**Press Release**

Case 20-1222 Brittany Thuney Homicide

Re: Arrest of Kyle Belenski

On 5/15/2020 31-year-old Brittany Thuney was callously murdered by 60-year-old Scott Belenski after dropping her 7-year-old daughter off for visitation with her child’s father, Kyle Belenski. Scott Belenski followed Brittany away from the child exchange and shot her multiple times with a firearm near the intersection of Bloyd St and 18th Ave N in Kelso. Brittany escaped that ambush and drove to the AM/PM convenience mart in the 1700 block of Allen St looking for help only to have Scott Belenski follow. Scott Belenski caught up to Brittany at the store where he shot and killed her. Scott Belenski then turned the gun on himself and committed suicide.

Since 5/15/2020 investigators with the Kelso Police Department have continued to investigate these events. Today, on 5/6/2021, we arrested Kyle Belenski for crimes related to his actions prior to and after the homicide, specifically:

* Tampering with Physical Evidence
* Making False Statements to a Public Servant
* Obstruction of a Law Enforcement Officer
* No Contact/Protection Order Violation (Domestic Violence)

Kyle Belenski was contacted at his residence in Kelso where he was taken into custody without incident. He was then transported to the Cowlitz County Jail where he was booked on the above offenses.

The statute of limitation on homicide has no end and our investigation into Brittany’s murder remains open. We will have no further comments related to this investigation at this time.

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