



**INDEPENDENT FORCE INVESTIGATION TEAM – KING COUNTY
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Bellevue Police Department Officer-Involved Shooting

This update concerns the December 9, 2024, investigation into the Bellevue Police Officer involved shooting in the 4300 block of 120th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA.

The Independent Force Investigation Team – King County (IFIT-KC) is serving as the independent investigative team for this Officer Involved Shooting (OIS). IFIT-KC is a multi-agency team comprising investigators from 13 King County Police Departments. As this incident involved the Bellevue Police Department (BPD), all BPD officers and investigators have been excluded from this IFIT-KC investigation.

Update: The IFIT-KC continues to investigate the officer-involved shooting that occurred on December 9, 2024, in the 4300 block of 120th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA. The deceased individual has been identified as 67-year-old Daniel H. Kerr of Bellevue, WA. We acknowledge that this incident has deeply impacted Kerr’s family, the involved officers, and the broader community.

In the interest of transparency, IFIT-KC is releasing body-worn camera footage of the incident. The released footage includes three short video sequences from three separate officers’ body-worn cameras, capturing the moments leading up to the shooting. The involved officer who discharged their firearm has been identified as Officer Woo of the Bellevue Police Department, who has been with the department for approximately three years. The video shows officers on scene attempting to de-escalate the situation by using Tasers, but the deployments were ineffective. Kerr, holding a knife in one hand and garden shears in the other,

moves toward BPD officers, ignoring their commands. As he charges at an officer with the weapons, Officer Woo fires, hitting Kerr twice. BPD officers attempted lifesaving measures, but Kerr succumbed to his injuries.

In accordance with WAC 139-12, the video was reviewed by designated community representatives and Kerr's next of kin before its public release.

The body-worn camera footage of the incident can be viewed on the Kirkland Police Department's official X (formerly Twitter) account @KirklandWAPD. Viewer discretion is advised.

As this is an active investigation, additional details cannot be provided at this time. IFIT-KC remains committed to conducting a thorough, independent, and impartial investigation.

Public updates will be issued weekly until the investigation is concluded.

Inquiries regarding this independent investigation should be directed to Sergeant Eric Karp, Public Information Officer with the Kirkland Police Department, at (425) 587-3436 or ekarp@kirklandwa.gov

Per Chapter 139-12 WAC, please note that information regarding any officer-involved shooting cannot be released by an independent investigation team without first notifying the non-law enforcement community representative assigned to the investigation and the family liaison of the involved subject. IFIT -KC will endeavor to incorporate questions received from the media into subsequent press releases.