

# ***Spokane Independent Investigative Response Team***



## ***S.I.I.R.***

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This is the initial SIIR release pertaining to an officer-involved shooting which occurred on 06-04-2023. The information is preliminary and has been gathered by detectives using the sources of information currently available, including body-worn camera footage from the involved deputies, and physical evidence obtained from the scene.

On 06-04-23, at about midnight, two uniformed Spokane County Sheriff's Deputies driving a marked Sheriff's vehicle, were in the 900 block of N Dyer Rd, within the City of Spokane Valley. Preliminary information suggests the deputies were searching for a person with an arrest warrant.

At approximately 0011 hours, the deputies contacted a male walking in the area. The deputies conversed with the subject for over a minute before the deputies attempted to detain the person. As the deputies tried to gain physical control of the individual, the suspect produced a handgun which had been concealed on his person and fired multiple rounds at the deputies from point blank range. The subject broke free of the deputies grasp and began to flee on foot while firing additional rounds towards the deputies. Both deputies returned fire, striking the subject.

The deputies subsequently provided first aid to the injured suspect; however, the individual succumbed to his wounds and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Neither deputy was struck by gunfire.

The suspect's firearm was recovered at the scene.

The identity of the deceased will be released by the Spokane County Medical Examiner's Office.

The investigation is in its preliminary stages. More information will be released as appropriate.

The SIIR Team is comprised of multiple agencies in eastern Washington, including the Spokane Police Department, Washington State Patrol, Spokane Valley Police Department and the Spokane County Sheriff's Office. As an involved agency, the Spokane County Sheriff's Office/Spokane Valley Police personnel will not be involved in this investigation in compliance with WAC 139-12.

- The Spokane Police Department is the case managing agency for this incident. All future communications will be sent via the SIIR Team.
- The Spokane County Sheriff's Office may release the names of the involved deputies as appropriate
- Once the SIIR Team investigation is complete, the case will be forwarded to the Spokane County Prosecutor's Office for review.