Weekly update for SMART Case #20-03

SMART detectives continue investigating the case and processing evidence. At this time, there are no updates to provide the public. Information will be provided as it becomes available.

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King County, Wash. - Detectives with the Snohomish County Multiple Agency Response Team (SMART) continue investigating the July 13, 2020 shooting incident that occurred in the area of SR-522 and SR-527 (also known as Bothell Landing) which resulted in the death of Bothell Police Officer Jonathan Shoop, injuries to Bothell Police Officer Kumcur, and injuries to a pedestrian.

After a black Pontiac G6, driven by 37 year-old Henry Washington, fled a traffic stop and struck a pedestrian riding a scooter in the crosswalk, it crashed through the raised center median and stopped in the westbound lanes of SR-522. The officers drove around the median and approached the Pontiac with emergency lights activated. As they came to as stop, Washington walked to the driver’s door of the patrol SUV, while holding a pistol, and opened fire. During an exchange of gunfire, Officer Kumcur fired multiple times with one of the shots striking and killing Officer Shoop in the crossfire.

Due to the criminal actions of Washington, the King County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office has charged him with aggravated first degree murder, attempted murder first degree, and vehicular assault. Additionally, the King County Superior Court has ordered an evaluation of Washington at Western State Hospital.

During the initial investigation, evidence was collected and submitted to the Washington State Patrol Crime Laboratory for processing and testing. Ballistic results from the crime lab have been completed and detectives will use the results to assist with their ongoing investigation. Additionally, detectives continue examining evidence collected and interviewing those with knowledge of the incident.

Through their investigation, detectives believe the occupant(s) of a white 1995-20002 Toyota 4Runner observed the shooting incident. In video, the Toyota is seen pulling over for the
marked patrol SUV as it passed with lights and siren then followed behind the Bothell Police SUV and stopped prior to/as the shooting incident occurred. (https://youtu.be/B2mr_lCcfB0)

The occupant(s), or anyone who knows who they are, are asked to contact the SMART Tip Line (425-262-2800) or email SMARTtipline@snoco.org.

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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 who 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 Snohomish County Prosecutor’s Office for review.

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