Autopsy results: Clackamas man shot twice in the head

by Cheryl McDermott

The Oregon State Medical Examiner completed an autopsy on an armed 31-year old Clackamas man with a history of mental health issues who was shot by a sheriffâ€™s deputy Saturday during a confrontation when police were responding to a domestic disturbance â€œman with a gunâ€• call.

â€œAaron Damien Ganon died as a result of two gunshot wounds to the head,â€• Dr. Larry Lewman stated.

When Clackamas County Sheriffâ€™s deputies arrived on scene to the Twin Creek Apartments at 11500 SE Sunnyside Road about 11 p.m., February 9, they saw Ganon flee the scene in a vehicle. He reportedly was driving erratically and ignored the flashing lights of the patrol cars before he made an â€œabrupt evasive maneuverâ€• and stopped in the parking lot of the Sunrise Middle School, deputies reported.

According to an earlier news release, several deputies and a police dog arrived on scene, and Ganon didnâ€™t comply with the deputiesâ€™ commands then â€œbrandished a handgun in a life-threatening fashion.â€•

Ganon was shot by a deputy and died at the scene. â€œReportedly, only one deputy sheriff discharged his weapon in response to this armed threat,â€• the sheriffâ€™s office stated, adding that the involved deputyâ€™s identification probably wonâ€™t be released until mid-week.

The sheriffâ€™s office earlier released a statement regarding Ganonâ€™s alleged attempts at suicide. In a situation they called tragic, they stated that Ganon had made at least three prior suicide attempts, and had been transported as recently as January 22, by a deputy to a local Portland hospital for a similar mental health-related issue.

As per normal policy and procedure in circumstances of this nature, the deputy who fired the fatal shots has been placed on paid administrative leave during the course of an investigation by the Clackamas County Inter-Agency Crime Team.

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