

KITSAP CRITICAL INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM



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Kitsap Critical Incident Response Team (KCIRT) Submits Shooting Investigation to the County Prosecutor

On Wednesday, July 3, 2019 Stonechild Chiefstick, a 39-year-old Poulsbo man, had a confrontation with the Poulsbo Police and was shot and killed during the incident at the Waterfront park in downtown Poulsbo. Chiefstick was a member of the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation, Box Elder, Montana, a federally recognized Indian Tribe.

Poulsbo Police Chief Dan Schoonmaker requested the Kitsap Critical Incident Response Team (KCIRT) investigate the officer involved shooting. KCIRT is a multi-agency team made up of investigators from the Bainbridge Island Police Department, Poulsbo Police Department, Kitsap County Sheriff's Office, Bremerton Police Department, Port Orchard Police Department, Washington State Patrol, and Shelton Police Department. Poulsbo Police did not participate in this investigation.

KCIRT had more than 25 investigators working on this investigation. Investigators identified and interviewed over 100 potential witnesses, collected video footage, processed the scene, and submitted evidentiary items to the Washington State Crime Lab. Investigators spent many hours reviewing all evidence in this case to determine what transpired on July 3rd.

On Wednesday October 16, 2019 KCIRT investigators presented their case to the Kitsap County Prosecutor's Office. The Kitsap County Prosecutor's Office received the case file and will conduct an independent review. The prosecutor's office expects to conduct a timely review of the incident and projects a decision can be better made in 60 days.

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