It also appeared she was attempting to conceal items under her shirt, which she denied. The driver did not give consent to search the vehicle and initially stated he didn't know about the cash the female suspect said he gave her. He later recanted and admitted he gave the cash to the female. The deputies continued their investigation to include obtaining a search warrant for the vehicle where they developed probable cause to arrest the female suspect for possession of a controlled substance and male driver was advised he was being charged as

well. Two baggies containing substances, believed to be heroin and methamphetamine were found, hidden in the female suspect's bra. The substances were later field tested and showed presumptive positive results. The cash found totaled just over \$1,800 and was seized as evidence. Both suspects were transported and booked for two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver. The male suspect was also charged for Driving while Suspended 2nd Degree.

Suspect Fleeing on Foot from a Stolen Car, No Match for K9 Bane: After a short pursuit of a stolen vehicle ended with a PIT maneuver, the 35-year-old male driver attempted to flee on foot. Several commands for him to stop were ignored and Spokane County Sheriff's Deputy Clay Hilton sent his partner K9 Bane to stop the suspect. K9 Bane closed the distance quickly and the male suspect was taken into custody after a short struggle. The female passenger was also arrested for an extraditable Idaho felony warrant. In mid-March, just prior to 3:00 a.m., Spokane County Sheriff's Deputy Hilton positioned his patrol car on I-90 near the Hamilton exit after he heard Spokane Police Department (SPD) radio traffic regarding a reported stolen Honda Accord. The information stated the Honda was eastbound on I-90 from Maple St. and accelerating. Deputy Hilton pulled in behind the Honda and attempted to catch up after it passed his location at a high rate of speed. Deputy Branson Schmidt waited near I-90 and Freya and began to assist once the Honda passed his location. Once the deputies caught up to the Honda, they observed a large cloud of smoke and sparks/flames come from underneath the Honda as they activated their emergency lights and siren. The male suspect continued his attempt to flee despite the Honda's mechanical problems. The suspect exited I-90 onto Appleway Ave. with speeds slowing to approximately 40 mph. Near Appleway and Dollar, with low speeds and no other vehicle or pedestrian traffic, Deputy Hilton moved in and executed a PIT maneuver to safely end the pursuit. The Honda began to rotate, spun onto the large raised curb and stopped. The 28-year-old female passenger placed her hands in the air. The male suspect, however, frantically began reaching around. Fearing he was attempting to grab a weapon or preparing to flee on foot, Deputy Hilton quickly exited his patrol car. The male suspect jumped out and ran northwest from the stolen vehicle. Deputy Hilton yelled, advising him that he was under arrest, to stop and a K9 would be used to apprehend him if he didn't. The male suspect failed to listen to the commands and continued to run. Deputy Hilton deployed K9 Bane, who quickly closed the distance and made contact with the male, who fell to the ground. The suspect continued to fail to follow commands and began to struggle with K9 Bane as he tried to free himself. After a short struggle, Deputy Hilton took the male suspect into custody with the assistance of arriving SPD Officers. Deputy Schmidt stayed with the Honda and safely detained the female suspect without incident. After checking her information, Deputy Schmidt was advised she had an active felony warrant for her arrest out of Benewah County, Idaho. The Honda was confirmed as a stolen vehicle, reported the previous day, in Everett, WA. The male suspect explained he ran because he knew he had a warrant and didn't want to go to jail. He said he didn't know who the owner of the vehicle was and he got it from a friend whom he refused to identify. The male suspect received medical attention for his injuries prior to being transported and booked into the Spokane County Jail for Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle, Attempting to Elude a Police Vehicle and a felony warrant. The female suspect was transported and booked into the Spokane County Jail as a Fugitive from Justice for the Idaho warrant.



Male Carrying Bat Threatens, Runs & Fights with Deputies: Spokane Valley Deputies investigated a citizen's report of a suspicious male who was carrying a baseball bat, pacing back and forth, and walking in and out of the roadway near the intersection of Pines and Sprague. When contacted, the male walked toward the deputy, and raised the bat as if he planned to swing it at him before he turned and ran. Deputies eventually located the male in a nearby neighborhood and took him into custody after he resisted and fought their efforts. In mid-March, at approximately 8:30 a.m., Spokane Valley Deputies responded to a report of a suspicious male who was carrying a baseball bat, pacing back and forth, and walking in and out of the roadway near the intersection of Pines and Sprague. When Deputy Tim Jones attempted to contact the 58-year-old male, the male suspect made eye contact and continued to advance toward Deputy Jones. With the suspect closing the distance between them, Deputy Jones told him to stop several times, but the suspect continued. Now, approximately 15 yards away and still ignoring commands to stop, the suspect raised the bat with both hands and appeared to get ready to swing the bat and assault Deputy Jones. Additional commands to stop were ignored. The male suspect then turned and began walking south across Sprague. Deputy Jones continued to give commands to stop as the suspect, still armed with the bat, began to run toward the south side of Sprague and the occupied businesses. In the alleyway behind the businesses, Deputy Jones lost sight of the suspect and additional deputies responded to the area to begin a search for him. When located, the suspect continued to ignore commands as he fled through carports, backyards and jumped fences, but he was eventually confronted by Deputy Schaum and Deputy Melton in the yard of a residence in the 400 block of S. Houk. With additional patrol units arriving at the location to assist, the male suspect stopped running and turned toward Deputy Schaum, still holding the bat still in his hand. Deputy Schaum, with his baton deployed, ordered the suspect to drop the bat; he complied but failed to follow additional commands. The male suspect attempted to flee again, but before he could make it to a fence, Deputy Schaum grabbed his arm and brought him to the ground as Deputy Melton and Deputy Jones assisted while the suspect fought their efforts to gain control and place him in handcuffs. At one point, the male suspect grabbed ahold of the baton as the deputies worked to maintain control of his arms as they struggled on the wet and muddy ground. Deputies finally gained control of the suspect after delivering strikes, removed the baton from his grasp, and placed him in handcuffs. The male suspect was provided medical attention prior to being transported and booked into the Spokane County Jail for Assault 3rd Degree (attempted).

Bullet Holes in Victims' Walls Lead Back to Suspect Arrested for Attempting to Assault Deputies with a Baseball Bat: Spokane Valley Deputies executed a search warrant at the residence of the same 58-year-old male suspect involved in the above incident, after his neighbors found bullet holes in a wall shared between their residences. Inside the suspect's residence, deputies seized a .22 caliber rifle, ammunition, a large collection of swords, knives, throwing stars and methamphetamine. Additional charges were requested for the male suspect, who was still in custody at the Spokane County Jail with a \$20,000 bond. In early March, at approximately 6:00 p.m., Spokane Valley Deputy Derek McNall responded to a report of possible bullet holes found in the wall of the victims' residence, located in the 2300 block of N. Wilbur in Spokane Valley. The holes appear to have originated from the neighbor's side of the shared wall of the duplex. Deputy McNall, and assisting deputies, arrived at the location and spoke with the victims. The victims stated they heard loud noises coming from their neighbor's residence, but they thought he was moving furniture around. The following day, they discovered four holes (two in a stairwell and two in a closet) in the shared wall and now believe the noises they heard were gunshots. The victims (two adults and one juvenile) were unable to provide the name of their neighbor. While attempting contact at the neighbor's residence, Deputy McNall observed what appeared to be additional bullet holes in an

upstairs window and broken glass on the ground underneath it. Deputy McNall contacted an uninvolved neighbor who told him the male suspect's name and he was last seen on the previous morning, when the suspect was observed running from the residence with a baseball bat and looked "disoriented." With this information, Deputy McNall believe the suspect may be the same male who attempted to assault deputies with a baseball bat near Sprague and Pines and was arrested for attempted Assault 3rd Degree. At that time, the male suspect told arresting deputies he was suffering from severe depression and was losing his sense of reason. In reviewing the male suspect's criminal history, Deputy McNall learned the suspect was a convicted felon stemming from an arrest in Douglas County, OR, prohibiting him from owning or possessing firearms. A search warrant for the suspect's residence was sought and granted. Deputies located a .22 caliber rifle, ammunition (fired and unfired rounds of varying calibers), a large collection of swords, knives, throwing stars and baseball bats inside the residence during the search. A clear plastic bag containing a white crystalline substance, a glass pipe (commonly used to smoke controlled substances) and a lighter were found on small table in the garage. The substance was field tested and showed a presumptive positive result for methamphetamine. The evidence was seized and booked into property. The male suspect faces felony charges of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm 2nd Degree, Possession of a Controlled Substance-Methamphetamine and two misdemeanors: Aiming/Discharging a Firearm/Dangerous Weapon and Reckless Endangerment as a result of this investigation.

SWAT Team/SVIU Detectives Address Neighborhood Nuisance Home Eight Suspects Arrested, Including the Homeowner: A search warrant obtained by Spokane Valley Investigative Unit (SVIU) Detectives for a residence located in the 10800 block of E. Main was executed with the assistance of the Sheriff's Office SWAT Team. The investigation resulted in eight suspects being arrested, including the homeowner, with 20 felony charges filed. Earlier this year, SVIU Detective Jeff Thurman received information regard criminal activity at a residence located in the 10800 block of E. Main in Spokane Valley. The reported nuisance residence, well known to investigators, patrol deputies and neighbors, is known to be a hub of criminal activity such as drug sales/use (meth/heroin/other) and the trafficking of stolen property. The 56-year-old homeowner is known to be involved in and allowing criminal activity such as this to take place at his residence. In mid-March, with the information gained during this investigation, Detective Thurman requested and obtained a search warrant for the residence. Just before 4:00 p.m., Sheriff's Office SWAT Team members served the search warrant at the residence with the assistance of SVIU Detectives and Spokane Valley Patrol Deputies. The male homeowner and six additional suspects were safely arrested at the time, in addition to the arrest of a suspect earlier in the day related to the criminal activity at the residence. There were no injuries to citizens, suspects, or deputies due to the exceptional training and planning of the SWAT Team, combined with the information and cooperation of SVIU Detectives and Spokane Valley Patrol Deputies. The male homeowner was booked for three counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver and three counts of Unlawful Use of a Building for Drug Purposes. He was released on his own recognizance the next day after his appearance in court. SVIU Detectives arrested him again on four days later for **new** charges stemming from evidence gained when the search warrant was served. He was booked into the Spokane County Jail for the additional charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver (two counts), Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Unlawful Use of a Building for Drug Purposes. After his court appearance for these new charges, his bond was set at \$5,000. A 21-year-old female suspect was booked for Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver; she was released on her own recognizance after her court appearance. A 36-year-old male suspect was booked for two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver; he was released on his own recognizance after his court appearance. A 26-year-old male suspect was booked for two counts of Possession of a Controlled

Substance; he was released on his own recognizance after his court appearance. A 29-year-old female suspect was booked for two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance; she was released on her own recognizance after her court appearance. A 23-year-old female suspect was booked for two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance; she was released on her own recognizance after her court appearance. A 21-year-old female suspect was booked for Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver; she was released on her own recognizance after her court appearance. And a 33-year-old male suspect was booked for a U.S. Marshal's Hold (Federal Warrant-Possession with Intent to Distribute) and a felony Washington State Department of Corrections Hold (original charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance).

SWAT Team/SVIU Detectives Serve Search Warrant; Gary B. Olive Jr. and Several Others Arrested: A search warrant was obtained by Spokane Valley Investigative Unit (SVIU) Detectives for the residence of a 50-year-old male suspect, an eight-time convicted felon who is well known to deputies and detectives for his decades of law enforcement contacts/arrests due to his continued criminal activity. The male suspect and four other suspects were detained by the Sheriff's Office SWAT Team, who assisted in the execution of the search warrant. In early February 2018, SVIU Detective Jeff Thurman received information regarding the 50-year-old suspect and his continued criminal activity. An SVIU investigation into the suspect's activities, to include the sales and use of controlled substances (methamphetamine/heroin/others) and the possession/trafficking of stolen property (motorcycles/mini bikes) from his residence, located in the 600 block of N. Farr Rd., was initiated. As the investigation progressed, detectives identified several additional suspects and developed probable cause to arrest the male suspect for delivery of a controlled substance, leading to a judge granting a search warrant for the location. In mid-March, SVIU Detectives, the Sheriff's Office SWAT Team, accompanied by Spokane Valley Fire Rescue Task Force members and Spokane Valley Patrol Deputies, staged in the area of the residence. At approximately 7:30 a.m., with Air 1 providing additional security and information from above, the SWAT Team moved to the residence and served the search warrant. A short time later, the male suspect and four additional subjects were safely detained. Once cleared by SWAT, the scene was turned over to investigators to continue the search and collection of evidence. Several items of property, believed to be stolen, were recovered by investigators. As they move forward with this investigation, detectives will work to identify the owners of the property and identify any additional crimes committed by these and other suspects. A black 1988 Chevrolet Corvette Convertible and a 2001 Honda CBR 900 motorcycle were seized by investigators who will begin the asset forfeiture process. SVIU Detectives arrested six suspects in connection with this investigation for the listed charges: The 50-year-old male suspect was charged with three counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver and three counts of Unlawful Use of a Building for Drug Purposes. A second 50-year-old male suspect was charged with one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance and a felony warrant-Washington State Department of Correction Hold. A 25-year-old female suspect and a 27-year-old female suspect were each charged with one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance; and, a 21-year-old female suspect was charged with two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance. At approximately 7:00 a.m., a 33-year-old male suspect was observed leaving the area of the search warrant in a Nissan Altima. Being familiar with this suspect from past calls for service and warrants for his arrests, Deputy Jason Karnitz checked the suspect's driving status and learned his driver's license was suspended; he conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle on I-90 near the Hwy. 195 interchange. The suspect's identity was confirmed and he was arrested for driving with a suspended driver's license. During a search incident to the arrest, Deputy Karnitz located a baggie containing a white crystalline substance in the male suspect's left front pants pocket. The substance was later field tested which showed a presumptive positive result for methamphetamine. This male suspect was transported and booked into the Spokane County Jail for one count of Possession of a

Controlled Substance and Driving with a Suspended License. This is still an active investigation and additional charges and/or arrests are anticipated.

Angry, Intoxicated, Suspended Driver Going Over 100 mph: A driver who was stopped for traveling over 100 mph, showed obvious signs of impairment, had a revoked driver's license, and failed to have his vehicle equipped with an interlock device was immediately hostile toward deputies. He was arrested for DUI, Reckless Driving, Operating a Vehicle Without an Interlock Device when Required, and Driving with a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License, after the investigation was completed. In mid-March at approximately 11:20 p.m., in the area of Pines and 8th, Spokane Valley K9 Deputy Tyler Kullman's attention was drawn to the sound of a vehicle with a very loud muffler. He observed a dark-colored truck traveling south on Pines toward him. The vehicle was obviously at a speed above the posted 35-mph speed limit. As the truck passed Deputy Kullman, it accelerated even more. Deputy Kullman turned around and attempted to catch up to the speeding vehicle. In the area of 24th and Hwy. 27, Deputy Kullman caught up to the vehicle and began to pace it at over 100 mph. Near 32nd Ave., he activated his emergency lights to conduct a traffic stop. The 52-year-old male driver pulled into a parking lot on the corner and started reaching and digging around the floorboard area. Deputy Kullman ordered the male suspect to keep his hands on the steering wheel and told the passenger to place his hands on the dash. As Deputy Kullman approached, he smelled a strong odor of alcohol emanating from the vehicle. He contacted the male driver, who was immediately confrontational telling Deputy Kullman to "f*** off" and said he was a "constitutionalist" and "didn't need to identify himself." With probable cause to arrest the suspect for Reckless Driving, Deputy Kullman opened the truck door and told the male to step out; he complied and was placed in handcuffs as he continued to yell obscenities. Deputy Skye Ortiz contacted the male suspect, who was arrested for Reckless Driving and Driving while Suspended, to begin a DUI investigation. The suspect continued to screaming vulgarities at deputies on scene. Deputy Ortiz observed a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the suspect, who was slurring his words, staggering side to side and had watery bloodshot eyes. After the male suspect emphatically declined to submit to field sobriety testing, Deputy Ortiz advised him he was under arrest for DUI as well. The male suspect continued to use profanity and made racial slurs toward Deputy Ortiz as he was advised of his rights. The suspect requested to speak with an attorney and was placed in contact with a public defender. Afterwards, he was advised of his rights regarding a breath test, which he stated he understood and refused to take the test. Deputy Ortiz requested a search warrant for a blood sample, which was granted. The evidentiary sample was obtained and booked into evidence. The male suspect was booked into the Spokane County Jail for DUI, Reckless Driving, Operating a Vehicle w/o an Interlock Device when Required, and Driving with a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License. His bond was set at \$1,500.

Wanted Domestic Violence Suspect Captured after Pursuit: An armed suspect, wanted due to an earlier incident where he violated a domestic violence protection order, broke into the victim's home armed with a knife and stabbed a refrigerator, and later fled from Deputies in his vehicle while towing a 22-foot camper. The suspect, who told the victim he was also armed with a pistol, was taken into custody after a pursuit, which ended back in front of the victim's residence. In late March, at approximately 4:25 a.m., Spokane Valley Deputy Scott McKenney responded to a call of a domestic violence order of protection violation (DVOPV) at a residence located in the 7900 block of E. Indiana. While in route, Deputy McKenney confirmed there was a valid protection order against the suspect. The victim stated she was in bed and heard a loud noise inside her home. Thinking a suspect was breaking in, she armed herself with a gun and began to investigate, finding the known 49-year-old male standing in her kitchen. She observed him pull a

knife from his pocket and stab the refrigerator. She pointed the pistol at the suspect and he stated he had a pistol and pointed toward the inside of his jacket. She told the male to leave and he walked out the front door. Deputies checked the area, but were unable to locate him or his vehicle. At approximately 6:25 a.m., Deputy Spenser Rassier located the male suspect driving a GMC pickup towing a 22-foot camper on Trent near University. Knowing of the previous incident, Deputy Rassier initiated a traffic stop of the vehicle near Trent and Stegner. Once stopped, and knowing the male was armed, possibly with a handgun, Deputy Rassier ordered the male to keep his hands out the window. The male suspect ignored the commands and started digging around inside the cab of the truck. Deputy Rassier called for immediate backup, told the suspect he was under arrest, and again ordered him to show his hands. The male suspect put one hand out the window and yelled an expletive at the deputy. Before additional units could arrive, the male suspect drove away, eastbound on Trent and into the westbound lanes of travel. While Deputy Rassier advised he was in pursuit, with his lights and siren activated, the suspect swerved back over into the correct lane of travel. The suspect turned behind a business on the northwest corner of Trent and Pines, then pulled back onto Trent. A short distance later, he turned north from Trent onto a dirt road, made his way to the Centennial Trail and turned west. The trailer being towed rocked back on forth, but the male suspect maintained control as he continued to flee. At the footbridge crossing the river, the trailer came loose and blocked the path of pursuing deputies. The suspect then crossed and turned west on the trail. Monitoring the pursuit and attempting to anticipate the suspect's possible escape route, Deputy Rick Johnson drove to the area of Argonne and Maringo. On Maringo, the suspect drove past him and turned south on Argonne as Deputy Johnson quickly turned around. When Deputy Johnson turned south on Argonne, he couldn't see the suspect any longer, but heard another patrol unit advise of the suspect's location. The pursuit continued as the suspect made his way south on Vista to Indiana and turned west. As he approached the victim's residence, the suspect slid to a stop and jumped out of the vehicle, went into a squatted position and raised his hands over his head in the front yard of the residence. Several deputies gave multiple commands for the male suspect to lie down on the ground, which he ignored; he was pushed to the ground and after a short struggle and handcuffed. The suspect, who already has a prior conviction for a DVOPV, was transported and booked into the Spokane County Jail for domestic violence charges of Burglary 1st Degree, two counts of Violation of an Order, and Malicious Mischief 3rd Degree. He was also charged with Attempting to Elude a Police Vehicle and Resisting Arrest. This investigation is still active and additional charges could be added depending on any additional information learned or evidence recovered.

Deputies/SWAT/Negotiators Peacefully End Volatile Incident: After an armed domestic violence suspect, who had made statements he'd force law enforcement to shoot him, would not surrender to Spokane Valley Deputies, the SWAT Team and Hostage Negotiation Team (HNT) were called to the scene to assist. During the hours-long standoff, negotiators talked with the suspect who eventually walked out of the residence, unarmed, and peacefully surrendered to SWAT Team Members. In late March, prior to 9:00 p.m., Spokane Valley Deputies responded to the 12600 block of N. Willow Crest regarding a reported domestic violence call. The victim had fled her home to a nearby residence after she was assault by her 48-year-old husband. The victim told deputies that her husband assaulted her and during the violent assault he strangled and threatened to kill her, causing her to fear for her life. The husband also made statements he was suicidal and would make deputies shoot him. The victim was able to flee from the home and ran to a neighboring residence for help. The husband followed her and began banging on the doors/windows while he threatened to kill her if she called law enforcement. She explained her husband probably went back to their home and had access to several weapons. Additional deputies responded to the scene and observed the husband inside the residence; several attempts to contact him were ignored. With the

seriousness of the crime, coupled with the threats made by the suspect to force law enforcement to shoot him, and his access to multiple firearms/ammunition, SWAT accompanied by the Spokane Valley Fire Rescue Task Force (RTF), and HNT were called to the scene. An Alert Spokane/Code Red Emergency Message was sent to area residents alerting them of the situation and advising them to shelter in place. Working together to plan and peacefully end this very volatile incident, SWAT and HNT took control of the scene, while a search warrant to enter the residence was requested and obtained. Just after midnight, HNT advised the husband was exiting the residence unarmed and was surrendering. SWAT Team Members took him into custody without further incident. When the search warrant was executed, several firearms were seized for evidence/safe keeping. Major Crimes Detectives are investigating this incident due to the severity of the crime. Thankfully, due to the exceptional planning, training and tactics, deputies, SWAT, RTF and HNT successfully ended this extremely tense and volatile situation peacefully without further injury to anyone, the suspect or law enforcement, while ensuring the citizens in the area remained safe. The male suspect was transported and booked into the Spokane County Jail for Assault 2nd Degree-Strangulation (DV) and Harassment-Threats to Kill (DV).

Medicaid Fraud Assistance: In late March, members of the Office of the Attorney General’s office requested assistance from the Spokane Valley Investigative Division. Members of the AG’s Office were conducting a search warrant on a residence in the Spokane Valley. Sgt. Bloomer of SVIU received the below email recognizing the unit’s assistance on the search warrant:

“On behalf of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit I want to thank you and Detectives Knight and Renz for the assistance provided to our unit in the execution of a search warrant on March 20, 2018. I am aware that on the day, your precinct had additional high priority obligations. To this extent the assistance that was provided through Detectives Knight and Renz is that much more appreciated. The professionalism and positive attitude of Detective Knight and Detective Renz facilitated a seamless approach towards a successful outcome. The comradery that developed between the on-site team that I observed was clearly underpinned by years of professional experience and sound leadership from you Department. Thank you once again for your assistance. If there is anything I can be of assistance with please feel free to contact me at any time. Thanks and best regards, Richard La Monica, Chief – Investigations Section, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, Office of Attorney General of Washington”

Spokane Valley Deputy Honored for DUI Prevention: Spokane Valley Deputy Todd Miller was recognized for his exemplary service by the Greater Spokane Substance Abuse Council (GSSAC) for his work with the GSSAC to address impaired driving and help educate and reinforce their message of “There is no safe way to drink/use and drive.” In late March, the GSSAC Board of Directors, Volunteers and Staff honored Spokane Valley Deputy Todd Miller, presenting him with a Letter of Recognition for his exemplary work partnering with GSSAC to promote health, safety and prevention of DUIs in our community. In the letter signed by Linda Thompson, GSSAC Executive Director, and Steve Lunden, President-GSSAC Board of Directors, Deputy Miller was specifically recognized for his



work with court-ordered offenders attending the GSSAC Spokane County DUI Victims Panel, where they hear from victims/survivors and offenders about the crashes which have changed their lives. Deputy Miller was also recognized for his willingness, even off-duty, to be a source of information for GSSAC's 24-hour DUI Education Jail Alternative program. When asked about GSSAC's honoring of Deputy Miller and his work toward keep our community safe, Sheriff Knezovich stated, "Deputy Miller has not only worked to enforce DUI laws, he's dedicated his time trying to prevent them." Referencing the training of our new deputies, Spokane Valley Chief Mark Werner said, "Deputy Miller's willingness to pass on his knowledge and his professional attitude toward DUI enforcement and prevention has been invaluable." As the GSSAC letter to Deputy Miller states, "We are grateful for his dedication to protecting our community" and notes "we are a better program" for having him as part of the impaired driving prevention team.

Different Version of a Computer Scam: Scammers continue to use the same stories (lies), but in this case, instead of threatening the potential victim, the scammer offered a refund for a computer purchase she had made. Thankfully, when the person targeted by the scammer went to the Spokane Valley Target to purchase gift cards to reimburse a fictitious overpayment of the refund, the store employees advised the would-be victim they thought this was a possible scam. In early March, Crime Check received a report of another scam. The potential victim of this scam received a call from a male stating she was due a refund for a past computer purchase. The scammer continued and was persistent, eventually convincing her to grant him access to her computer and provide the name of her bank. The scammer claimed he accidentally deposited \$2,500 into her account and convinced the potential victim to purchase gift cards at a local store to reimburse the mistake. When she arrived at the Spokane Valley Target store to purchase the gift cards, the store employees confirmed her suspicions this was a scam before the transaction could be completed. The scammer hung up as the incident was being reported to Crime Check using the store phone. Luckily, in this case, the potential victim became suspicious and the store employees confirmed the probability of a scam, possibly saving her the loss of her money. This is how we as a community can help stop these scammers from preying on people's fears and/or falling for their lies. Don't be intimidated or convinced to ever provide access to a computer, personal banking information or to pay anyone or any company with gift or prepaid credit cards. It's your money, don't let some scammer convince or scare you into giving it to them.


