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**ACTIVE SHOOTER SITUATION IN EAGLE HARBOR ENDS IN EARLY MORNING
HOURS**

Bainbridge Island, Wash., (July, 2017). A situation that began on the evening of Saturday, July 8, involving a man firing shots at the Bainbridge Island shoreline and at law enforcement officers ended with the death of the shooter around 1:00 a.m. on Sunday morning after a coordinated response from regional law enforcement agencies.

Calls reporting shots being fired from a vessel in Eagle Harbor began to come into 911 after 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 8. When officers responded to the scene, the suspect began firing shots at law enforcement. Steps were immediately taken to notify the public to clear the area, and to remove boaters from Eagle Harbor. Numerous regional law enforcement agencies responded to requests for assistance including the Kitsap County Regional SWAT Team, King County Sheriff Department Guardian One helicopter, the Washington State Police Department, Poulsbo Police Department, the Kitsap County Sheriff Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Port Orchard Police Department, Bainbridge Island Fire Department, United States Coast Guard, and the Bremerton Police Department.

After hours of working to end the incident peacefully, members of the Kitsap County Regional SWAT team boarded boats belonging to the Kitsap County Sheriff and the Bainbridge Island Police Department and approached the suspect's vessel. When approached, the suspect pointed his weapon at law enforcement officers and was subsequently shot. The suspect later died from his injuries. No other injuries or fatalities occurred during the event.

“All the officers involved in the situation acted with the utmost professionalism and took every step to handle the situation in the most judicious manner,” said Chief Matthew Hamner. “I cannot fully express my gratitude to all of the officers involved and our regional law enforcement partners that responded to the situation.”

Information that can be released to the public is limited at this time due to the active investigation that is currently underway and being led by the Washington State Patrol with support from the Kitsap County Incident Response Team. If members of the public have any information that could assist in the investigation they are encouraged to contact the Washington State Patrol at 360-473-0141.

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