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Critical Incident – Update #2 IFIT-KC Officer Involved Shooting

Bellevue, Wash. – The Independent Force Investigation Team – King County (IFIT-KC) is investigating an Officer-Involved shooting that occurred Friday morning in Bellevue, Wash.

On Thursday, August 7, 2025, at approximately 8:14 PM, Bellevue Police officers were dispatched to the 15800 block of Northup Way, for reports of a subject brandishing a sword. Once on scene, the subject fired a High-Velocity Air Rifle firing metal projectiles at the officers, at which point a SWAT response was initiated.

Over the course of the next several hours, multiple attempts to contact the subject were made in which the subject randomly fired shots at officers.

Around 12:31 AM, officers reported being fired upon again and returned fire. The subject was struck and pronounced deceased at the scene.

The investigation is ongoing and there are no additional details available at this time.

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 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



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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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