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# UPDATE: Officer Involved in Shooting Identified



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The officer involved in yesterday's officer involved shooting is Officer Zachary Delong, an 8-year veteran of the Police Bureau assigned to East Precinct. He remains on administrative leave per Bureau policy.

The name of the subject involved will be released after the Medical Examiner positively identifies him and next of kin is notified.

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###ORIGINAL MESSAGES BELOW###

Portland Police have completed the on-scene investigation at Lents Park and have cleared the scene. During the time that investigators were doing their work, law enforcement countywide responded to assist with crowd control. The hostile crowd estimated to be over 100 people tore down crime-scene police tape and encroached on the work area. A line of officers had to create a blockade on multiple sides of the scene to keep the crowd back. Officers were hit with sticks and full water bottles were thrown at them. A group of people grabbed an officer's baton and tried to pull it away. Officers deployed OC (pepper) spray to stop the criminal behavior. At least one police vehicle's tires were flattened. As officers began to disengage from the scene, hostile individuals chased them, throwing things at them. Officers deployed inert smoke canisters in an attempt to help them leave, but individuals continued after them. A Rubber Ball Distraction Device was used to allow the officers to safely disengage. No officers were injured. There were some false claims online that tear gas was used, but that was untrue. Officers did not deploy chemical munitions. No arrests were made.

The investigation into the officer involved shooting is continuing, and more information will be released when appropriate.

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On Friday, April 16, 2020, at about 9:30 a.m., East Precinct officers responded to a call at Lents Park of an adult white male pointing a gun. Lents Park is located at 4727 SE 92nd Avenue.

Officers arrived and contacted a subject in the park. During the encounter, less lethal 40 mm and lethal rounds were deployed. Two officers deployed 40 mm rounds and one officer used lethal force.

Medical personnel were staged nearby. Officers provided emergency medical aid, but the male subject was pronounced deceased at the scene.

None of the officers was injured during the incident and there are no known additional injured parties.

While detectives and other investigators were responding to the scene to commence the investigation into

the incident, a hostile crowd arrived at the scene perimeter and began yelling at officers. Additional officers had to respond from all over the city to assist with crowd management so the investigation could be completed. Other calls for service were impacted as a result.

Detectives are currently processing the scene for evidence and interviewing witnesses. The Bureau may release additional information as appropriate. The involved officer will be interviewed by investigators within 48 hours. This remains an active investigation; as information becomes available for release, updates will be provided via press release.

The involved Bureau member is an 8-year veteran assigned to East Precinct. The member's name will be released tomorrow, as per Bureau policy. The involved officer will remain on paid administrative leave until the completion of the Bureau, East County Major Crimes Team, and Multnomah County District Attorney Office's investigation.

Anyone who has not been interviewed, but has information about this incident is encouraged to contact Detective Anthony Merrill at (503) 823-4033 or [anthony.merrill@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:anthony.merrill@portlandoregon.gov) or Detective Joe Corona at (503) 823-0508 or [joseph.corona@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:joseph.corona@portlandoregon.gov).

As part of the use of force review process, the Bureau will conduct an internal review of the entire incident and the case will go before the Police Review Board (PRB), which is composed of community members, Bureau members and representatives from the Independent Police Review Division.

This is an active and ongoing investigation. The Portland Police Bureau's directive outlining the procedures followed after an officer involved shooting may be found at <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/article/656780>

Once the entire investigation and legal process is complete, the investigative files and any grand jury transcripts will be posted on the Bureau's Open Data page and can be found here: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/52175>

"These are difficult circumstances for everyone involved and none of us want this outcome when we go about our daily work," said Acting Chief Chris Davis. "Investigating an officer use of deadly force is among the most important things we do, and it's critical that we take the time to do it right. I appreciate our community giving us the patience and time to get the whole picture about what took place. I pledge that we will release more information as the investigation proceeds."

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