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**VALLEY INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIVE TEAM  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

20 March 2021

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**INCIDENT: Officer Involved Shooting at 310 T St SE in  
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Last week we received and reviewed the final autopsy report from the King County Medical Examiners Office. Those findings have been included in the final VIIT investigation which will be forwarded to the King County Prosecutors Office for review. The final agency presentation has also been prepared and will be presented to the Auburn Police Dept next week.

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12 March 2021

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This week we received the final autopsy report from the King County Medical Examiners Office. We have reviewed the report and are including the findings into the final report which will be submitted to the King County Prosecutors Office for review. We remain in contact with the Ellingson family, and the appointed Community Representatives.

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There have been no updates to this investigation in the past week, Investigators are still waiting to receive the final autopsy report from the Medical Examiner's office.

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There are no updates to this week's update. We still have not received the final autopsy report from the King County Medical Examiner or toxicology report from the WSP crime lab.

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There are no updates to this week's update. VIIT Investigators have completed their reports with the exception two reports from other agencies. Laboratory reports from the WSP crime lab are expected in 3 or more months. The final autopsy report from the King County Medical Examiner was expected to be complete last week but unforeseen circumstances have delayed it's completion. Upon receipt of the final autopsy report, it's findings will be included in the final VIIT investigative report before submittal to the King County Prosecutors Office for review.

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VIIT Detectives have completed their investigation and are finalizing their report. Once finalized, Chief O'Neil and the appointed Community Representatives will receive a final briefing before the investigation is forwarded to the King County Prosecutors Office for review. We remain in contact with the Ellingson family, and the appointed Community Representatives.

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22 January 2021

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Late this week, VIIT Detectives received the King County Medical Examiners final report. An initial review of the report has confirmed preliminary findings that Mr. Ellingson was struck by multiple rounds during the incident. A more thorough review of the final report will be conducted, and the report will be included with the investigation. We still have not received the final laboratory report back and do not expect to receive it 3-5 months. We remain in contact with the Ellingson family, the appointed Community Representatives, and are working towards completion of the investigation and forwarding to the King County Prosecutors Office for review in the coming weeks.

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There have been no significant updates from last week. Detectives continue to finalize their reports and are preparing this case to be forwarded to the King County Prosecutors office for review. As previously indicated, we do not expect to receive the final laboratory reports for 3-5 months.

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VIIT Detectives are continuing their work with this investigation. There are no significant updates from our previous media releases. Detectives are finalizing their reports and anticipate receipt of finalized laboratory and medical examiner reports. We remain in contact with the Ellingson family, the appointed Community Representatives, and are working towards completion of the investigation and forwarding to the King County Prosecutors Office for review in the coming weeks.

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7 January 2021

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VIIT Detectives are continuing their work with this investigation. We have not yet received a final report from the King County Medical Examiner, but we have received preliminary information which is consistent with evidence recovered from the scene. We remain in contact with the Ellingson family, the appointed Community Representatives, and are working towards completion of the investigation and forwarding to the King County Prosecutors Office for review in the coming weeks.

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VIIT personnel Detectives are continuing their work on this investigation conducting follow up interviews and analysis of collected evidence. We remain in contact with the Ellingson family and are working towards completion of the investigation. We also remain in contact with appointed Community Representatives who attended our briefing to the Auburn Police Department Command staff. Final reports from the King County Medical Examiner, and associated laboratory results have not yet been received.

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23 December 2020

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On 17 Dec 2020 Auburn Police Department personnel responded a 911 call in the 300 block of T St. SE. Upon arriving on-scene, Auburn PD personnel contacted an adult female associated with a vehicle in the area of the call. While in contact with the adult female, a male also associated with the vehicle and known to have an active arrest warrants returned to scene. As officers attempted to detain the male he tried to flee on foot. Auburn PD personnel followed the subject in a brief foot pursuit during which the subject displayed what appeared to be a firearm. During the foot pursuit, an Auburn officer fired his duty weapon striking the subject. Auburn PD personnel and Valley Regional Fire Authority personnel rendered emergency medical aid, but the subject died on scene.

The involved officer has 5 years of experience with the Auburn Police Dept and was uninjured during the incident. Following standard protocol, the involved officer was placed on administrative leave.

The deceased subject was identified as Nicholas Ellingson, a 37-year-old resident of Seattle. Following the incident, members of VIIT established contact with Ellingson's family and will keep them informed of the progress of the investigation.

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