

Kittitas County Prosecutor

Agenda Staff Report

AGENDA DATE:

11/1/2011

ACTION REQUESTED:

Consider claim for damages filed by Danielle Blevins.

BACKGROUND:

Ms. Blevins had a pair of binoculars that she left in a Noxious Weed Board truck in a County lot over night. The truck was broken into and the binoculars were stolen.

INTERACTION:

She filed a claim for damages with the Auditor on 9/19/11, who forwarded that claim to the Prosecutor's Office. The Prosecutor's office sought input from the Public Works Director and Noxious Weed Program Coordinator and received a letter from the former and spoke orally with the latter.

RECOMMENDATION:

Deny the claim. The County is not responsible for the safety of people's personal property that they chose to bring to, and leave at/in county facilities. Particularly the County is not responsible for damages caused by criminal acts of unknown third parties.

HANDLING:

Claim filed with Auditor, forwarded to Prosecutor, input sought and received from Public Works Director and Noxious Weed Program Coordinator.

LEAD STAFF:

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