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Officer involved shooting

KCIRT update: coroner's findings released

PORT ORCHARD, Wash. -- On Monday, July 8th, the county's forensic pathologist performed an autopsy on the man killed on Wednesday, July 3rd, during a struggle involving Poulsbo police officers at the Poulsbo waterfront.

The Kitsap County Coroner has identified the man as Stonechild Chiefstick, age 39, of Poulsbo. The cause of death has been determined to be penetrating gunshot wounds to the head and torso. The manner of death is homicide. Toxicology results are pending with the Washington State Patrol Crime Laboratory.

Shortly after the incident, Poulsbo Police Chief Dan Schoonmaker requested that the Kitsap Critical Incident Response Team (KCIRT) investigate the shooting. KCIRT detectives continue their case investigation. A hotline has been established for persons who may have witnessed the shooting or have any information or evidence related to the incident. Anyone who took photographs or video before, during or after the shooting are urged to call investigators at: 360.473.5155.

At the end of the investigation the case will be forwarded to the Kitsap County Prosecuting Attorney for review.

KCIRT does not plan to provide any additional updates.

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