

# Second man faces charge in killings

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COLVILLE, Wash.—Jeffrey Stephen Cunningham is to be arraigned today on charges that he helped a man accused of shooting two men whose bones were found in and around a burned-out truck on a logging road.

Cunningham, 25, faces the same charge of first-degree rendering criminal assistance as Dane Matthew Williams, 27, who pleaded innocent Tuesday in Stevens County Superior Court. The alleged shooter, John Douglas “Chooey” Grange, 26, has agreed not to challenge his transfer from Oregon and is expected to arrive in Colville next week. No court date has been scheduled for him.

Stevens County sheriff’s officers and local authorities arrested Grange in Portland on Nov. 14; Williams Nov. 8 near Vancouver, Wash.; and Cunningham, Nov. 3, in Broward County, Fla. Grange is charged with two counts of second-degree murder for allegedly killing Nicholas Kaiser and Josh Schaefer, both 21, at a cabin near where the victims’ skeletal remains were found about 15 miles north of Colville. Prosecutor Jerry Wetle said in court documents that Schaefer had been attending the Northport Barter Faire with his friend, Kaiser, whom the suspects considered a drug informer.

Kaiser is from Waynesboro, Pa., but had been living as a transient in Western Washington when he and Schaefer were shot to death June 11 with a .22-caliber rifle. Schaefer is from San Diego.

Williams and Cunningham are accused of helping Grange burn the victims’ bodies in Kaiser’s pickup.