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## VALLEY INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIVE TEAM FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **Initial Release: Officer Involved Shooting at: 15000 Block 1<sup>st</sup> Ave South Burien, WA**

The Valley Independent Investigative team (VIIT) is serving as the independent investigative team for this OIS. 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). As this incident involved the King County Sheriff's Office, all King County Sheriff's Office staff have been excluded from this VIIT investigation.

On 14 February 2023 King County Sheriff's Office personnel working in Burien responded to reports of a subject in traffic. First responding unit's contacted the subject who was confrontational during the initial contact. Additional units were requested and responded to assist. Eventually the subject continued moving through traffic along 1<sup>st</sup> Ave South ignoring the commands of on-scene KCSO Deputies. Attempts to detain the subject using de-escalation techniques and less-lethal force options were unsuccessful. Eventually the subject became increasingly aggressive with KCSO Deputies on-scene causing KCSO Deputies on-scene to respond with lethal force.

Following the discharge of their duty weapons, KCSO Deputies rendered aid to the subject, with local Fire Department personnel and King County Medic One personnel eventually responding to assist. The involved subject was transported to a local hospital for additional follow-on care.

Additional media releases will be shared at least weekly in accordance with WAC 132-12.

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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