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SMART Detectives Investigating Use of Force Incident
SMART Case #22-03

Everett, Wash. – Detectives with the Snohomish County Multiple Agency Response Team (SMART) have been requested to investigate a use of deadly force incident, which occurred in unincorporated Everett on April 12, 2022.

The incident began at approximately 5:20pm with deputies from the Snohomish County Sheriff’s Office responding to a welfare check in the parking lot of a shopping center located on the 5800 block of 134th PL SE. Upon arrival, deputies found a man sitting in a parked car. Deputies immediately ran the license plate and determined the vehicle was stolen.

Deputies attempted to make contact with the man in the vehicle, giving him verbal commands. The man began to maneuver his vehicle, ramming multiple police vehicles and a bystander vehicle. At that time, a deputy fired one shot into the vehicle, which missed the man. After the deputy fired his weapon, the man complied, was taken into custody, and was transported to the Snohomish County Jail.

In total four deputies were involved in this incident.

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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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