

July 30, 2021

## **Investigation into EPS officer-involved shooting fatality continues**

On July 27, the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) was directed to investigate the circumstances surrounding an incident that took place that same day during which Edmonton Police Service (EPS) officers discharged their service firearms, resulting in the death of a 43-year-old man.

At about 9:36 p.m., police received a 911 call from staff at a south Edmonton hotel that there was a man with a gun slashing and shooting at tires in the hotel parking lot. EPS patrol and tactical police officers were dispatched, along with air support from the EPS Air1 helicopter. While officers were responding, they were advised by hotel staff that the man had left the parking lot on foot, proceeding eastbound across Gateway Boulevard in the general direction of a nearby gas bar.

At approximately 9:46 p.m., officers encountered a man matching the initial description walking southbound in the middle lanes of Gateway Boulevard towards responding tactical vehicles. What occurred next was captured on Air1 video. As some of the tactical officers exited their vehicles, the man turned and ran northbound, away from police. Tactical officers pursued the man on foot. He was observed to be carrying a dark object in his right hand. Near Gateway Boulevard and 56 Avenue, events occurred that resulted in officers discharging their firearms. The man was struck and fell to the ground, having sustained critical injuries.

A tactical paramedic provided immediate emergency medical care and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel arrived on scene to provide critical care, but the man died on scene.

A black object, which the man dropped when he was struck, was recovered and later determined to be an imitation Glock air pistol. A magazine consistent with use in an air pistol was later recovered from the hotel parking lot.

A critical part of ASIRT's investigation will focus on what happened at the time the officers discharged their firearms. Although these events were captured on Air1 video, no additional information will be released until any and all available witnesses have been interviewed, so as not to compromise this evidence.

ASIRT continues to attempt to identify those who witnessed aspects of this event. As such, ASIRT is asking that the guest who initially reported the man's conduct to hotel staff please contact ASIRT investigators at 780-644-1483. Additionally, hotel video has revealed a possible confrontation between the man and at least one other person in the parking lot; we would ask that the individuals involved contact ASIRT investigators at the number above. Lastly, anyone who may have been in the area of 56 Avenue and Gateway Boulevard and may have witnessed these events and/or may have video are also asked to contact ASIRT investigators at the number above.



***Air pistol recovered from incident scene***

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.

**Media inquiries may be directed to:**

ASIRT media line  
780-641-9099