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****UPDATE****

Suspect Shot During Altercation with Police

POULSBO, WA: Just after 9:00 p.m. this evening, the Poulsbo Police Department responded to Waterfront Park for a report of a subject threatening people. This incident occurred in the middle of a large crowd of people gathering for the annual 3rd of July fireworks celebration.

Several officers contacted the subject, and shortly thereafter, a struggle ensued. During the struggle one officer fired his handgun, striking the subject.

The subject was handcuffed and officers on scene rendered aid while they were waiting for paramedics to arrive. Poulsbo Fire Department arrived and rendered aid, however, the suspect succumbed to his injuries.

Investigators with the Kitsap Critical Incident Response Team are currently on scene to conduct an independent investigation of this shooting.

The name of the suspect and officer are being withheld at this time until family members can be contacted.

This is a preliminary report on this incident. More information will follow as it comes available.

****UPDATED INFORMATION – JULY 4, 2019****

The Kitsap Critical Incident Response Team (KCIRT) is currently conducting their independent investigation into this incident. This is updated information from KCIRT:

KCIRT is a regional investigative team consisting of detectives from several departments in Kitsap County and the surrounding area. KCIRT is relied upon to provide independent investigative support for critical incidents, such as this.

Currently, KCIRT investigators are canvassing the downtown area to locate any witnesses to last night's event. They have also set up a hotline and are asking eyewitnesses to the event, who

have not already spoken to investigators, to call (360) 697-8293. In addition, members of the community who captured photos or video prior to, during, or after the shooting are also urged to call. This number will be open until 5:00 p.m. this evening.

The involved officer has served the community of Poulsbo for five-years. This is the officer's first shooting.

The Kitsap County Coroner's autopsy is tentatively scheduled within the next couple of days. At the conclusion of their investigation they hope to release the identity and cause of death of the deceased.

The KCIRT investigators are due to release the Waterfront Park scene at 1:30 pm and anyone who needs to retrieve personal items is encouraged to pick them up at the pavilion prior to 5:00 pm. For those unable to make it in time, all items will be packaged and retained with the City of Poulsbo's Public Works Department for return during normal business hours.

The Poulsbo Police Department is committed to providing professional and accountable policing to the community. We ask the community for their patience during this investigation and trust that we are sharing as much information as we can, without jeopardizing the independent investigation into this incident.

We will continue to provide updates as they become available from KCIRT.