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## **ASIRT investigates fatal EPS officer-involved shooting**

On Sept. 9, 2017, the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) was directed to investigate circumstances surrounding an Edmonton Police Service (EPS) officer-involved shooting that resulted in the death of a 30-year-old man.

At approximately 8:15 p.m., EPS officers attempted a high-risk arrest of a man seated in the driver's seat of a vehicle that was parked on the east side of Westmount shopping centre near Groat Road and 113 Avenue.

EPS officers positioned their vehicles at the front, rear, and side of the man's vehicle to box it in and prevent him from fleeing. Officers yelled commands but the man was not compliant and attempted to escape in the vehicle. Officers fired tear gas into the vehicle. A confrontation occurred between the man and police resulting in officers discharging their police service weapons at the man. He was removed from the vehicle and pronounced deceased at the scene. A loaded firearm was recovered from the vehicle and seized. Two 18-year-old female passengers who had been in the vehicle were apprehended at the scene, uninjured.

As ASIRT's investigation is well underway, no further information will be released.

ASIRT's mandate is to effectively, independently, and objectively investigate incidents involving Alberta's police that have resulted in serious injury or death to any person, as well as serious or sensitive allegations of police misconduct.

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