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Officer involved shooting

Deputies involved in standoff incident identified

PORT ORCHARD, Wash. – Kitsap County Sheriff Gary Simpson has authorized the release of identifying information concerning two sheriff's deputies who were engaged in an officer involved shooting situation, stemming from a felony domestic violence assault investigation, that occurred during the morning of Sept. 23 on Shorewood Drive in the City of Bremerton.

Shortly after the incident occurred these deputies were placed on administrative assignment, a standard procedure in situations involving lethal force. They are expected to return to duty soon.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Years of full-time law enforcement service</u>
Deputy Sheriff	Andrew Hren	4
Deputy Sheriff	Greg Rice	19

Bremerton Police Chief Steven Strachan earlier provided basic details of this incident in a written media release. The shooting investigation is being conducted by the Kitsap County Incident Response Team (KCIRT), a multi-agency investigative team with detectives from Kitsap County law enforcement agencies including the Washington State Patrol. The state patrol is the lead KCIRT agency in this case and will release further details when the investigation is concluded.

Sheriff's thoughts:

"I am very thankful for the deputies who responded to this incident," said Sheriff Simpson. "A domestic violence assault had manifested itself to the point where a firearm was used by a male suspect to threaten investigating Bremerton patrol officers.

"Given the totality of the circumstances and the violent conduct of this individual, additional resources were requested to assist with his arrest. The man's criminal conduct predicated a necessary response by the Kitsap County regional SWAT team, made up of officers and deputies from Bainbridge Island police, Bremerton police and the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office. The members of the team are highly trained professionals who are called to deal with these extremely difficult encounters.

"The actions of the suspect caused members of the SWAT team to fire their weapons. Fortunately the suspect survived his injuries. He was given several opportunities to comply and chose not to. Had he done so, the end result would have been different.

"This kind of lethal encounter is a reality that we now experience far too frequently. Almost three months ago this same SWAT team was activated to address an armed suspect on board a yacht in Eagle Harbor, Bainbridge Island. Along with other members of the team, Deputy Rice and Deputy Hren were involved in bringing this situation to its conclusion. Similar to any deadly force situation, the reaction of the SWAT team is in direct response to the actions of the individual.

"Deputy Hren and Deputy Rice will soon return to duty," added the sheriff. "I know them as courageous and dedicated officers who will continue to do their job, whatever the situation."

"I am appreciative of each deputy, officer and trooper in our area who are willing to face these dangers every day. I am grateful they are willing to do this job," said Sheriff Simpson. "I hope that our citizens and communities are, too."

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