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PRESS RELEASE

City of Sumner Requests Motion to Reconsider Regarding Cemetery Vandalism

Sumner, WA—The City of Sumner is filing a motion to ask the Pierce County Court of Appeals to reconsider its ruling regarding the restitution owed by the two juveniles who vandalized the city's Pioneer Cemetery in 2005. Pierce County Prosecutor Gerald A. Horne agreed to the City's request that Sumner's City Attorney Brett Vinson be appointed a Pierce County Special Prosecutor for the purpose of filing a motion to reconsider the November 20 ruling that decreases the amount of restitution owed by the two juveniles from the original amount of \$170,737.31 to \$82,937.31.

Sumner is also asking for a violation hearing since to the knowledge of the City, the two juveniles have not fully complied with the court order, especially the ordered 150 hours of community service. This service was upheld by the November 20 ruling.

Before the appeals ruling, the City drafted a letter, signed by Mayor Dave Enslow and most of the City's councilmembers, expressing concern with the lack of progress the juveniles had made in fulfilling the restitution. The letter will still be sent to the Juvenile Division of Pierce County Superior Court since the letter is questioning the status of all the restitution, much of which was upheld in the appeals ruling.

"Our goal is to help our citizens heal and move forward from this terrible incident," said Mayor Dave Enslow. "To do that, we either need the two individuals to fulfill their obligations to the community or hear some good reasons why they're not being met. Right now, I'm simply at a loss to understand how court ordered restitution can just not get done."

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