



Information Release

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Homicide Investigation

UPDATE 3

On Tuesday, February 11, 2014, at 0930 hours the mother of Eddie Holmes and other family members will be available at the Puyallup Police Department for a media interview.

Also, the Remembering Eddie Zee Memorial Fund has been established at any US Bank for the community to make financial contributions to assist the family.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

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Update 2

The family of the deceased boy, Eddie Holmes, has asked the Puyallup Police Department to release the following statement on their behalf. The family asks that media please respect their privacy in their time of

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mourning and direct all inquiries or requests of the family to the Puyallup Police Department. The following statement is from the Holmes family:

“Our hearts are broken at the tragic loss of our dear Eddie Zee. Life is a gift from God and we thank Him for each day he blessed us with Eddie Zee. Eddie was a wonderful son- very loving and caring. He enjoyed being with his big brother Jose, his dog Buddy, and playing video games. Our prayers are with the families that are also involved. Legislators need to pass a law against gun violence in America. Our prayers are also with all families that have lost a loved one by gun violence. We would like to thank the Puyallup Police Department for their support and everyone who have prayed and/or called to lift us up.”

The Holmes Family

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Update 1

The Puyallup Police Department Major Crimes Unit continues to investigate the unintentional shooting of a 13 year old boy tonight.

Through the investigation detectives have learned five boys total were inside the house at the time of the shooting. Four boys were in the immediate area of the shooting and a fifth boy was in another area of the home at the time of the shooting.

The boy that lives at the home where the shooting occurred removed a shotgun from the master bedroom of the home and brought it into another area of the home to show the boys. The gun was not secured in the master bedroom. The boy that lived at the home gave the shotgun to another boy in the group. Shortly thereafter the 13 year old victim was shot.

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The boy who shot the other boy called for help while the boy that lived at the home gave first aid to the other boy who had been shot. The remaining two boys in the home left the home prior to officer's arrival, but were located by officers a short distance away.

All of the boys in the home were friends and ranged in age from 12 to 14 years old.

A 13 year old boy will be booked into Pierce County Juvenile Detention tonight for one count of 1st Degree Manslaughter.

The Puyallup Police Department Major Crimes Unit will continue to investigate the case and the Pierce County Prosecutor's Office will review the case to determine if any additional charges or arrests are required.

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Original Release

The Puyallup Police Department is investigating the shooting death of a 13 year old male. As of the time of this release, no additional suspects are being sought.

On February 6, 2014 at 3:04 pm the Puyallup Police Department and Central Pierce Fire and Rescue were dispatched to a shooting in the 500 block of 11th Street Southeast.

Upon the arrival of the officers, they located the juvenile male victim inside a residence in the 500 block of 11th Street Southeast. The victim appeared to be suffering from a life threatening gunshot wound to the chest. A second juvenile male was on the scene rendering aid to the victim.

The victim was transported to Tacoma General Hospital by Central Pierce Fire and Rescue personnel.

The initial investigation revealed that there were four juvenile males inside the residence at the time of the shooting. The juvenile males were hanging around in the residence after school without adult supervision. While inside the residence, the juvenile whose home that they were in pulled out a shotgun and displayed it to the other juvenile males. A second juvenile grabbed the gun away from the juvenile. A few moments later a third

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juvenile, the 13 year old decedent, was shot and killed by the juvenile male in possession of the firearm.

As of the time of this notification all of the juvenile males are accounted for and are currently being interviewed by detectives from the Puyallup Police Department's Major Crimes Unit.

The Puyallup Police Department's Major Unit is investigating the incident as an unintentional shooting.

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