



King County Executive
RON SIMS

August 24, 2000

John Rasmussen
1605 E. Lake Sammamish Place SE
Sammamish, WA 98029

Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

I have received and reviewed the e-mails which you sent to County officials on April 9, 1999, April 29, 1999, June 21, 1999, July 4, 1999, August 2, 1999, August 11, 1999, August 18, 1999, November 29, 1999, December 19, 1999, January 10, 2000, January 11, 2000, January 18, 2000, January 23, 2000, January 31, 2000, February 7, 2000, and August 11, 2000.

In many of these e-mails, you threatened to use force against County employees on the East Lake Sammamish corridor. You have recently escalated your threats to harm County employees. In your e-mail of November 29, 1999, you threatened to *"use whatever force is necessary"* to force County employees from the corridor. In your e-mail of August 11th, you repeatedly threatened to shoot County employees on the corridor.

I am deeply concerned by your threats. By threatening to harm County employees, you may have committed the crime of harassment, RCW 9A.46.020.

Please be advised that I have forwarded your e-mails to the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office for their review and possible criminal charges. Further, King County has filed a civil lawsuit to confirm the County's rights in the corridor, and to seek an injunction to prevent you from threatening or interfering with County employees and officials in any way.

Sincerely,

Ron Sims
King County Executive

cc: Chief Dick Baranzini, Chief of Police, City of Sammamish
The Honorable Norm Maleng, Prosecuting Attorney, Office of Prosecuting Attorney
The Honorable Dave Reichert, Sheriff, King County Sheriff's Office