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Capitol Police obtain warrant in telephone threat case

RICHMOND – RICHMOND – A man arrested earlier this year for threats made to Washington Gov. Jay Inslee and his staff is now wanted on a similar charge in Virginia.

The Virginia Division of Capitol Police obtained a warrant Wednesday charging Shawn C. Rowland, 32, of Mill Creek, Wash., with a single count of use of profane, threatening or indecent language over public airways or by other methods.

The charge, a Class 1 misdemeanor, stems from a voicemail left on a Capitol Police line Feb. 9. A Class 1 misdemeanor carries confinement in jail for not more than 12 months, a fine of not more than \$2,500, either or both.

Rowland was arrested April 21 by the Washington State Patrol on a charge of threatening Inslee. That charge stemmed from a threatening message left April 12 on the Washington governor's Office of Constituent Services voicemail.

Rowland is scheduled for an Aug. 10 trial in Snohomish County, Wash.

Virginia Capitol Police Chief Anthony S. Pike called Wednesday's warrant "the result of excellent cooperation between our law enforcement partners in Washington and our investigators. We will do anything we can to support free speech, but when that crosses the line into violence or threats of violence, it will not be tolerated."



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