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## **ASIRT investigates EPS officer-involved shooting in southwest Edmonton**

On Mar. 9, 2017, the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) was directed by the Director of Law Enforcement to investigate the circumstances surrounding the officer-involved shooting of an Edmonton resident.

At approximately 1:30 p.m. yesterday, Edmonton Police Service (EPS) received two 911 calls from citizens reporting a possible impaired driver. EPS officers were dispatched to the area. A patrol officer, driving a marked police vehicle, located the suspect vehicle in an area in southwest Edmonton. When the vehicle stopped in a cul-du-sac on Hollands Landing NW, an encounter occurred between the officer and the driver of the vehicle, a 55-year-old man, which resulted in the officer discharging his police service weapon causing life-threatening injuries to the man. The officer and others provided emergency medical care until Emergency Medical Services (EMS) could respond and provide emergency medical intervention and treatment. Despite all life-saving efforts, the man was pronounced deceased at the scene.

ASIRT responded to the scene to commence its investigation. A large hunting knife was recovered near the deceased and seized.

An autopsy is scheduled for today. ASIRT's investigation will focus on the circumstances surrounding the confrontation that resulted in the discharging of the officer's police weapon.

Anyone with information or who may have witnessed the incident is being asked to contact ASIRT at (780) 644-1483.

As ASIRT's investigation is continuing, additional information on the incident will not be released.

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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