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Officer Involved Shooting Investigation

The Spokane Investigative Regional Response (SIRR) Team continues to investigate the officer involved shooting that occurred Monday in Hillyard. SIRR Team detectives are processing evidence from the scene which includes a 30.06 rifle. They will also be interviewing additional witnesses and involved officers, as well as, reviewing video to include officer body camera footage.

On March 12, 2018, just after 10:15 a.m., a Spokane County Sheriff’s Deputy attempted to serve court ordered eviction paperwork to 34-year-old Ronald J. Acre at an apartment located in the 5300 block of North Regal Street. The deputy, who had received information of prior threats by Acre, requested assistance from Spokane Police Department Officers. Medical personnel were also requested to stage in the area.

After the deputy and officers gained access to the apartment with the assistance of a manager, Acre was observed sitting inside on a couch. After Acre put his hand under a blanket covering what the deputy and officers believed was a weapon several commands were given but Acre was not compliant.

At approximately 10:40 a.m., an officer advised dispatch shots had been fired and medics were requested to respond to the apartment. Emergency medical attention was initiated by law enforcement until medics arrived on scene. Acre was transported to an area hospital where he continues to receive treatment. Acre faces felony criminal charges which are expected to be filed as a result of this incident.
The Officer Involved Critical Incident Protocol was enacted and SIRR Team investigators responded to conduct the investigation and process the scene for evidence. The SIRR Team is comprised of multiple agencies in eastern Washington, including the Spokane County Sheriff’s Office, Spokane Police Department, the Washington State Patrol and the Spokane Valley Police.

- The Washington State Patrol is the managing agency in this incident. All future communications regarding this investigation will be sent via the SIRR Team.

- The Spokane Police Department and Spokane County Sheriff’s Office will release the name of the officers and deputy involved in the incident.

- Once the SIRR Team investigation is complete the case will be forwarded to the Spokane County Prosecutor’s Office for review.

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