



Snohomish County Multiple Agency Response Team

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SMART continues investigation in the shooting death of a Bothell Police Officer

Smart Incident #20-3

(Updated Release - July 17, 2020)

Detectives with the Snohomish County Multiple Agency Response Team (SMART) continue investigating the shooting incident that resulted in the death of Bothell Police Officer Jonathan Shoop, and injuries to a second Bothell Police officer, and a pedestrian.

At about 9:40 p.m. on July 13th, Bothell Police Student Officer Shoop and Field Training Officer Kumcur were in a marked patrol SUV in the area of SR-522 and SR-527 (also known as Bothell Landing) when they initiated a traffic stop on a black Pontiac G6, in the eastbound lanes of SR-522, for not having a license plate. The Pontiac initially stopped and both officers approached the car where they spoke with the driver for over a minute. The Pontiac then sped away and the officers ran to their patrol SUV and attempted to catch the car. While fleeing from the traffic stop, the Pontiac struck a pedestrian riding a scooter in the crosswalk before it crashed through the vegetation of the raised center median and stopped, facing the wrong direction, in the westbound lanes of SR-522. The officers drove around the median and approached the Pontiac with emergency lights activated. The male driver had already exited the Pontiac and was walking away from the crashed car but, as the patrol SUV stopped facing his car, he changed direction and rapidly approached the driver's door of the patrol SUV, while holding a pistol, and opened fire.

According to information developed thus far and evidence collected at the scene, Officer Shoop was driving and Officer Kumcur was in the passenger seat, holding his firearm, as the male approached the driver's door. While detectives continue working on the sequence of events, it is believed the male fired two rounds into the patrol SUV. One broke the driver's side window and the other hit Officer Kumcur's firearm, ricocheted and struck him in the head. It is also believed Officer Kumcur fired multiple times with one of the shots striking and killing Officer Shoop in the crossfire.

As the shooting ended, the patrol SUV drove forward, glanced off the Pontiac and rolled several hundred yards before coming to a stop against a tree. Responding units found the patrol SUV in which Officer Shoop was deceased and Officer Kumcur was wounded. The male fled on foot and was later observed on the rooftop of a nearby business. While he was on the roof, the male made a call to a 911 call center in Kansas to advise his family that he had shot and killed a police officer. When he attempted to get off the roof, the male became wedged between buildings and was taken into custody without incident. A handgun was recovered from his pants.

During an interview with SMART detectives, the male admitted to driving the Pontiac, driving away from the traffic stop, hitting the pedestrian, shooting into the Bothell Police patrol SUV, and calling the 911 call center.

Due to the criminal actions of the 37 year-old male, the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office is charging him with aggravated first degree murder, attempted murder first degree, and vehicular assault. Per standard protocol, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office will disclose public documents upon request and review the entire investigation when it is completed.

SMART detectives continue investigating the incident and request anyone who witnessed, took video, or has information about the incident to call the SMART Tip Line (425-262-2800) or email SMARTtipline@snoco.org.

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(Updated Release - July 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.)

Throughout the day, detectives with the Snohomish County Multiple Agency Response Team (SMART) have continued investigating the shooting incident that resulted in the death of Bothell Police Officer Jonathan Shoop, injuries to a second Bothell Police officer, and a pedestrian.

At about 9:40 p.m. on July 13th, two Bothell Police officers were patrolling in a marked patrol SUV when they initiated a traffic stop on a black Pontiac G6 at the intersection of Bothell Way NE and Woodinville Dr. The Pontiac initially stopped but accelerated through the traffic light as Officer Shoop approached it. The Pontiac struck a pedestrian riding a scooter in the crosswalk before crossing the median and stopped in the westbound lanes of Woodinville Dr. The officers drove around the median and U-turned to approach the Pontiac. According to video footage and witnesses, a male exited the Pontiac and walked towards the police SUV while firing a handgun at it. The male then ran from the scene as the police SUV continued forward, glanced off the Pontiac and rolled several hundred yards before coming to a stop against a tree.

Responding units found the police SUV with the driver, Officer Shoop, deceased and the second officer wounded.

Officers secured a perimeter and searched for the shooter. A few hours later, a male matching the shooters description was observed on the rooftop of a business in the 10000 block of Main St. At about 3:40 a.m., the male attempted to get off the rooftop but became wedged between

the buildings and was taken into custody without incident. A handgun was recovered from his pants.

During an interview with detectives, the male admitted to driving the Pontiac, driving away from the traffic stop, hitting the pedestrian and shooting at Officer Shoop. The male, a 37 year-old, was booked into the King County Jail on probable cause for murder, assault, and vehicular assault. A charging decision will be made by the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Based on their investigation, detectives believe the second officer returned fire from the passenger seat.

The second officer and the 20 year-old male pedestrian were taken to Harborview Medical Center with what were believed to be non-life threatening injuries. While the condition of the pedestrian is unknown, the officer has been released.

There were no other occupants in the Pontiac.

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SMART investigating the shooting death of a Bothell Police Officer

(Original Release - July 14, 2020 at 4:05 a.m.)

King County, Wash. - Detectives with the Snohomish County Multiple Agency Response Team (SMART) are investigating a shooting incident resulting in one officer being killed and another injured in Bothell, WA.

At about 9:40 p.m. on July 13th, Bothell Police Department officers initiated a traffic stop on a black sedan along westbound SR-522. After a short pursuit, the vehicle struck a pedestrian, crashed through the center median and stopped in the 10300 block of Woodinville Dr. Gunfire was exchanged and it was reported that one person ran from the vehicle. As additional officers arrived, they found two Bothell Police officers had been shot. One officer was deceased. The second sustained what are believed to be non-life threatening injuries and was transported to Harborview Medical Center. The pedestrian was also transported to Harborview Medical Center.

Bothell Police confirms that the man suspected of shooting the officers was apprehended at about 3:20 a.m. this morning after he was located hiding on the rooftop. He was arrested without incident.

Follow-up information related to the officers will be handled by Captain Mike Johnson of the Bothell Police Department at 425-487-5127.

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 SMART per the Law Enforcement Training and Community Safety Act (LETSCA). When the SMART investigation is complete, results will be forwarded to the King County Prosecutor's Office for review.

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