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VALLEY INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIVE TEAM FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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INCIDENT: King County Sheriff's Office Deputy Involved Shooting at 510 8th St S.E. Auburn, WA on 19 Sept 2020

On 19 September 2020, at approximately 1505HRS a King County Sheriff's Deputy was in the area of Auburn Way South and 8th St S.E. when he was flagged down and advised of an in progress domestic violence dispute. One of the involved parties was reported to have been armed with a handgun. It is unclear if the handgun was brandished or in-play during the domestic violence dispute. The Deputy arrived at the residence moments later and contacted the involved parties in the yard of the residence. During the contact the 32-year-old white male resident became uncooperative with the Deputy and refused to obey multiple verbal commands to keep his hands out of his pockets. Without warning, the male suddenly reached into his pocket. Believing the male was retrieving a handgun from his pocket, the Deputy fired and struck the male. The male was immediately provided medical aid from the Deputy, Valley Regional Fire Authority, and King County Medic one; however, the male died at the scene.

The Valley Independent Investigation team is in contact with the family of the subject involved in this incident and will be keeping them informed of the progress of the investigation.

The Valley Independent Investigative team (VIIT) is serving as the independent investigative team for this incident. VIIT is a multi-agency team made up of investigators from seven south King County Police Departments (Auburn, Des Moines, Federal Way, Kent, Renton, Port of Seattle, and Tukwila). The King County Sheriff's Office requested the assistance of VIIT. Because this incident occurred in the City of Auburn and Auburn PD personnel responded to the scene following the shooting, their staff have been excluded from this VIIT investigation.

Public notifications will be released weekly until the conclusion of the investigation. Media Inquiries regarding the Independent Investigation may be forwarded to Commander Dave Leibman of the Renton Police Department at (425) 430-7573.

As per Chapter 139-12 WAC, please note that information regarding any officer involved shooting cannot be released by an independent investigation team without first notifying the non-law enforcement community representative assigned to the investigation and the family liaison of the involved subject. VIIT will endeavor to incorporate questions received from the media into subsequent press releases.

{A list of the VIIT investigators and agencies for this incident is available upon request.}

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