



City of Edmonds Media Release

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OFF-DUTY EDMONDS POLICE OFFICER VIOLENTLY ASSAULTED IN LAS VEGAS The three-year veteran later succumbed to his injuries at an area hospital

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With deep sadness, the Edmonds Police Department announces the loss of Officer Tyler Steffins on Saturday, March 26th. Officer Steffins was off-duty in Las Vegas, NV when he was attacked by a person unknown to him who was armed with a knife. Officer Steffins was transported to an area hospital but did not survive his injuries. A suspect was taken into custody, and the Las Vegas Metro Police Department has launched a homicide investigation.

Officer Steffins started with the Edmonds Police in August of 2018. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps (Corporal, 2007-2011) with recognition for his service during Operation Enduring Freedom. Officer Steffins graduated from the police academy in March of 2019 and was #1 overall in his class. Upon completion of field training, Officer Steffins has served the community as a patrol officer for both day and night shifts. A photo of officer Steffins is attached.

Tyler is survived by his wife, mother, father, brothers, sister, two young children, friends, and loved ones. Edmonds PD will work closely with the family to provide assistance and support during this difficult time.

“This is a tragic loss for our agency when our staff and the entire region is already in a state of mourning for other fallen officers. While we grieve with heavy hearts, our peer support program members are actively engaging with our staff. Tyler was a valued member of our police family whose infectious smile and contagious laugh endeared him to his peers. We will miss him terribly but cherish the times we had with him. We remain committed to providing quality service to our community even during the most trying of times.” Chief Michelle Bennett

All inquiries regarding the investigation in Las Vegas should be directed to the Las Vegas Metro PD Public Information by phone at 702-828-4082 or by email at pio@lvmpd.com. The LVMPD media release is also attached.

Edmonds PD will hold a short media briefing at 1:30pm outside the west doors of the police department.

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