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SIIR investigates officer-involved shooting in Spokane

SPOKANE, Wash. – The Spokane Independent Investigation Response (SIIR) Team is investigating an officer-involved shooting that occurred Thursday night in Spokane, Wash.

Spokane Police Department (SPD) officers contacted a man at 6:14 p.m. near Shadle Park High School. During the contact, the man fled on foot through the school's track. Officers followed and an altercation occurred, resulting in three SPD officers utilizing a lethal use of force.

The man was transported to a local hospital with serious injuries, but is expected to recover. None of the involved officers sustained injuries.

The SIIR team for this event is comprised of detectives from the Spokane County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) and the Washington State Patrol. The WSP is the lead investigating agency for this incident, and will provide weekly updates through the WSP Government and Media Relations Office in Olympia, Wash.

This update is required in compliance with WAC 139-12, which mandates weekly updates be sent out by the lead investigative agency in investigations where a Washington State Peace Officer uses deadly force in the capacity of his or her law enforcement duties. These updates are required even if no new information is available at the time of the update.

With the passage of [Washington State Initiative 940](#) in 2018, and [Substitute House Bill 1064](#) in 2019, incidents where the use of deadly force by a peace officer results in death, substantial bodily harm, or great bodily harm require an independent investigation. This investigation must be conducted in the same manner as a criminal investigation and state law now requires an "independent investigation" completely independent of the involved agency.

Per WAC 139-12, the IIT is unable to release any criminal history related to the individual, which includes the circumstances surrounding the initial contact, which prompted the law enforcement response. This information can only be released if specifically requested by the media, and is able to be released consistent with the Public Records Act Chapter 42.56 RCW.

Weekly updates will be provided as the investigation continues. The policies and operating procedures of the IIT are available to the public at: <https://www.wsp.wa.gov/independent-investigation-team/>.

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