

VEHICLE PURSUIT CRITERIA

A. Officers may not engage in a pursuit unless:

1. There is probable cause to believe that a person in the vehicle has committed or is committing a **VIOLENT OFFENSE** or **SEX OFFENSE** (RCW 9.94.030) or **ESCAPE** (RCW 9A.76); or
2. There is reasonable suspicion a person in the vehicle has committed or is committing a **DUI** offense (RCW 46.61.502);

AND

3. The pursuit is necessary for the purpose of identifying or apprehending the person;
4. The person poses an imminent threat to the safety of others and the safety risks of failing to apprehend or identify the person are considered to be greater than the safety risks of the vehicular pursuit under the circumstances;

AND

5. The officer has received the permission of a supervising officer and there is supervisory control of the pursuit.

RADIO TRAFFIC EXAMPLE: “SM_ RADIO – I AM BEHIND THE SUSPECT VEHICLE. I HAVE PC FOR _____ AND I NEED TO **IDENTIFY** –OR- **APPREHEND** THE OCCUPANT(S). CONTACT MY SUPERVISOR VIA PHONE AND REQUEST PERMISSION TO PURSUE.”

LIST OF VIOLENT AND / OR SEX OFFENSES

- Any felony defined under any law as a class A felony or an attempt to commit a class A felony to include:
- Criminal solicitation of or criminal conspiracy to commit a class A felony;
- Murder 1st Degree;
- Murder 2nd Degree;
- Manslaughter 1st Degree;
- Homicide by Abuse;
- Controlled Substance Homicide;
- Indecent Liberties if committed by Forcible Compulsion;
- Rape of a Child 1st Degree;
- Rape of a Child 2nd Degree;
- Child Molestation 1st Degree;
- Kidnapping 1st Degree;
- Kidnapping 2nd Degree;
- Rape 1st Degree;

- Rape 2nd Degree;
- Arson 1st Degree;
- Assault 1st Degree;
- Assault 2nd Degree;
- Assault of a Child 1st Degree;
- Burglary 1st Degree;
- Extortion 1st Degree;
- Robbery 1st Degree;
- Drive By Shooting;
- Vehicular Assault, caused by DUI or driving in a reckless manner;
- Vehicular Homicide, caused by DUI or by the operation of any vehicle in a reckless manner;
- Sex offense other than failure to register;
- Incest;
- Sexual exploitation of children;
- Sexually Violent Predator Escape;