

Media Release

Update: Additional Details Regarding Friday's Officer-Involved Shooting

January 18, 2018 – The inter-agency Washington County Major Crimes Team continues to investigate the fatal officer-involved shooting that occurred north of Sherwood on Friday.

Initial reports to dispatch were that Mr. Sabbe was acting erratically. Witnesses reported hearing shots fired in the area prior to law enforcement arrival. A Sherwood Police officer initially attempted to contact Mr. Sabbe from the roadway, but Mr. Sabbe drove away and crashed his truck into a tree. The Sherwood officer heard gunshots and then saw Mr. Sabbe carrying a rifle.

Tactical responders were called in and first responders set up an expansive perimeter in the interest of public safety. Officers closed the heavily-traveled Southwest Roy Rogers Road and other surrounding arterial streets. Law enforcement attempts to establish phone communication with Mr. Sabbe were unsuccessful.

At approximately 3:30 p.m., members of the inter-agency Tactical Negotiations Team (TNT) attempted to contact Mr. Sabbe in his vehicle. Mr. Sabbe drove away from tactical officers and a Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT) maneuver was conducted on his vehicle. At one point, Mr. Sabbe started to exit his vehicle with an AR-15 rifle still in his lap.

From inside the truck's cab, Mr. Sabbe turned towards tactical officers and pointed the rifle at them. Tactical officers then fired upon Mr. Sabbe.

TNT members, including embedded tactical combat medics, attempted lifesaving measures, but Mr. Sabbe was pronounced deceased at the scene. A loaded AR-15 rifle was recovered from inside the truck.

The involved personnel who discharged their firearms are being identified as Deputy Earl Brown, who has been employed with the Sheriff's Office since 2008, and Corporal Cade Edwards, employed since 2003.

No additional information is available for release at this time.

The original media release is below.

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Officer-Involved Shooting Investigation Underway Outside Sherwood

January 12, 2018 – The inter-agency Washington County Major Crimes Team is investigating a fatal officer-involved shooting north of Sherwood.

On Friday, January 12, 2018, at 1:34 p.m., dispatch received a report of a suspicious vehicle driving in a field on a property near the intersection of Southwest Roy Rogers Road and Southwest Scholls-Sherwood Road outside of Sherwood.

A Sherwood Police officer initially responded and attempted to contact the driver. The driver fled in the vehicle, while firing multiple times, and retreated deeper into the property.

Members of the inter-agency Washington County Tactical Negotiations Team and Crisis Negotiation Unit were called to assist. Portions of Southwest Roy Rogers Road and Southwest Elwert Road were closed out of concern for public safety.

At approximately 3:30 p.m., members of the Tactical Negotiations Team contacted the suspect vehicle in the field and, during the encounter, fired upon the suspect. Law enforcement on scene attempted life-saving measures but the suspect was pronounced deceased. An AR-style rifle was recovered from inside the suspect vehicle.

The deceased has been identified as 54-year-old Remi Sabbe of Tigard.

Detectives from the inter-agency Major Crimes Team, Washington County District Attorney's Office, Washington County Medical Examiner, and forensics technicians from the Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Unit responded to the scene. King City, Sherwood, Tigard, and Tualatin Police assisted during the incident.

The involved deputies are on administrative leave per agency protocol. Their names will be released at a later date.

No additional information is available for release at this time.

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