



**INDEPENDANT FORCE INVESTIGATION TEAM – KING COUNTY
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Torguson Park Officer Involved Shooting

November 17, 2021

NORTH BEND – A Snoqualmie/North Bend police officer attempted to contact a subject in Torguson Park, 750 E North Bend Way, shortly after 11:00 pm Tuesday. The officer asked the subject to leave since the park was closed. Investigators say a fight quickly broke out between the officer and the 33-year-old man. The officer was knocked to the ground and sustained minor injuries. As the subject fought the officer, he attempted to grab the officer’s weapon, and the officer fired one round. The man is deceased.

Detectives with the Independent Force Investigation Team, IFIT-KC, have processed the scene and interviewed witnesses, including the involved officer. IFIT-KC is a multi-agency team made up of investigators from 13 King County Police Departments. Since this incident involved the Snoqualmie/North Bed Police Department, they are not part of the investigation team.

The IFIT - KC team is in contact with the subject's family involved in this incident and the non-law enforcement community representative. It will be keeping them informed of the progress of the investigation.

Public notifications will be released weekly until the conclusion of the investigation. Media inquiries regarding the IFIT-KC investigation should be directed to PIO Meeghan Black at the Bellevue Police Department at 425-452-4129 or mblack@bellevuewa.gov.

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

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

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