



# SAFESTREETS

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## Everett Police arrest prolific drug dealers in Smith Avenue area

EVERETT - This month the Everett Police Department's dedicated streets unit, known as the Community Outreach Enforcement Team, has arrested three individuals for prolific drug dealing in the Smith Avenue area.

On Jan. 6, officers arrested Jeremiah\*, described as "chronic drug dealer and tagger," after he was observed selling methamphetamine to two people. Jeremiah had methamphetamine, heroin and weapons in his possession, including a machete and switchblade.

On Jan. 12, officers arrested Luke for unlawful possession of a firearm and possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. The outreach team reported that for the past two months, several people in the area identified Luke as one of the main people selling drugs in the Smith Avenue area. Officers continued to investigate and developed probable cause for a search warrant. When officers arrived at Luke's apartment, they discovered a rifle, two shotguns, 11 grams of methamphetamine in 16 baggies and \$770 in cash.

Last Thursday, Jan. 21, officers arrested Raymond, who officers had observed selling drugs on the sidewalk in the Smith Avenue area. When officers served a search warrant on Raymond, they recovered individual packaged baggies of methamphetamine, consistent with the baggies officers have found in the possession of people sleeping on the sidewalk under I-5.

"We know that there are many people who are preying on our most vulnerable citizens, and in many cases those individuals are not homeless," said Chief Dan Templeman. "Our outreach and enforcement efforts are paying off and officers have been able to identify and arrest those who are selling drugs and taking advantage of our homeless citizens."

The balanced approach that combines outreach and enforcement does not stop at arrest. "We are willing to reduce jail time or dismiss charges for individuals who enter treatment or get involved in services," says Lead City Prosecutor Hil Kaman. "But we want to send a strong message that we will not offer any breaks to those who want to continue criminal conduct and prey on others."

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In November and December 2015, the Prosecutor's Office prosecuted 32 individuals who were arrested by the outreach and enforcement team and did not show interest in changing behavior. Those prosecutions resulted in convictions on 47 charges, mostly drug related, and a combined 964 days in jail.

\*Names have been changed.

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