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Critical Incident - Update #2 YVSIU Officer Involved Shooting

Yakima, Wash. – The Yakima Valley Special Investigations Unit (YVSIU) is investigating an officer-involved shooting that occurred Saturday evening in Yakima, Wash.

The investigation has identified the deceased subject as 36-year-old Roberto Leyva Sanchez of Yakima. Sanchez was a homicide suspect in an incident that occurred earlier that day in Yakima.

The YVSIU investigation determined that, following a brief pursuit that ended with a PIT maneuver disabling the suspect's vehicle, the homicide suspect presented and fired a handgun at the officers. In response, an officer-involved shooting occurred. No officers were struck by bullets fired from the subject's gun. However, one officer was injured by gunfire. The officer was treated at the hospital for non-life threating injuries and released later that day.

The identity of the officers who were involved in the officer-involved-shooting incident on August 9, 2025 are identified as:

- Chief Shawn Boyle, years of service: 28
- Lieutenant Ira Cavin, years of service: 20
- Sergeant R. Scott Grant, years of service: 17
- Sergeant Jeremy Soptich, years of service: 10
- Sergeant Patrick Schad, years of service: 8
- Detective Lukas Hinton, years of service: 9
- Detective Isaac Ayon, years of service: 7





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Detective Brock Dunmore, years of service: 5

Officer Gonzalo Deloza, years of service: 21

Officer Ryan Davis, years of service: 13

Officer Michael Campos Jr., years of service: 5

Officer Riley Morin, years of service: 4

Officer Drew Kornegay, years of service: 3

Officer Josue Rodriguez, years of service: 1

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 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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