



## **Snohomish County Multiple Agency Response Team**

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### **Weekly update for SMART Case #20-01**

Snohomish County, Wash. – Detectives continue investigating the incident that occurred on the evening of May 6<sup>th</sup> in the 16900 block of Alder Way when Snohomish County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to the report of a 43 year-old male causing a disturbance. Arriving deputies spoke with a family member and determined an involuntary commitment was necessary, due to the likelihood of a mental health crisis. As deputies contacted the male, a short altercation ensued in which the 43 year-old tried disarming a deputy. The male was taken into custody but continued to be uncooperative. He was transported to a local hospital where he lost consciousness, due to a head injury.

During the course of the investigation, detectives interviewed several people and believe that prior to his interaction with deputies, the 43 year-old male was intoxicated and initiated two separate physical altercations where he was struck with objects. The extent of injuries sustained during those altercations is unknown and detectives have obtained medical records that will help provide information about the deputy's interaction and earlier altercations.

After several weeks in the hospital, the 43 year-old was discharged.

All weekly updates for this case are [posted on the SMART Investigations webpage](#).

The investigation is being conducted by the [Snohomish County Multiple Agency Response Team \(SMART\)](#). SMART is a team of investigators, evidence technicians, records specialist, and public information officers from various Snohomish County law enforcement agencies and Washington State Patrol, who respond to, and investigate, police use of force incidents. There are civilian community members that also serve on SMART per the Law Enforcement Training and Community Safety Act (LETSCA). When the SMART investigation is complete, results will be forwarded to the Snohomish County Prosecutor's Office for review.

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