



Snohomish County Multiple Agency Response Team

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UPDATE: SMART Team Continues to Investigate a Use of Force Incident

Smart Incident 20-2

Arlington, Wash. – Detectives with the Snohomish County Multiple Agency Response Team (SMART) continue to investigate a deputy involved incident involving a 41-year old man that occurred just after 5:00am on Sunday, May 10 in Arlington. The man was found on the property of his estranged wife, where he was prohibited from due to a domestic violence court order.

After a brief altercation, one deputy deployed a taser. Immediately after the taser deployment deputies observed a self-inflicted neck wound on the 41-year-old man, called for aid, and the man was transported to the Providence Regional Medical Center Colby Campus with serious injuries.

Detectives located a hunting knife and a backpack belonging to the man that contained supplies that could potentially have been used to inflict severe injury or even death.

On Monday, May 11, the 41-year old man was released from the hospital and booked into the Snohomish County Jail on the following charges: assault 1 DV, no contact protection restraining order violation, malicious mischief, and stalking. The man has a history of violating the domestic violence no contact order and stalking his estranged wife.

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

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Arlington, Wash. (May 10, 2020) – 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.

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