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Critical Incident – Initial Press Release

Colville, Wash. – The Northeast Washington Independent Investigation Team (NEWIIT) is investigating an Officer-Involved shooting that occurred on Wednesday near Colville, Wash.

On September 23, 2025, at approximately 9:16 p.m., Stevens County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) deputies were dispatched to 686 Old Arden Road #36, six miles south of Colville, for a reported domestic violence incident. During the response, the suspect barricaded himself inside the residence.

Officers from the Colville Police Department, Kettle Falls Police Department, Chewelah Police Department, and the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife responded to assist. In the early morning hours of September 24, 2025, an officer-involved shooting occurred when a Kettle Falls Police Officer and SCSO deputies fired upon the male subject. The subject was struck, sustained non-life-threatening injuries, and was transported to Sacred Heart Hospital for treatment.

The Northeast Washington Independent Investigation Team (NEWIIT) protocol was activated. The Washington State Patrol (WSP), and Pend Oreille County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene to investigate. WSP has been designated as the lead investigating agency. In accordance with policy and practice, WSP will issue weekly updates on this ongoing investigation through the Government and Media Relations Office in Olympia, Wash.

The investigation is active and in its early stages, so no additional details are available.

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.

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



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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.

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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