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Critical Incident – Initial Press Release

Spokane, Wash. – On June 15, 2025, Washington State Patrol (WSP) troopers along with one Spokane County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) Deputy were involved in a critical incident at the intersection of E. Trent Ave. and N. Pines Rd. in Spokane County. At the conclusion of this incident, investigators discovered that three WSP troopers had discharged their firearms. The troopers' names and pictures can be found below:

Trooper Jordan Berezay



Trooper Alek Black



Trooper Dallas Slemp



The Spokane Independent Investigative Response (SIIR) Team was activated, and the Spokane Police Department (SPD) is leading the investigation. All additional inquiries should be directed to Spokane Police Officer Dan Strassenberg at 509-344-9006 or dstrassenberg@spokanepolice.org.



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Investigation and Process:

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.

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