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No charges laid against RCMP officers in shooting near Sherwood Park

Edmonton area... Criminal charges will not be laid against four RCMP officers after a man was shot and killed in January of this year. The decision follows an investigation by the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT).

On January 16, a 56-year-old man contacted police and indicated he was armed and intended to harm himself. Police went to a rural location where they negotiated with the man for seven hours in an attempt to end the incident peacefully.

When the man came out of a nearby home, RCMP officers directed him to put down his weapon. After numerous further requests to put down the firearm, the man raised the weapon and was shot and killed by members of the RCMP team.

The ASIRT investigation has determined that the four police officers involved acted lawfully, were justified in using lethal force, and acted in self defense.

“This finding in no way diminishes this tragedy,” said Clif Purvis, ASIRT Executive Director. “On behalf of ASIRT, I offer sympathy and condolences to the friends and family of the deceased.”

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