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On September 23, 2022, Officer Involved Shooting in Jefferson County

Jefferson County, WA - On Friday, September 23, 2022, Detectives from the Washington State Patrol, Mason County and Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Offices responded to the Brinnon Community Center, located at 306144 US 101 to investigate a report of an officer involved shooting. While the investigation is still in the preliminary stages, the following synopsis was developed after interviewing civilian witnesses, witness officers, dispatch CAD notes and physical evidence at the scene.

At 2:44 PM, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) deputies advised via radio communications of shots fired. Responding deputies rendered aid until medics arrived. The injured party was later identified as Timothy C. Connor, a forty-nine year old male. A handgun, not belonging to JCSO deputies, was located near Mr. Connor. Mr. Connor was airlifted to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle where he was pronounced deceased.

The Washington State Patrol will conduct the ongoing investigation.

This update is required in compliance with WAC 139-12, which mandates weekly updates be sent out by the lead investigative agency in investigations where a Washington State Peace Officer uses deadly force in the capacity of his or her law enforcement duties. These updates are required even if no new information is available at the time of the update.

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With the passage of [Washington State Initiative 940](#) in 2018, and [Substitute House Bill 1064](#) in 2019, incidents where the use of deadly force by a peace officer results in death, substantial bodily harm, or great bodily harm require an independent investigation. This investigation must be conducted in the same manner as a criminal investigation and state law now requires an "independent investigation" completely independent of the involved agency.

Per WAC 139-12, the IIT is unable to release any criminal history related to the individual, which includes the circumstances surrounding the initial contact, which prompted the law enforcement response. This information can only be released if specifically requested by the media, and is able to be released consistent with the Public Records Act Chapter 42.56 RCW.

Weekly update will be provided as the investigation continues. The policies and operating procedures of the IIT are available to the public at: <https://www.wsp.wa.gov/about-us/our-mission/> or directly at: <https://www.wsp.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/CID-IIT-Protocol.pdf>

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