

*Media Advisory:*

## **Tour of New Kitsap County Jail Facility for Press Representatives**

Kitsap County Sheriff Steve Boyer, has extended an invitation to interested media representatives for a press tour of the newly completed expansion wing of the Kitsap County Jail, located adjacent to the county courthouse at 614 Division Street, Port Orchard.

The tour will begin at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, July 31, 2003, with brief remarks by Sheriff Boyer and Corrections Chief Larry Bertholf.

The area to be visited will be the new inmate housing unit consisting of 310 beds. With completion of this new wing, the Kitsap County Jail will increase its capacity from 200 prisoners to 510.

This marks a milestone in the jail expansion project that began with the passing of a one-tenth of one percent sales tax, in February 1999, by the citizens of Kitsap County. The last and final phase of the project consists of remodeling of the existing prisoner intake and release area, inmate property storage, the master control room and prisoner holding cells. Total completion of the project is anticipated in the fall.

Media representatives attending the jail tour are requested to assemble at the front entrance of the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office (above address) between 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. Still and video photography inside the new jail wing is permitted.

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