

On October 18th, we publicly opposed Trump's authoritarian actions, which led to MAGA supporters harassing our protestors. They repeatedly stopped their vehicle to mock and provoke, and deliberately exposed hundreds of Puyallup citizens to hazardous diesel fumes by "rolling coal." Their repeated actions appeared intentional.

On Monday I wrote to the Chief of Police, Councilwoman Adler, & Mayor Jim Kastama outlining the events of that day, I supported each aspect of the statement with linked video and photo evidence. Despite being out of state, our Chief of Police responded in a timely and thorough manner. I openly admit to my surprise at the current response. Below is part of Chief Engle's reply.

*"I am sorry this happened. Our patrol officers were dispatched on Saturday and attempted to locate the vehicle, but were unable to locate at that time.*

*Today, a detective was assigned the incident as well as our traffic unit Sergeant to review. A few things I can share with you as of now:*

- *We are conducting an investigation of this incident and this is an active investigation.*
- *The plate affixed to the truck was fake.*
- *We have identified what we believe to be the correct plate for the truck.*
- *We are currently working to identify the actual driver of the truck. We know who the truck belongs to, but we need to identify the actual driver of the truck.*
- *We have spoken to two Prosecutors about this incident.*
- *Once we have identified the driver of the truck, which I suspect will happen soon, we will then be able to progress with the case.*
- *We are interested in video from other citizens. If a citizen has video of the truck they can email us at [tips@puyallupwa.gov](mailto:tips@puyallupwa.gov) and they will get an email back from our investigations section. The video we are most interested in would be the truck turning from 7 AVE SE to northbound on 3 ST SE.*

*Our folks today have made good progress on this incident. This is all I can share at this time. As we progress, I should be able to provide you with additional information when it is appropriate given that this is an active investigation."*

The Chief of Police then offered me the opportunity to speak on the phone that day and/or meet in person upon his return.

I fully support the police response. They seem to be taking these hundreds of assaults in the second degree quite seriously. If you have video or photos of the red truck, please contact the PD at [tips@puyallupwa.gov](mailto:tips@puyallupwa.gov). For large files, you can request an upload link through the same email. Let's give Puyallup PD time to investigate. I'll request an update later this week and share any progress.

As of this posting, neither Mayor Kastama nor Councilwoman Adler has responded.

Erik Showacy  
Puyallup Indivisible  
Elected Chair

~From the standup desk of Erik Showacy~

As the day moves forward the community's response continues to grow.

District 1, Councilmember Lauren Adler, has expressed her concern with recent events regarding the weekend's targeted attack against Puyallup citizens.

Councilmember Adler agreed, *"that reporting, coupled with sharing the extensive amount of proof folks have from Saturday, is the only way to stop this from happening again."*

She's extending her help in facilitating communications as the investigation unfolds. I'm thankful for the City's response to these events and its effort to ensure those practicing first amendment rights can do so safely; without fear of harassment.

Despite these events unfolding in the mayor's district, he has yet to respond to my earlier communication.

I will continue to update the community as events unfold.

Erik Showacy

Hi everyone,

Chief Engle has reached out with more information regarding the Red Truck incident.

Below is his update:

1. We have now identified the driver of the vehicle at the time of the incident.
2. The driver is a juvenile under WA state law. This can present some challenges for us in our investigation.
3. We have spoken to the juveniles parents about the incident, which they were unaware of until our contact with them.
4. We were able to identify the correct license plate through the an automatic license plate reader system (ALPR) used by many agencies in Washington for investigative purposes.
5. We will be submitting this case to the Pierce County Prosecutor's Office (juvenile division) for consideration of charges. The Prosecutor has the ultimate decision on charges in this incident.
6. There is also a possibility of traffic infraction(s) charges in this incident depending on the decision of the juvenile division Prosecutor.
7. We hope to be able to speak to the juvenile driver of the vehicle by the end of this week, but given WA law around juvenile interrogation related to criminal matters it may not happen.

I'll continue to provide the community updates as they come in.

Erik Showacy

## Red Truck Update 10/24/2025

Here is the most recent update regarding the Red Truck Incident :

1. The parents did not bring in their son to speak with our detectives. They have retained legal counsel and will not be talking with us.
2. With this development our investigation will be nearly done. The Detective is working to finish of some loose ends and then will be submitting the case to the PC Prosecutors Office (juvenile division) for consideration of charges.
3. We will be awaiting that decision and then our next steps will be determined by what the Prosecutor decides.
4. Once we hear back from the Prosecutor I will reach out with another update.

I'll keep the community updated as I learn more.

Erik Showacy