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## **ASIRT investigates EPS officer-involved shooting**

On Oct. 3, 2017, the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) was directed to investigate circumstances surrounding an officer-involved shooting involving a 22-year-old man.

On the same date at approximately 9:30 p.m., officers of the Edmonton Police Service (EPS) Specialized Traffic Apprehension Team were conducting investigations near 44 Avenue and 211 Street as a result of suspicious vehicle activity in the area. Upon the officers locating three vehicles, one immediately fled the area while police attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the remaining two. One of the two remaining vehicles stopped and the lone driver was detained. The second vehicle, containing two occupants, attempted to flee which led to a confrontation between police and the occupants of the vehicle. During this confrontation, the second vehicle came into contact with a police vehicle(s) and an officer discharged his service pistol, injuring the driver of the vehicle.

The second vehicle became immobilized when it entered a ditch and police were able to deal with the occupants. Officers administered emergency aid to the 22-year-old driver until Emergency Medical Services arrived and administered emergency medical care. The man was transported to hospital, treated, and released into police custody the next day. The additional occupant in the vehicle was arrested without further incident and later released.

ASIRT's investigation will focus on the police conduct and circumstances surrounding the serious injury sustained by the man. The criminal investigation into the conduct of the man remains the responsibility of the EPS.

As ASIRT's investigation is well underway, no further information will be released 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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