



SMART Remains Lead Investigating Agency for Shooting Death of Everett Police Officer

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Update for SMART Case #22-02

Smart Incident 22-02

EVERETT, Wash. – The Snohomish County Multiple Agency Response Team (SMART) will remain the lead investigating agency for the Friday, March 25 shooting that resulted in the death of Everett Police Officer Dan Rocha. SMART detectives have determined this is not a police use-of-force incident and does not fall under WAC 139.12.030 regarding requirements for Independent Investigation Teams (IIT), however SMART detectives will continue to conduct the homicide investigation.

The suspect, 50-year-old Richard James Rotter, had his initial court appearance today, March 28. He was held on first-degree murder and second-degree unlawful possession of a firearm. A judge set his bail at \$5 million.

This remains an active investigation.

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The investigation is being conducted by the [Snohomish County Multiple Agency Response Team \(SMART\)](#). SMART News Releases and public updates can be located on the [Snohomish County SMART Investigations page](#).

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