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Snohomish County Executive: South Everett vandalism incident shameful

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon today called Wednesday's vandalism of an Everett family's home shameful.

Executive Reardon said regardless of the motive, the perpetrators deserve to be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

In a statement sent to members of Executive Reardon's Community Advisory Council, he wrote:

“The investigation into whether or not this is a hate crime is on-going. However, there are very deeply rooted meanings in the symbols painted on the family's property which historically have conjured images of divisiveness, intimidation, fear and crimes against humanity.

“I continue my pledge that hate crimes will not be tolerated, nor do they reflect the values in our community.

“Residents of many diverse backgrounds call Snohomish County home, and we welcome anyone with the desire to live, work and raise their family in our community. We cannot allow the intolerance of a few to tarnish the rest of us.”

Executive Reardon's Community Advisory Council, which includes citizens from throughout Snohomish County, meets the fourth Monday of each month. The vandalism

incident is something the Council has expressed an interest in addressing. The next meeting is scheduled for April 25th in Everett.

“The purpose of this Community Advisory Council is to focus on social issues of concern to the citizens of Snohomish County,” Reardon said. “I am very pleased with the dialogue we have started. I look forward to continuing a dialogue that fosters trust and respect.”

The Community Advisory Council is focusing on issues such as race relations/civil and human rights, housing and homelessness, violence and domestic abuse and economic opportunity.

“I again underscore the importance of the Community Advisory Council and all efforts to make Snohomish County a welcoming place for all people,” Reardon said.

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