

**Spokane County Office**

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**Prosecuting Attorney**

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Recently, the Inlander published an article regarding statements attributed to my wife on social media. Certain contributors to the article suggest that the expressed views are my own. Such allegations are not true.

Be assured, I have and will continue to hold myself, the prosecutor's office, and, to the extent possible, our local criminal justice system accountable to ensure the constitutional and statutory mandates for the equal treatment of all people under the law apply regardless of race or color.

I have been in public service for most of my adult life. I have always strived to build up the community and not tear it down. I have never had any complaint filed against me for unethical or disparate treatment based on race or color. As the elected prosecutor, I represent all residents within this county. I have always attempted to be fair and understanding with everyone involved in the criminal justice system and within the prosecutor's office.

I want to strongly reassure everyone that what was expressed in the Inlander, as my wife's comments, are not my views nor the views of the prosecutor's office – nor should they ever be. No amount of republishing of her social media posts will make that so. I have never and will never use such language. I apologize for the language and content as contained in the article.

I do not and will not tolerate racial bias or discrimination in any form. People that know me fully understand those are not my views. I do not tolerate racial bias or disparate treatment of any kind as proven by my words, deeds, and treatment of others during my tenure as prosecutor. I pride myself on how the prosecutor's office regularly applies evenhandedness with each other, with people in the community and with all individuals we have daily contact with. We will continue to do so.