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The Rainbow Center Partners with The Tacoma Police Department to Address Recent Crimes of Hate

TACOMA, Wash. – The Tacoma Police Department understands and agrees with the fear and concern caused by a series of pride flag thefts from residences throughout the city over the past weekend. Together we believe in fostering an atmosphere of equity, inclusion, for our diverse Tacoma residents. Based upon the actions and suspected motivation of the offender(s), the police department views these incidents as crimes of hate and will be investigated under the Malicious Harassment and Theft RCWs.

Any victims who have not been contacted yet by TPD detectives will be soon. If any additional residents of our city have fallen victim to these acts, please call 911 or the TPD non-emergency line at (253)287-4455 to report them. Individuals may also submit anonymous tips to Crime Stoppers at 1(800)222-TIPS or contact the Rainbow Center at info@rainbowcntr.org.

The Tacoma Police Department stands with and has a deep commitment to our LGBTQIA+ community and all communities that are victims of hate. Hate has no place in the City of Tacoma and the Tacoma Police Department will do their best to ensure these perpetrators are brought to justice. Support services are available from the Tacoma Rainbow Center at (253)383-2318 or via info@rainbowcntr.org.

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