

Aug. 20, 2018

Officer-involved fatality in Edmonton under investigation

On Aug. 18, 2018, the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) was directed to investigate circumstances surrounding an event that resulted in the death of a 30-year-old man following an encounter with members of the Edmonton Police Service (EPS).

At approximately 9:40 p.m., EPS officers responded to a hit-and-run collision call. A motorist who had been involved in the collision followed the vehicle to a parking lot at 12336 66 St. and provided police the location and the licence plate of the vehicle. Police determined that the vehicle was stolen.

At about 9:47 p.m., two uniformed EPS members arrived at the scene in a police vehicle with its emergency equipment activated and saw two men getting into the stolen vehicle. Officers positioned their vehicle to prevent the stolen vehicle from leaving. Police ordered the occupants to get out of the vehicle with their hands up. The man in the passenger seat exited the vehicle and, complying with police commands, surrendered. As one of the officers approached him, moving along the passenger side of the vehicle, a confrontation occurred with the man seated in the driver's seat that resulted in that officer seeking cover and a second officer, who was positioned near the driver's side of the stolen vehicle, firing his service pistol at the man. The man was struck and determined to be dead on scene. Officers arrested the 29-year-old passenger.

Subsequent to the incident, both men were identified and determined to be wanted on Canada-wide warrants for being unlawfully at large.

A sawed-off, lever-action .30-30 calibre rifle (below) was recovered from inside the stolen vehicle following the incident.



The EPS will retain conduct of the investigation into the possible criminal actions of the occupants of the stolen vehicle. ASIRT's investigation will focus on the circumstances surrounding the confrontation that resulted in the death of the man in the driver's seat of the vehicle.

With the investigation underway, ASIRT will not be releasing any further information at this time.

ASIRT's mandate is to effectively, independently and objectively investigate incidents involving Alberta's police that have resulted in serious injury or death to any person, as well as serious or sensitive allegations of police misconduct.

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