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Headline: Update and timeline for investigation on Olympia PD shooting on May 21, 2015.

Details:

The investigation on the Officer Involved Shooting that occurred on May 21, 2015 is being conducted by the Thurston County Critical Incident Team. This team is composed of detectives and supervisors from the Thurston County Sheriff's Office, Olympia PD, Lacey PD, Tumwater PD and the Washington State Patrol.

In the current investigation, Olympia PD is not involved in any part of the investigation due to them being the involved agency.

The investigation is in its final stages and should be completed by the end of next week with the exception of the WSP Crime Lab Report. Officer Donald was interviewed by detectives this morning and provided his account of what occurred. Andre Thompson provided a brief initial statement shortly after the incident. He will be re-contacted and offered an opportunity to provide a more detailed statement. Bryson Chaplin will be contacted and offered an opportunity to provide his version of the events, however, his family has advised us that they have obtained an attorney for both Bryson and Andre and it is not known if they are willing to provide a statement.

Evidence that was gathered at the scene will be processed by the Thurston County Sheriff's Office Evidence Techs and then submitted to the WSP Crime Lab for testing of specific items. It will take at least four to six weeks if not more to get the results back from the crime lab.

Once that has all been completed, the final report along with all the investigative pieces will be submitted to the Thurston County Prosecutor's Office for their review which could take two to four weeks.

Submitted by: Chief Brad Watkins