



City Council Workshop Agenda

June 24, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Special Meeting Time

City Hall Council Chambers - 210 W 6th Ave and Virtual

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Written public comment is accepted pursuant to KMC 2.04.047.

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1. Executive Session: Evaluation of a Public Employee Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)
 2. Pre-Trial Diversion Program Update

Council Agenda Coversheet	Item Number: 1. Date: 6/24/2025	Category:
	Item Type: Presentation Subject: Executive Session: Evaluation of a Public Employee Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) Department: Executive Services	
Summary The City Council will meet in executive session to review the performance of a public employee. Following the conclusion of the executive session, Council may, in open session, take final action regarding the employee.		
Attachments: None		

Council Agenda Coversheet	Item Number: 2. Date: 6/24/2025 Item Type: Presentation Subject: Pre-Trial Diversion Program Update Department: City Attorney	Category: Info Only
		
Summary The Washington State Legislature enacted Senate Bill (SB) 5536 on May 16, 2023, permitting the Kennewick Police Department (KPD) to charge, and Kennewick City Attorney's Office (City Attorney's Office) to prosecute, possession of a controlled substance. The bill encouraged pretrial diversion and made possession of a controlled substance a gross misdemeanor with a maximum sentence of 180 days of jail time and a \$1,000 fine for the first and second convictions; and 364 days of jail time with a \$1,000 fine for the third and subsequent convictions. The Benton County Prosecutor's Office, Kennewick City Attorney's Office, and Rio Foltz collaborated with Greater Columbia Behavioral Health and Merit Resource Services to create Benton County's Pretrial Diversion Program. City Attorney Laurencio Sanguino will provide a brief update on the Pretrial Diversion Program's progress to date.		
Attachments: 1. Data 2. Presentation		

Pretrial Diversion Program

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Laurencio Sanguino
Kennewick City Attorney's Office

City of Kennewick

Residents, 2024

	City	Residents
1	Seattle	797,700
2	Spokane	233,000
3	Tacoma	225,100
4	Vancouver	202,600
5	Bellevue	155,000
6	Kent	140,400
7	Everett	114,800
8	Spokane Valley	108,800
9	Renton	108,800
10	Federal Way	102,500
11	Yakima	99,370
12	Bellingham	97,270
13	Kirkland	96,710
14	Kennewick	87,120
15	Pasco	82,220
16	Redmond	80,040
17	Auburn	78,890
18	Marysville	74,390
19	Sammamish	68,410
20	Lakewood	64,620

Cases, 2024

	City	Cases
1	Spokane	7,888
2	Seattle	5,392
3	Everett	4,306
4	Kennewick	3,926
5	Vancouver	3,738
6	Yakima	3,176
7	Lakewood	3,112
8	Kent	2,766
9	Tacoma	2,646
10	Marysville	2,547
11	Bellingham	2,491
12	Federal Way	2,380
13	Pasco	2,082
14	Bellevue	1,965
15	Auburn	1,965
16	Renton	1,775
17	Spokane Valley	1,698
18	Kirkland	1,324
19	Redmond	873
20	Sammamish	93

Cases per Resident (C/R), 2024

	City	C/R
1	Lakewood	0.0482
2	Kennewick	0.0451
3	Everett	0.0375
4	Marysville	0.0342
5	Spokane	0.0339
6	Yakima	0.0320
7	Bellingham	0.0256
8	Pasco	0.0253
9	Auburn	0.0249
10	Federal Way	0.0232
11	Kent	0.0197
12	Vancouver	0.0185
13	Renton	0.0163
14	Spokane Valley	0.0156
15	Kirkland	0.0137
16	Bellevue	0.0127
17	Tacoma	0.0118
18	Redmond	0.0109
19	Seattle	0.0068
20	Sammamish	0.0014

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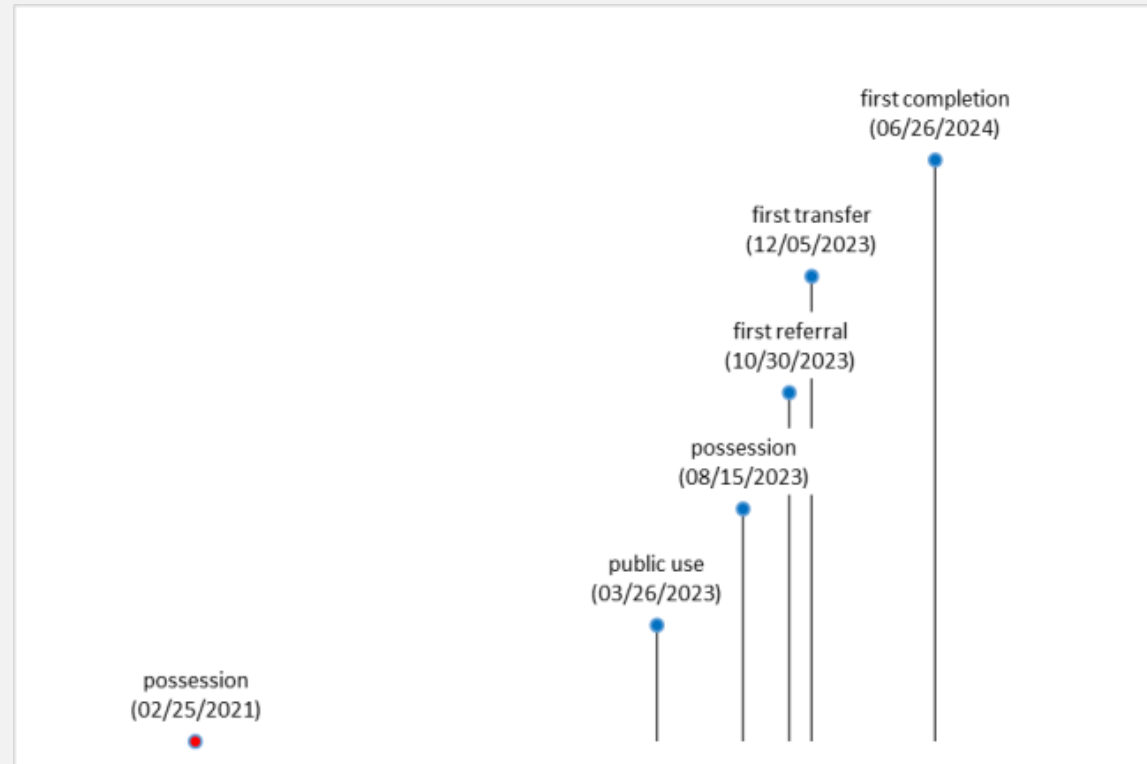
Controlled Substance Cases, 2024

Charge	Number	Percent
possession of controlled substance	366	9.32%
public use of controlled substance	32	0.82%
disposal of controlled substance/drug paraphernalia	58	1.48%
	456	11.61%
	1.25/day	

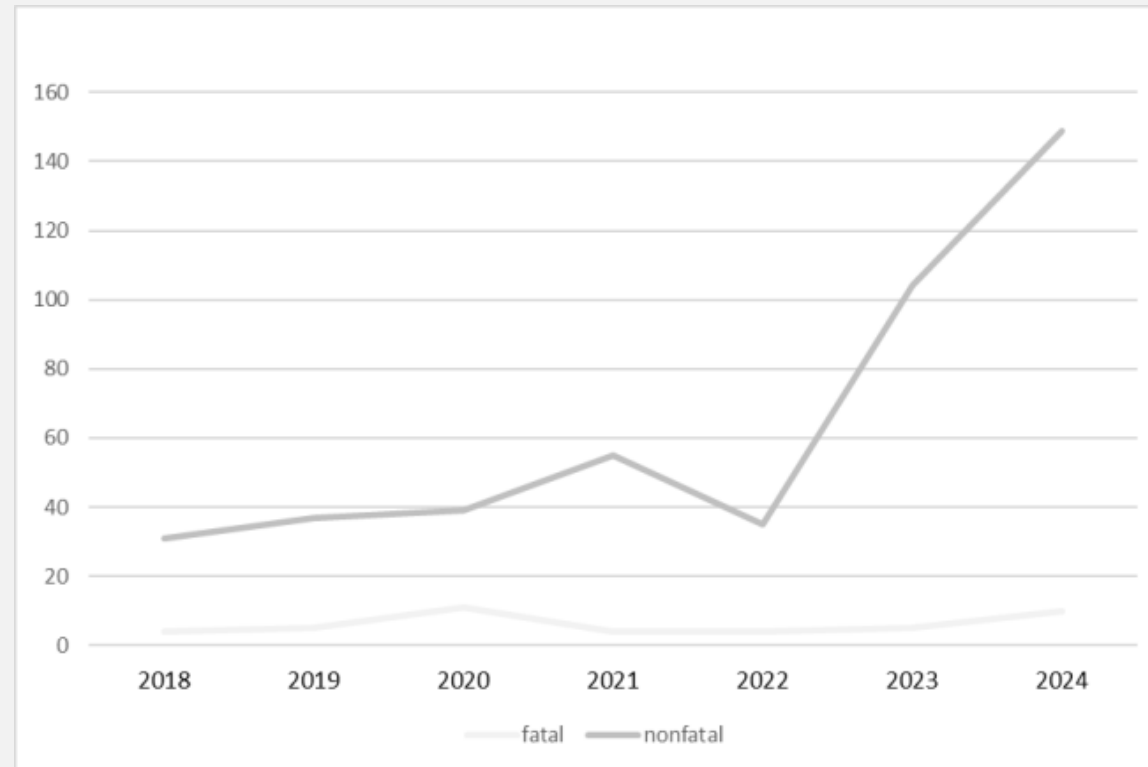
Total Cases, 2024

Charge	Number	Percent
driving while license suspended third degree	628	16.00%
criminal trespass second degree	432	11.00%
theft third degree	403	10.26%
assault fourth degree	401	10.21%
possession of controlled substance	366	9.32%
driving under the influence/physical control	300	7.64%
violation court order	168	4.28%
false reporting second degree	153	3.90%
criminal trespass first degree	138	3.52%
resisting arrest	137	3.49%
	3,126	79.62%

Timeline



Overdoses



Diversions

Participants, 2024-25

	Number	Percent
transferred	200	100.00%
assessed	126	63.00%
started inpatient treatment	65	32.50%
completed inpatient treatment	55	27.50%
started outpatient treatment	37	18.50%
completed outpatient treatment	21	10.50%
completed program	22	11.00%

Inpatient Treatment Length, 2024-25

	Number	Percent
one month	43	78.18%
two months	5	9.09%
three months	2	3.64%
fourth months	3	5.45%
five months	1	1.82%
10 months	1	1.82%
	55	100.00%

Crimes Before and After Pretrial Diversion Program Completion, 2024-25

*The first through 16th crimes are felonies; the 17th through 52nd are misdemeanors.

Charge	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
assault third degree	1					2					1							1	1				6
attempting to disarm officer											1												1
attempting to elude	1																						1
unlawful possession of firearm second degree									1														1
robbery second degree												1											1
residential burglary	1																						1
burglary second degree									1								1					1	3
identity theft	2											1					3						6
forgery						7																	7
theft second degree		1						1															2
retail theft w/special circumstances third degree	1																						1
possession of stolen vehicle	1																						1
stolen property trafficking first degree								1															1
possession of stolon property second degree		1				1																	2
malicious mischief second degree								1															1
possession of controlled substance	3	1				1		3	1			3		3					1				16
possession of drug paraphernalia						1					1												2
possession of controlled substance	1	1		5	1	1	1		2	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	31
public use of controlled substance				1				2						2			1						6
disposal of controlled substance/drug paraphernalia				3		2		4								1	1						11
assault fourth degree	2			1	2	5				1		2			1			1	4		3		22
provoking assault										2											2		4
obstructing public servant	1			1	1	6				1	3	4							7				24
resisting arrest	1			2		5				1	3	3						8	1				24
false reporting second degree	1										4		1			1			2				9
bail jumping																					1		1
violation court order				1		1													1				3
interfering w/reporting of domestic violence (DV)																			2				2
committing lewd conduct												1											1
disorderly conduct															1				1				2
city park regulation violation						1																	1
littering				1										1									2
interfering w/healthcare facility											1												1
theft third degree	10	2	1	2	2	6		1	1		3	1	2	1		2	10		8		3	2	57
unlawful issuance of checks/drafts																	3						3
criminal trespass first degree				8		2		1			1		1				1			1			15
criminal trespass second degree				7	1	10		7			1	7	1	4			4				1		43
malicious mischief third degree				1				1											1				3
using deadly weapon								1															1
possession/consumption of liquor by minor						2			1							1							4
no valid operator's license w/o identification																		1	1				2
driving while license suspended second degree					1	1									1								3

driving while license suspended third degree	1			2			1	1		4					3	2				4			18
operating vehicle w/o ignition interlock							1																1
hit and run unattended vehicle							2																2
hit and run attended vehicle							1										1		2				4
reckless driving				1																			1
driving under the influence				1		3			1														5
driving under the influence driver under 21 years old	1																						1
physical control												1											1
negligent driving first degree										1													1
	28	6	1	37	8	62	2	23	12	7	21	25	8	12	7	8	28	4	39	3	17	4	362