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## Statement from Police Chief Dan Templeman on the verdict of Officer Dan Rocha's murder trial

EVERETT, WA – This is a statement from City of Everett Police Chief Dan Templeman on the verdict of Officer Dan Rocha's murder trial:

"Today's verdict comes with mixed feelings. While on one hand, I am pleased to see that the defendant will be held accountable for his actions to the fullest extent of the law, it still doesn't bring Dan back, nor does it change the fact that his family lost a loving son, husband, brother and father.

I'd like to extend my deepest gratitude to the entire investigative team, and in particular lead detective, Kendra Conley with the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, as well as the prosecution team of Craig Matheson and Bob Langbehn, who have all spent the last year diligently preparing for this trial. I can never express my level of appreciation for them. Their tireless efforts and extreme competence secured a verdict in this case that brings justice to the family and our department members. They are among the finest public safety professionals I've had the honor to work with in my career.

Moving forward, the Everett Police Department will remain steadfast in our commitment to honor and remember Officer Rocha and his legacy of community service. We will never forget."

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