

# MEDIA RELEASE

## **Deputies Will NOT Make Traffic Stops Soley to Ensure Community Members Are Complying With Executive Order 20-12**

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The Washington County Sheriff's Office wants to remind community members that local law enforcement agencies WILL NOT perform a traffic stop on a vehicle for the sole purpose of ensuring the occupant(s) are complying with Governor Brown's Executive Order 20-12. Additionally, during a traffic stop, law enforcement WILL NOT ask for documentation from an occupant's employer to show they are "essential."

Within Washington County, there have been four separate complaints where drivers claimed to have been stopped by law enforcement and questioned about their purpose for driving. Detectives investigated these claims and found two people fabricated their stories. The others have not returned the detectives' phone calls.

Patrol deputies are continuing to focus their efforts on responding to calls for service, enforcing traffic laws, and keeping the community safe. Additionally, corrections deputies are maintaining the Washington County Jail and taking additional steps to keep inmates and staff safe in light of COVID-19



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