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To: [Debbie Tarry](#)
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Subject: Shoreline Officer Jim Fowler
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Debbie,

Jim Fowler is one of our graveyard officers, he's one of our best. He was t-boned a little over a year ago on 175th, luckily the impact was to the front end of his patrol car. MARR said if it was a split second later he wouldn't have survived the collision. That night he was transported to HMC and returned to work several weeks later. He recently had shoulder surgery where they had to repair more damage than what they anticipated. He'll be out of work for approximately six months.

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From: Fowler, James L
Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 3:18 PM
To: Konoske, Mark
Cc: Ivory, Helen; Strathy, Scott; Ledford, Shawn; Klein, Paul; Torres, Richard
Subject: Re: Surgery Update

Sentencing follow-up, sorry this was delayed:

First of all the sentencing was much more difficult than I thought. The judge asked me to speak about the impact the accident has had on my family which has been significant, but I didn't realize how much until I was talking about it. I simply shared having to work through pain this last year at work (ie wrist soreness when typing etc..), lost time with my son (I.e. Not skiing, dirt biking due to my injuries etc..) and the fear my wife has now whenever she gets a phone call past 10:30. When I spoke about the lost time with my son I became emotional which I wasn't prepared for. The judge appreciated the testimony.

Ms. Valenzuela (Suspect) read a note to me and the court which was heart felt and sincere. We hear a lot of BS in our line of work, but this note was apologetic and heart felt. In it she said she didn't expect forgiveness from me, but hoped one day I would. The sentence was a 2 year suspended sentence. 2 months in jail/work release, 4 months home monitoring, 240 hours of community service and 5 years probation.

After the sentencing I walked over to Ms. Valenzuela and told her my family and I forgive her and gave her a big hug. Many in the court room including the stenographer became emotional. A couple defense attorneys and my prosecutor said they have seen hundreds of cases and haven't seen that before. My prosecutor told me she couldn't have done that and I explained to her who am I not to forgive someone when I have been forgiven for so much. I then explained to the prosecutor that I do this job because I believe people can change and I believe Ms. Valenzuela demonstrated that for me. I was approached by several people about the gesture and I explained many of the people I get to work with would have done the same thing. I am thankful for the quality group of people I get to work with and for, in the City of Shoreline. It was good to have a little closure on this saga. Now I just need to heal up from the lingering injuries.

Sorry for the long email.

Respectfully,

Jim