

Capital Metro Independent Investigations Team (CMIIT)

Media Release

City of Lacey Police Department Officer Involved Shooting Investigation

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On 1/20/22, at about 8:02 pm, Lacey Police Department officers were dispatched to investigate a domestic violence assault in the 6600 block of Axis St. SE. A woman called 911 to report that her husband had assaulted her at that location and she had fled to a neighboring house to call 911.

Lacey Police officers arrived at the scene and during their investigation found probable cause to arrest the male for domestic violence assault. Two Lacey Police Officers contacted the suspect at the front door of his residence and attempted to arrest him. As they were doing so, the suspect began to physically fight both police officers to avoid arrest. During the altercation the suspect pulled out a handgun from his clothing and began shooting at the two police officers. At least one officer was able to return fire. The suspect was knocked to the ground by the officers' gunfire. The officers reapproached the suspect to provide first aid and summon additional medical services. The suspect, an adult male in his mid-30's, died at the scene.

One police officer minor injuries because of the physical altercation with the suspect and was treated at the scene. The second police officer was shot in his ballistic vest by the suspect. The ballistic vest was successful from preventing severe injury to the officer and he was treated at the scene for bruises and cuts.

The Lacey Police Department contacted the Capital Metro Independent Investigative Team (CMIIT) to request an independent investigation of this matter.

The CMIIT is an independent investigative team comprised of detectives and investigators of the Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater, and Yelm Police Departments. Following the LETCSA rules and guidelines (I-940 legislation), the Lacey Police Department members of the CMIIT have removed themselves from the investigative team.

Updates about this investigation and information about the CMIIT can be found:

<http://www.capmetroinvestigations.org/>

This investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information about this incident, please contact the CMIIT investigators at 360.753.8300.

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