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## **One Dead after Officer Involved Shooting in Poulsbo**

Poulsbo, WA – May 8, 2025 – One person is dead after an incident involving the Poulsbo Police Department and Kitsap County Sheriff's Office on Wednesday night, May 7<sup>th</sup> at approximately 9:15 pm.

Kitsap County Sheriff's Office Deputies responded to the area of Viking Way and Nordic Cove Lane to assist officers from the Poulsbo Police Department, who were following a vehicle that was refusing to stop for one of their officers.

Once the vehicle was stopped, officers encountered the suspect driver, who was armed with a large knife and presented a lethal threat to the officers and deputies on scene. The suspect refused to comply with orders given by officers who were attempting to take the suspect into custody. After attempts to de-escalate and the use of non-lethal options were unsuccessful, the suspect continued to present a lethal threat to officers, causing the use of deadly force which resulted in the death of the suspect. No officers or deputies were injured in this incident.

Those officers and deputies who were involved in this incident have been placed on critical incident or administrative leave as per agency policies.

The Washington State Office of Independent Investigations (OII) was immediately notified and responded to the scene to investigate. Any further investigative updates concerning this incident will come from the OII.

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