



**Chief's Report
Ruston Police Department
Tuesday, February 15, 2022**

Chief of Police:

During the previous 28 days the Police Department logged 157 calls for service. Calls will include traffic stops, 911 calls or other calls for service. The number is up by approximately 50% from our previous council report and it matches the trend experienced throughout the county. I predict crimes will continue to rise in our region and I generally attribute this to the Blake Decision, the unintended fallout of the anti-police laws of 2021, and the inability for police to book suspects into the Pierce County Jail.

Sarah Ramey, the arsonist suspected of starting at least 2 fires in Ruston is still in the Pierce County Jail. The investigation continues and evidence is being sought to determine if she may have been involved in one other.

The Department has 3 full-time openings after the departure of Shawn Hoey to the Tacoma Police Department. A part-time officer will take Hoey's shift until we can replace him. We currently have one person in the background for part-time work, and with satisfactory performance, will be considered for a full-time position.

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