

Dec. 28, 2018

Investigation continues into Edmonton officer-involved shooting incident

On Dec. 26, 2018, the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) was directed to investigate the circumstances surrounding the death of a 34-year-old man during an attempted arrest by members of the Edmonton Police Service (EPS).

The man was being sought in relation to an on-going investigation, was the subject of outstanding warrants, and was believed to be armed and dangerous. Shortly before 2 p.m. on Dec. 26, the man was tentatively located in a vehicle and surveillance was maintained until the man's presence could be confirmed, with the intent to initiate a high-risk arrest once confirmed.

The vehicle was followed to the area of 71 Street and 79 Avenue into an apartment building parking lot at approximately 2 p.m. A man and a woman exited the vehicle when it came to a stop and were subsequently arrested. The 34-year-old man was given verbal directions to exit the vehicle which he failed to comply with. Independent evidence gathered to date would suggest that the man was in possession of a firearm and that the firearm was, in fact, discharged by the man. Multiple officers discharged their firearms. The man was wounded during the incident and was transported to hospital where he was pronounced deceased shortly after 2:45 p.m. No other persons were injured during the incident.

ASIRT's mandate is to effectively, independently and objectively investigate incidents involving 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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