Snohomish County Multiple Agency Response Team

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SMART Team Investigation in Deputy Involved Shooting

WOODINVILLE - Detectives with the Snohomish County Multiple Agency Response Team (SMART) are investigating a deputy involved shooting of a 42-year-old man that occurred at about 5:15 am today in the 19500 block of 136th Avenue NE in Woodinville.

Witnesses called 911 around 4:45 am and deputies with the Snohomish County Sheriff’s Office were dispatched to what was initially reported as a motor vehicle collision at the intersection of 144th St SW and Meadow Road (Lynnwood) involving a Camaro and a black SUV. Witnesses reported that the suspect vehicle, the black SUV, intentionally backed into the Camaro. The male driver then exited the SUV and an altercation between the two drivers ensued. Witnesses reported that the SUV driver stabbed the driver of the Camaro, a 30-year-old male, as well as striking the Camaro with a hatchet. The driver of the SUV then fled the scene.

Sheriff’s deputies spotted the suspect vehicle and attempted a traffic stop on 128th St SE (Everett) to stop the vehicle. The suspect vehicle did not stop and entered southbound I-5. A pursuit ensued down I-5 to SR-520, along Avondale Road to the Woodville-Duvall Road and ended after a deputy attempted to PIT the suspect vehicle at the 19500 block of 136th Avenue NE.
The suspect vehicle went off the roadway, shots were fired and the male driver was transported to Harborview Regional Medical Center. SMART detectives are investigating the events that led to the deputy-involved shooting.

Three deputies have been placed on administrative leave, as per agency policy, and no deputies sustained any injuries. The driver of the Camaro was treated by aid units later and released.

The roadway at NE 195th St SE and 136th Ave NE remains closed for the investigation and is not expected to re-open for several hours.

The investigation is being conducted by the Snohomish County Multiple Agency Response Team (SMART), a team of detectives from various Snohomish County law enforcement agencies who respond to, and investigate, police use of force incidents. When the SMART investigation is complete, results will be forwarded to the Snohomish County Prosecutor’s Office for review.

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