



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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PRESS RELEASE

UPDATE: Aloha Woman Dies After Threatening Deputies with a Knife

October 9, 2015—Additional information released concerning the Aloha shooting.

The deputy-involved shooting last Friday in Aloha remains under investigation by the Washington County Major Crimes Team. The incident at 18000 SW Shaw Street began as a 9-1-1 call from a concerned witness. Upon arrival, Phyllis Jepson threatened the deputies with a knife. After attempting unsuccessfully to subdue Phyllis Jepson with less-than lethal tactics, the deputies responded with lethal force.

The deputies involved in the incident are Dennis Strange with 10 years of service, John McCullough also with 10 years of service and Matt Humphrey with 12 years of service. As is standard procedure, all three remain on paid administrative leave. Full details about the incident will be available after the Washington County District Attorney's investigation is completed.

UPDATE:

Saturday, October 03, 2015— The woman involved in the confrontation with Sheriff's Deputies has been identified as Phyllis Ilene Jepsen, 55, from Aloha. She was pronounced deceased at the hospital and her next of kin have been notified.

No further information is available at this time.

ORIGINAL RELEASE:

Friday, October 02, 2015— Today, at about 5:00 p.m., Sheriff's deputies responded to a call of an attempted suicide in Aloha. Three deputies arrived on scene and were confronted a short time later by a woman with a knife. Deputies fired both less-than lethal and lethal rounds at the suspect. She was later transported to the hospital where she was pronounced deceased.

On Saturday, October 03, 2015, at about 4:54 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Deputies responded to an attempted suicide call at 18000 SW Shaw Street in the community of Aloha. Three deputies arrived on scene, and shortly after, were confronted by a 55-year-old woman with a knife.

At some point during the confrontation one of the deputies fired less-than lethal rounds at the woman and at least one of the other deputies fired lethal rounds at her. She was struck by at least one lethal round. None of the deputies were injured. Medical personnel

responded and transported the woman to an area hospital where she later died from her injuries.

The Washington County Major Crimes Team is investigating the incident with assistance from the Oregon State Police Crime Lab.

All three deputies have been placed on routine paid administrative leave.

Due to the nature of the investigation, no further information is being released at this time.