

This is Casey Dolan with local news for Wednesday, November 30, 2022 on KPTZ 91.9 FM in Port Townsend, Washington.

A 66-year-old Port Ludlow man was stabbed to death by a 17-year-old family member in his home on the western edge of the Port Ludlow Golf Course Monday evening. As of this morning, neither the victim nor suspect has been identified. According to a detective with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office speaking to the *PT Leader*, the accused teenager was "possibly high or having a psychotic episode." The wife of the stabbing victim called 911 and told dispatchers that her son had stabbed her husband. The teenager ran off after the stabbing. Deputies from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and the Port Townsend Police Department set up a perimeter and discovered the suspect on the golf course behind the home. The stabbing victim was found on the front porch of the home and pronounced dead at the scene less than an hour later. A fix-bladed knife was found in the suspect's possession. Due to the teen's age and recent state law changes, he could not be interviewed by law enforcement. The suspect was taken to Jefferson County Jail for booking. He was later transported to a youth detention facility in a neighboring county.

The quarterly earnings report for timber sales has been issued by the State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) at the same time Jefferson County officials are considering allocating local forests to other uses. Timber sales on DNR lands in the county have generated an estimated \$1.3 million for the county so far this year, according to a presentation from the department to the board of county commissioners this past Monday. But the state is revising its management of forested lands, making future projection more difficult.

Drew Rosanbalm, DNR assistant Olympic Region manager of state lands, told the *Peninsula Daily News* that litigation and revisions by the state Board of Natural Resources are affecting forest management in the state, and modeling on how to calculate sustainable harvests is still being discussed and developed. According to the DNR's website, the agency calculates sustainable harvest levels for 10 years at a time and is currently determining a sustainable harvest level for 2025-2034 for forests growing on state trust lands located west of the Cascade Crest. The sustainable harvest level is a policy decision that requires approval by the Board of Natural Resources, DNR said, and is also governed by state law.

However, the Jefferson County Superior Court ruled in October that DNR violated the state Environmental Protection Act in failing to consider the impacts of climate change in its review of two timber sales in the county. The plaintiffs in that case – Center for Sustainable Economy and Save the Olympic Peninsula – said in October the decision would drastically alter how DNR manages its lands. The Jefferson County Commissioners will be meeting with DNR officials, including Drew Rosanbalm, today at 4pm for a forestry workshop to discuss options for managing county lands.

The Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office is making a concerted effort to elicit public input regarding a draft statewide recreation and conservation plan. The plan will cover investments for the next six years. The plan intends to provide meaningful access to outdoor recreation for all; protect natural and cultural resources while managing increasing demand; demonstrate the essential nature of parks, natural areas and recreation infrastructure; and support healthy, adaptable and connected communities.

The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board will consider adopting the final plan at its January 24 to 25 meeting, but they want to hear from the public before submitting it to the Governor's Office for approval and

before a final submission to the National Park Service. The plan can be read online at https://www.rco.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/POL-2023-Recreation_ConservationPlan.pdf. Comments may be e-mailed to policychanges@rco.wa.gov (please use “State Recreation and Conservation Plan” in the subject line) or submitted through an online survey. Comments must be submitted no later than 11:59pm December 18.

It’s cold, so warming centers are available at the Jefferson County Jail lobby at 81 Elkins Road in Port Hadlock, 5pm to 8am, the Marvin Shields American Legion, 4pm-8am, and the Pope Marine Building, 8:30am to 12:30pm. Participants will need to fill out an intake sheet, provide identification, and be able to manage themselves.

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