Snohomish County Multiple Agency Response Team

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SMART Team Investigating a Use of Force Incident
Smart Incident 20-2

Arlington, Wash. – At 4:46am Snohomish County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a residence in the 17300 block 126th ST NE of Arlington, for a suspicion person in the backyard of a residence. Upon arriving on scene, deputies saw a man running from the residence and contacted him in a wooded area across the street. An altercation ensued and one deputy deployed a taser. Immediately after the taser deployment deputies observed a self-inflicted neck wound on the 41-year-old man and called for aid.

The man was transported to Providence Regional Medical Center Colby campus with serious injuries.

At this time in the investigation, detectives believe the man and a woman at the residence had been in a relationship and the man is the respondent in a domestic violence no-contact order at the location. It is also believed the man was slashing tires on the property prior to the deputies' arrival. When the man is released from the hospital it is believed he will be booked into the Snohomish County Jail for a court order violation and resisting arrest.

The two deputies have been placed on administrative leave per standard department procedure.

The investigation is being conducted by the [Snohomish County Multiple Agency Response Team (SMART)](). SMART is a team of investigators, evidence technicians, records specialist, and public information officers from various Snohomish County law enforcement agencies and Washington State Patrol, who respond to, and investigate, police use of force incidents. There are civilian community members that also serve on the SMART team per the Law Enforcement Training and Community Safety

Act (LETSCO). When the SMART investigation is complete, results will be forwarded to the Snohomish County Prosecutor's Office for review.

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