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Critical Incident – Update #2 YVSIU Officer Involved Shooting

Outlook, Wash. – The Yakima Valley Special Investigations Unit (YVSIU) is investigating an Officer-Involved shooting that occurred on June 28, 2025 in Outlook, Wash.

The investigation has revealed that the male subject at the residence presented a firearm and pointed it at the responding Yakima County Sheriff's Deputies. Deputy Wesley Graybael, badge # 106, fired one round from his department-issued rifle. Additionally, Deputy Sergeant Justin Paganelli, badge # 47, fired one less-lethal round from his department-issued less-lethal shotgun.

The male subject retreated into the residence and barricaded himself inside. Additional resources were requested to include the Yakima Regional SWAT Team, who arrived and assumed management of the scene. The Tri-Cities Regional SWAT Team also arrived and assisted. After a lengthy attempt to contact and locate the male subject, entry was made into the residence; however, the subject was not located. The scene was processed the following morning on June 29, at which time the subject was located under the residence, deceased.

The male subject has been identified as Petronilo G. Cervantes, DOB 05-31-1984, of Outlook. The cause of death is still under investigation, as the subject was not struck by gunfire.

The investigation remains ongoing.

Investigation and Process:

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



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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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