

Cameras, Cameras, Everywhere And All The Boards Did Think

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MONTESANO, Wash. - When does security compromise sincerity? A question posed to the Montesano City Council this week by Police Chief Brett Vance as he reported on the new trend in city buildings since the March 9th shooting one block away "I think the biggest blockade we have in this is that we've gotten into that mode of 'we are a small town, and we are a very safe town' unfortunately it takes one incident like this to open our eyes and realize that it could happen anywhere."

The Montesano City Council on Tuesday discussed security measures ranging from cameras, to I.D. Cards, to bulletproof glass. "I've been living in Monte for over five years now, I still consider it Mayberry. As we're trying to make things a little bit safer, I don't want us to rush into something." Councilman Chris Hutchinson contrasted an extreme example noting bulletproof glass in Los Angeles fast food restaurants.

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The Grays Harbor Transit Authority discussed security measures this week. Board member, and County Commissioner Mike Wilson said "Rick Scott [had a vendor] show him how their program works. So they took him to one of the malls and said 'pick a car out, out there' so Scott said he picked a car way off in the distance and they were able to zoom all the way in to the license plate." Commissioner Terry Willis said the county has seen quotes averaging \$3,000 per camera, depending on features.

MunicipalCosmopolis just turned on the new security camera in their municipal court, and will have a bailiff beginning today. Mayor Vickie Raines tells us cameras are at the Cosi court and police station, and have been ordered for city hall, Mill Creek and Lions Club Park. Aberdeen Mayor Bill Simpson said his staff has been meeting frequently to determine their security needs. Hoquiam demonstrated their new camera system to council on Monday night in the Municipal court. Mayor Durney said the city has 8 or 9 cameras throughout the city, and hopes to replace the system at their police station soon.