WSP Seeking Witnesses To A Drive By Shooting On I-5

**UPDATE: Suspect Arrested By The Snohomish County Violent Offender Task Force**

**King County:** At approximately 6:10am on Sunday, July 23, 2023, Washington State Patrol (WSP) communications received a 9-1-1 call from a victim stating that they were shot at by another vehicle on SB I-5 near 50th St. in Seattle.

The victim reported that his contact with the suspect began around 5:10am at an ARCO station located at 950 N 85th in Seattle. The victim asked the suspect to move their vehicle so he could get out at which time the suspect approached him with a handgun visible in his hand which he then put in his waistband.

The victim was able to leave the gas station and enter SB I-5 from N 85th St with the suspect following him. The vehicles continued south and around N 50th St. the suspect fired three rounds at the victim then exited to N 50th St. The victim stated the person who shot at him was the same person that displayed the handgun at the gas station. The victim’s vehicle was struck in the passenger front door, the passenger side mirror and the rear window. The suspect vehicle was described as a silver or gray Mercedes Benz S Class with a dent in the driver’s side front fender. The suspect was described as an African American male with short hair and standing approximately 6’1” tall. The victim was driving a 2020 Lexus RX 350. Thankfully no injuries were sustained.

WSP detectives are seeking anyone that may have witnessed this shooting or has information on the suspect or suspect vehicle. Please contact Detective Haake at Russ.Haake@wsp.wa.gov.
**UPDATE:** Washington State Patrol (WSP) detectives developed probable cause to charge Dontre Mitchell-Wallace, 26-year-old male from Seattle, with Assault 2nd Degree and the charges were filed with the King County Prosecutor’s Office.

Through WSP’s investigation, assisted by the FBI, it was determined that the shooting incident was related to commercial sex on Aurora Avenue.

Last night, December 27, 2023, the Snohomish County Violent Offender Task Force took Mitchell-Wallace into custody for an outstanding warrant in Everett, Washington.

WSP and the FBI are seeking any information about sex trafficking or additional shootings from possible victims, family members, or the greater community that might aid in the ongoing investigation into Mr. Mitchell-Wallace’s suspected criminal activities. Anyone with information can submit tips online at tips.fbi.gov or by phone at 1-800-CALL-FBI.

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