



Snohomish County Multiple Agency Response Team

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First responding deputies called for emergency help shortly after arrival

SNOHOMISH, Wash. - A 29-year old male died late Monday evening after Snohomish County Sheriff's deputies responded to a 911 call in the Echo Lake neighborhood. Deputies were dispatched to a call from a female at a residence in the 12000 block of 221st St SE residence around 9:15 pm regarding a domestic disturbance. Minutes after they arrived, the two responding deputies requested backup as they contacted the male. Due to the rural location of the call, the first responding units arrived about eight minutes later. During that time, deputies continued to request backup and broadcast a "help the officer" call. Officers from over thirteen law enforcement agencies responded to the scene. Initial information is that a physical altercation between the male and law enforcement took place as they attempted to get him into custody. A Taser device was used during the incident. Approximately 12 minutes after the deputies call for assistance the male was in custody but became unresponsive. Aid units were requested while the responding deputies and officers began CPR. Efforts to resuscitate the male were ultimately unsuccessful.

The cause and manner of death, as well as the identity of the suspect, will be determined by the Snohomish County Medical Examiner.

Investigators will now look into what initially prompted the 911 call and what led to the situation to take such a sudden turn of events. The investigation is being conducted by the Snohomish County Multiple Agency Response Team, a team of detectives from various Snohomish County law enforcement agencies who respond to and investigate police use of force incidents.

221st St SE will be closed from Echo Lake Rd to 119th Ave SE for the investigation until further notice.

A total of six law enforcement officers were involved in the altercation: three Snohomish County Sheriff's deputies, one Snohomish County Sheriff's Office sergeant and two officers from Monroe. The age and tenure of the officers involved will be released with future updates

No further information at this time. More information will be provided when available.

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