



Snohomish County Multiple Agency Response Team **Updates in Officer-Involved Shooting Investigation**

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EVERETT, Wash. - The investigation into an officer-involved shooting that occurred in Everett last Saturday night continues. Evidence gathered in the investigation showed that the 44 year-old suspect made multiple threats to the female victim via text and phone messages earlier that day. The messages left by the suspect also indicated that he would kill police. However, evidence gathered in the investigation does not show that the suspect was at the exact location where the victim was (the 17500 block of 54th Pl, Lynnwood) at the time those threats were made. Based on messages he sent to the victim, the suspect implied he was in the area, watching Lynnwood officers interact with the victim at her residence.

Two civilian witnesses gave a description to investigators of the confrontation between the Lynnwood officer and the suspect at the 3900 block of Grand Ave. Witnesses stated that the suspect threw objects as he approached the officer, while the officer gave verbal commands to the suspect. Witnesses also stated the suspect did not follow the officer's commands and he continued to advance towards the officer, reaching for his gun. In gathering evidence from the scene, two heavy metal balls were recovered, but no weapons were found. It has not been confirmed whether the suspect and officer engaged in a physical struggle. The other two Lynnwood officers in the area told investigators they heard the confrontation between the police officer and suspect, but did not visually witness it.

Identification of the suspect, as well as cause and manner of death, will be determined by the Snohomish County Medical Examiner.

The incident is being investigated by Snohomish County Multi-Agency Response Team, a team of detectives from various Snohomish County law enforcement agencies who respond to and investigate police use-of-force incidents in the county.

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