



KING COUNTY CORRECTIONS GUILD

Public Safety Update: Juvenile Murder Suspect Had Escaped From Home Monitoring

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Dangerous suspects continue to be routinely released from secure detention. Here is the latest example of how the misuse of community corrections programs are endangering the public

- In November of last year, 16 year old Mathew Dubois was charged with intimidating a witness, attempted robbery, and assault. According to press reports "The Burien teenager has a lengthy juvenile criminal history, including residential burglary, theft and unlawful possession of a firearm, according to court records."
- Rather than being confined in the King County Jail or the King County Youth Detention Center, on November 19, Dubois was placed on Electronic Home Monitoring.
- On New Years Eve, Dubois was reported "out of range," and officers began searching for him. Prosecutors now charge that he shot and killed 15 year old, Mikarah Sanders, then shot himself in the shoulder.

We remain frustrated that suspects charged with violent crimes continue to be released from jail pre-trial. We call on state and county authorities to put safety first and stop the release of dangerous individuals.

