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SIIR investigates officer-involved shooting in Spokane Valley

SPOKANE VALLEY, Wash. – The Spokane Independent Investigative Response (SIIR) Team is investigating an officer-involved shooting that occurred on Tuesday night in Spokane Valley.

Spokane Valley Police Department (SVPD) officers were called to an incident at residence at 7:29 p.m. near the 6800 block of East 10th Avenue. The SVPD is staffed and managed by Spokane County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) deputies.

Two deputies responded and contacted a 30-year-old man at the residence. The contact resulted in a lethal use of force as one of the deputies fired his service weapon and struck the man.

The man was transported with serious injuries to Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane. Neither deputy was injured in the incident.

The SIIR investigation team for this event is comprised of detectives from the Spokane Police Department (SPD) and the Washington State Patrol (WSP). The WSP is the lead investigating agency for this incident. Weekly updates regarding this incident will be provided.

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.

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 updates 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/independent-investigation-team/>.

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