



Snohomish County Multiple Agency Response Team

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Update for SMART (SM23-01) SMART Investigating Officer-Involved Shooting in Lake Stevens

Lake Stevens, Wash. – Detectives with the Snohomish County Multiple Agency Response Team (SMART) continue investigating the officer involved shooting that occurred on Friday, January 13 in the 9600 Block of 20th ST SE in Lake Stevens.

Around 11:30am, the Lake Stevens Police Department responded to Frontier Village (600 BLK SR-9) for reports of a carjacking. During the investigation, detectives learned the suspect, a 30-year-old man, followed a woman as she exited the store and walked to her vehicle in the parking lot. The suspect engaged in a physical altercation with a woman where she was thrown to the ground multiple times before gaining access to her vehicle and fleeing. As the suspect fled the parking lot in the van, he struck three vehicles.

Officers located the vehicle southbound on SR-9. The 30-year-old suspect fled from the vehicle on foot. Officers located him and initiated a foot pursuit. The suspect ran towards a marked patrol vehicle and accessed the driver's seat at which point a physical altercation ensued between the suspect and an officer. During the physical altercation the suspect was shot.

The suspect, a 30-year-old man, died at the scene. Positive identification and cause and manner of death will be released by the Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office.

The 33-year-old woman involved in the physical altercation had non-life-threatening injuries.

The involved Lake Stevens police officer has been with the department for twelve years and is currently on administrative leave per standard department procedure.

This is an active and ongoing investigation. Updated press releases will be posted on the Snohomish County SMART Investigations Page.

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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 that also serve on the SMART team 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.

SMART News Releases and public updates can be located on the [Snohomish County SMART Investigations page](#).

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