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**MAYOR JIM FERRELL ANNOUNCES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
FEDERAL WAY'S VIOLENT CRIME TASK FORCE**

FEDERAL WAY, Wash. — After last week's shootings, which resulted in the death of a 2-year-old and the injury of a man near Pacific Highway, as well as another incident that injured a teenager at a nearby apartment complex, Mayor Jim Ferrell is pushing back against crime by establishing a highly skilled Violent Crime Task Force.

The Violent Crime Task Force is comprised of members of the Federal Way Police Department (FWPD), whose crucial mission is identifying the perpetrators of these violent acts and bringing them to justice.

Mayor Ferrell clarified that the City of Federal Way will not tolerate such crimes. He is taking all the necessary measures to safeguard the hard-working community.

"Our number one priority here at the City of Federal Way is the safety of our community," said Mayor Ferrell. "We will move heaven and earth and deploy every resource available to find the perpetrator of the horrible murder of the 2-year-old near IHOP and to locate and hold accountable those committing violent crimes in our community."

Mayor Ferrell emphasized that the community needs answers to numerous unanswered questions.

"The Violent Crime Task Force will investigate people involved in violence, find out where they live, and determine who is connected with them. We will use forensic evidence and other means to solve cases and bring violent offenders to justice," said Kyle Sumpter, Deputy Chief of Police. "We work around the clock to protect the people and families in Federal Way."

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