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On Saturday June 16, 2007 at 12:08 a.m. Officers from the SW Washington Career Criminal Apprehension Team and the Vancouver Neighborhood Response Team served a search warrant at a residence 3010 NE 162nd avenue. This search warrant was part of a much larger investigation by the Portland Metro Gang Task Force. That investigation involved suspected gang members, drugs, guns and money from drug sales.

Investigators from the Metro Gang Task Force enlisted officers from CCAT, the NRT and the SWAT team to serve search warrants at two locations in Vancouver after learning on Friday June 15, 2007 that the 3010 location was allegedly being targeted by suspected gang members for a planned robbery of guns, drugs, and money. Those gang members were intercepted in Portland just before the planned robberies could occur and at that time the Vancouver teams moved forward on the search warrants here in Vancouver.

Officers arrived at the 3010 location at 12:08 a.m. and parked in the front yard of the residence. A marked K9 unit parked in the driveway. Six officers in a 'stick' formation staged outside the front door of the residence and announced 'police with a search warrant, we demand entry' loudly in addition to pounding loudly on the door.

Corporal Steve Lobdell, was at the 6th and last position at the end of the 'stick'. Officers observed and shouted 'movement', indicating movement from inside the residence (indications are that a subject inside the residence moved the mini blinds to the side and was brandishing a handgun in the direction of the officers). Corporal Lobdell announced 'gun' to the officers in the 'stick'. Corporal Lobdell fired two shots through the window (right of the door) striking Sean Thomas Makarowsky, DOB: 5-8-83. Officers entered the residence and immediately administered first aid to Mr. Makarowsky and called for a rescue unit. Mr. Makarowsky was transported to SW Washington medical center where he was pronounced dead.

Officers located a large .40 caliber semi-automatic, fully loaded (6 rounds in the magazine and 1 in the chamber) next to Mr. Makarowsky.

During the sweep of the residence officers saw what appeared to be a Marijuana grow and called the Clark Skamania Drug Task Force. Detectives from the Clark-Skamania Drug Task Force arrived late Saturday morning. Here is the assessment of their investigation:

- The basement was being set up for a grow operation
- Venting had been done and wiring was pulled to hook up lights
- 7 or 8 halide shields and 11 ballasts were found downstairs
- 32 starter marijuana plants (2-6") were also found downstairs
- The shed was filled with hydroponics equipment

- \$2500 cash was found in a safe
- Approx. 4 1/2 pounds of low grade marijuana was found - indicating that plants had been processed
- Approx 1/4 pound of marijuana was found in a plastic baggie
- Various marijuana paraphernalia were found in the residence

Corporal Lobdell is 42 years old and has been with the Vancouver Police Department since April 27, 1990. He is currently on paid administrative leave. The investigation into the shooting is being conducted by the Regional Major Crimes team comprised of Detectives from the Clark County Sheriff's Office and Vancouver Police Department. Once completed, the case will be forwarded to the Clark County Prosecuting Attorney's Office for a decision. Once the decision is received from the Prosecutor's Office the Vancouver Police Department will conduct an administrative review and a critical incident review.

There is no additional information available related to this incident at this time. Public Information Coordinator Kim Kapp will be out of the office until June 25th. Commander Mary White will be covering Public Information duties but will NOT be fielding media inquiries related to this investigation. Further information will be provided when the Portland Metro Gang Task Force investigation is completed. Any other inquires should be directed to Cmdr. Chris Sutter, between 8am and 5pm from June 18th through June 25th.

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