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Unknown problem call results in armed confrontation

Bremerton, Wash. – An early morning 911 call of an unknown problem resulted in an armed confrontation yesterday, between two Kitsap County Sheriff's patrol deputies and a man armed with a machete.

A male voice was on the 911 line to Kitsap County Central Communications (CenCom) at 4:00 a.m., Tuesday, and said that he "Needed a cop" at a residential address in the 3700 block of West "E" Street, in the Navy Yard City area of Bremerton. When the CenCom call receiver attempted to ascertain the nature of the problem, the caller disconnected. CenCom attempted to regain telephone contact with the caller without success. No one would answer the return call.

The deputies responded to the unknown problem, arriving on "E" Street at approximately 4:04 a.m. At 4:06:06 the deputies reported being confronted by a male subject with a machete; at 4:06:20 deputies reported shots fired and they requested medical assistance for the man who had been wielding the machete.

Additional Sheriff's patrol deputies, along with officers from Bremerton Police Department, responded to the scene to assist. A fire engine and a medic unit from Bremerton Fire Department responded to render emergency medical attention.

The man died at the scene. He has been identified as Shane Patrick Williams, 26, of the address on "E" Street.

Neither of the deputies was injured.

At the request of Sheriff Steve Boyer, the Washington State Patrol has initiated an investigation into the shooting.

"I am relieved that the deputies are safe, uninjured and with their families," said Sheriff Boyer. "This incident is tragic and I extend my sympathy to the man's family; however it emphasizes, once again, the dangerous and life threatening circumstances that those in the law enforcement profession encounter frequently. Preliminary facts of the investigation into the shooting indicate that the two patrol deputies reacted to a lethal force threat against them in accordance with their training and experience."

As required by Sheriff's Office policy the deputies involved in the shooting are presently on administrative assignment, pending completion of the investigation. Their names will not be released publicly until the investigation is concluded.

The inquiry into the shooting, by Washington State Patrol detectives, continues.

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