



Spokane Independent Investigative Response Team

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SIIR Investigates Officer-Involved Shooting in Spokane County

SPOKANE, Wash. – The Spokane Independent Investigative Response (SIIR) Team is investigating an officer-involved shooting that occurred Tuesday morning in the 18600 Block of E. Lindsay Lane in Greenacres, Wash.

Spokane County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) deputies responded a neighbor reporting a disturbance in the area at around 11 p.m. Monday. Deputies established a perimeter around a residence and attempted to contact an individual inside.

The SCSO Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team, crisis negotiators, mental health co-responder units, Spokane Regional Air Support Unit (SRASU) members, Spokane Valley Fire Department (SVFD), and American Medical Response (AMR) personnel responded to assist.

The incident continued for 12 hours resulting in officers requesting nearby residents to evacuate or shelter in place. Nearby Greenacres Elementary School was closed as a precaution.

Deputies and negotiators made continual efforts through the night and into the morning to contact the individual inside the residence. The residence later caught fire just before 11 a.m. Tuesday. A short time later, the individual exited the residence and was struck during an officer-involved shooting event.

Despite life-saving efforts, the individual was pronounced deceased at the scene. No involved officers were injured during the incident.

The SIIR Team is comprised of multiple agencies in Eastern Washington, including the Spokane Police Department, the Washington State Patrol (WSP), Liberty Lake Police Department, Airway Heights Police Department, the SCSO and the Spokane Valley Police Department.

The WSP will be the lead investigating agency in this incident. All future media communications regarding this incident will be provided through the WSP Government and Media Relations (GMR) Division.

The SCSO will release the names of the involved deputies at a later time. The Spokane County Medical Examiner's Office will release the name of the decedent when appropriate.

Once the SIIR Team investigation is complete, the case will be forwarded to the Spokane County Prosecutor's Office for review.

In compliance with WAC 139-12, Spokane County Sheriff's Office/Spokane Valley Police Department personnel will not be involved in this 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.

Previous press releases can be found at <https://www.wsp.wa.gov/press-releases/>

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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