

This is KPTZ 91.9 FM in Port Townsend, Washington. I am Casey Dolan with your local news and commentary for Wednesday, February 14, 2024. Happy Valentine's Day!

The *Kitsap Sun* reports that a Poulsbo man, Stephen Terry Harvey, 48, suspected of murder and then driving his truck into multiple vehicles along Highway 3 early Monday morning, February 5, was arrested just minutes after leaving the scene where a 45-year-old victim, identified as Andrea Gaudette, was found the following day. Harvey was arrested and booked into Kitsap County Jail after Washington State Patrol and Kitsap County Sheriff's deputies responded to multiple calls of Harvey's Toyota Tundra driving erratically and running multiple vehicles into the ditch or median on northbound Highway 3. Harvey was apprehended at the scene after he had rolled his own truck, wandered onto the highway where he initially jumped into the bed of a pickup, gotten off when the driver called 911, then attempted to climb into another truck with such force that he broke the door handle off. He was reported as yelling wildly and incoherently and suspected of drug or alcohol intoxication.

But on Tuesday, February 6, law enforcement connected Harvey to the discovery of a woman's body in a home in Bremerton. Andrea Gaudette was found after friends and co-workers asked Bremerton police to check her home after not hearing from her all day Monday and Tuesday. The co-workers told police that Gaudette, who worked from home, had logged into her work computer but was unresponsive to repeated messages. The friends alerted police that Gaudette had expressed concern over issues related to a volatile relationship with a boyfriend she had lived with in the past. Detectives identified the boyfriend as Harvey. Gaudette's computer was on and accessible during a search of the home and allowed police to access a video security system in the home, which included a camera pointed toward the living room and front door.

Video showed a man suspected to be Harvey entering and exiting several times on Sunday night and Monday morning. Harvey is now charged with a felony DUI, reckless driving, and three counts of hit and run, along with second-degree murder that includes a special domestic violence allegation, which carries a potential life sentence in prison. In Harvey's initial court appearance, he pleaded not guilty to the charges, and his bail was increased to \$2 million on Friday. He remains in Kitsap County Jail as of this past Monday.

We have a couple of significant shake ups in judicial and law enforcement positions. The *Port Townsend Leader* reports that Heidi Greenwood, Port Townsend's city attorney, has stepped down after more than five years of serving on the job. Greenwood will continue in her position through mid-March, facilitating a transition. Greenwood handled multiple tasks ranging from insurance issues to drafting resolutions and ordinances, as well as assessing legal risks, reviewing or drafting contracts and public records, and attending City Council meetings. She came to the city in 2018 from the legal team at neighboring City of Port Angeles, where she served as senior assistant city attorney for 11 years.

And...Sequim's Police chief is stepping down. Sheri Crain says she will retire on the first of March. The city has named Deputy Police Chief Mike Hill to take over. Hill joined the Sequim Police Department in 1998 as a Reserve Police Officer. He was hired full-time in 2001. During his time with the department, he has served as a Field Training Officer, a K-9 Officer, a Firearms Instructor, and a Defensive Tactics instructor. Hill was a Patrol Officer, Patrol Sergeant, and Detective Sergeant before being promoted to Deputy Chief in 2021.

Jefferson County Public Utility District No. 1 is raising its rates for pole attachment fees, increasing them to the highest allowable rates in 2025, according to the *Peninsula Daily News*. Pole attachment fees are costs that the PUD charges to commercial services such as phone and internet companies that attach their equipment to the utility's poles. PUD commissioners voted unanimously last week to increase the attachment from the current \$22.45 to \$28 in 2024 and then to \$32 – the highest allowable rate under a state formula – in 2025. The 2024 increase went into effect February 1 and the \$32 rate will go into effect January 1, 2025.

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