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ASIRT investigation continues into RCMP officer-involved shooting causing injury in Red Deer

On March 12, the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) was directed to investigate an officer-involved shooting in Red Deer.

At approximately 11:16 a.m., the RCMP received a 911 call alleging a carjacking and presence of a firearm at the Walmart in Red Deer. The 911 call came from a cellphone registered to an adult male, the affected person (AP), who was the subject of a missing persons report in the Calgary area.

Upon arriving in the vicinity of the Walmart, the RCMP located an unoccupied vehicle associated to the AP. They searched the area around the Walmart with the assistance of a drone but were not able to locate the AP.

At approximately 2:17 p.m., two RCMP officers located the AP walking westbound on 67th Street in Red Deer. The officers got out of their vehicle and approached the AP. The ensuing interaction was captured on the RCMP vehicle's recording device.

The AP would not identify himself or follow the officers' directions. The AP then ran at the officers and produced an item resembling a firearm from his jacket pocket, which he pointed at the officers. One officer fired his firearm and the other fired a non-lethal projectile.

The AP was hit with rounds from the firearm and fell to the ground. He received treatment and was then airlifted to a Calgary hospital, where he remains.

Below is a photo of the item located at the scene near where the AP fell.



Item recovered from the scene where the affected person fell.

ASIRT's investigation will examine the use of force by the officer. No additional information will 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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