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**VALLEY INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIVE TEAM  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**INCIDENT: Officer Involved Shooting at 310 T St SE in  
Auburn on 17 December 2020**

The Valley Independent Investigative team (VIIT) is serving as the independent investigative team for this incident. VIIT is a multi-agency team made up of investigators from seven south King County Police Departments (Auburn, Des Moines, Federal Way, Kent, Renton, Port of Seattle, and Tukwila). With Auburn PD as the involved agency, their staff have been excluded from this VIIT investigation.

Late this week, VIIT Detectives received the King County Medical Examiners final report. An initial review of the report has confirmed preliminary findings that Mr. Ellingson was struck by multiple rounds during the incident. A more thorough review of the final report will be conducted, and the report will be included with the investigation. We still have not received the final laboratory report back and do not expect to receive it 3-5 months. We remain in contact with the Ellingson family, the appointed Community Representatives, and are working towards completion of the investigation and forwarding to the King County Prosecutors Office for review in the coming weeks.

Public notifications will be released weekly until the conclusion of the investigation. Media Inquiries regarding the Independent Investigation may be forwarded to Commander Todd Rossi of the Tukwila Police Department at (206) 391-8236.

As per Chapter 139-12 WAC, please note that information regarding any officer involved shooting cannot be released by an independent investigation team without first notifying the non-law enforcement community representative assigned to the investigation and the family liaison of the involved subject. VIIT will endeavor to incorporate questions received from the media into subsequent press releases.

{A list of the VIIT investigators and agencies for this incident is available upon request.}

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