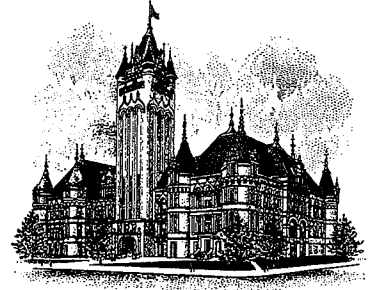




Spokane County Sheriff's Office

Ozzie D. Knezovich, Sheriff



"In partnership with the community - Dedicated to your safety"

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Two nights ago our community experienced an unfortunate moment that impacted all of our lives. The lives of all of those involved will never be the same. Our sympathy goes out to the family of Wayne Creach for their loss.

I want to assure the community that a full and complete investigation is being conducted and that as soon as all of the facts surrounding this incident are known, the community will be provided with a full account of those facts.

Until that time, it is important that we not engage in speculation about what may or may not have occurred that night. It is important that we remember that the deputy involved in this incident, as well as his family, have been impacted as well.

Once the investigation is complete, we as a community will have the facts surrounding the event.

Again, I want to reassure the community that the investigation underway will be complete and thorough, and that the community will receive a complete account of this unfortunate incident.

Ozzie D. Knezovich, Sheriff