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LOCAL OKANAGAN COUNTY DEPUTY HONORED NATIONALLY FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL BRAVERY

Spokane, Washington – First Assistant United States Attorney Pete Serrano announced that local Okanagan County Sergeant Kristopher Brakebill has been honored nationally for his exceptional bravery and heroism for his response in detaining multiple suspects involved in a violent murder spree that began on the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation.

In October 2022, while investigating a separate homicide on the Colville Indian Reservation, Sergeant Kristopher Brakebill responded to reports of a robbery and double homicide in Keller, Washington. After spotting the suspects' vehicle, he initiated a solo pursuit through remote mountainous terrain. During the chase, suspects ambushed him multiple times, firing on his patrol vehicle and seriously wounding him. Despite being injured and without immediate backup, Sergeant Brakebill continued tracking the suspects, relaying critical information to responding officers until they were successfully intercepted and arrested.

Serrano stated, “Sergeant Brakebill’s courage, determination, and commitment to public safety were instrumental in preventing the suspects' escape and bringing them to justice. I am honored to be able to sit alongside him as he received this award in Washington DC and thankful the Department recognized him along with every other brave and heroic law enforcement officer who responded that day.”