



# City of Edmonds News Release

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## **UPDATE: ARREST MADE IN ABDIKADIR SHARIIF HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION**

**The 21-year-old Edmonds resident lives a block from the crime scene.**

**(Edmonds, WA)** Edmonds Police have arrested a suspect in the January 3, 2024, murder of 31-year-old Abdikadir Shariif. The suspect, a twenty-one-year-old Edmonds resident, was arrested around 2:30 PM Wednesday, January 10, without incident by members of the Snohomish County Violent Offenders Task Force (VOTF). He was arrested after he walked away from his residence in the 23500 block of Edmonds Way. At the time of his arrest, the suspect was armed with two handguns and was wearing body armor. There were no injuries as a result of his arrest. He was transported to the Edmonds Police Department, where detectives interviewed him before he was booked into the Snohomish County Jail for 2nd-degree Murder.

Mr. Shariif was senselessly killed just after 10:15 PM on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Shariif was working as a ride-share driver and had just dropped off a customer returning from vacation at a nearby residence. After departing the drop-off, Mr. Shariif drove westbound on 236<sup>th</sup> Street SW and, with a green signal, began making a left-hand turn onto Edmonds Way. The suspect was crossing from west to east at the same crosswalk Mr. Shariff entered during his turn. Without warning, the suspect fired multiple times at Mr. Shariif, mortally wounding him. He later died at Harborview Medical Center.

Detectives received multiple tips and collected several types of evidence during the investigation. Numerous search warrants were also served to recover physical, digital, and other types of evidence. After his arrest, a search warrant was served on the suspect's residence, and additional evidence was recovered. New witnesses were also contacted and interviewed at this location.

This investigation is an excellent example of community involvement, tireless detective work, and collaboration among law enforcement partners. Now that the suspect is in custody, detectives will continue their investigation to include a thorough analysis of the firearms that were recovered.

A media briefing will occur at 2:30pm on Thursday inside the Edmonds Police Department. Media may begin arriving and setting up at 2:00pm.

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## ***FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 9, 2024***

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#### **Detectives looking to speak with ride-share customer and occupants of a red vehicle who may be witnesses**

**(Edmonds, WA)** Edmonds Police are very appreciative of the numerous tips submitted by the community as we continue the investigation into the senseless murder of Mr. Abdikadir Gedi Shariif. Detectives continue to pour over the information received and evidence recovered during the investigation and are actively following up on leads. This case is our agency's top priority, and we are working with our law enforcement partners to assist with the investigation and make an arrest. We want to clarify some information and seek additional community assistance.

- The current evidence and eyewitness accounts support that this was a chance encounter between the suspect and Mr. Shariif and was not related to his employment as a ride-share driver or any previous relationship. In the brief moments when the two crossed paths, there was no apparent altercation before the suspect opened fire.
- Detectives would like to speak with the ride-share customer whom Mr. Shariif dropped off in the Edmonds area before encountering the suspect. That customer is considered a witness only in this investigation, and we ask them to call Edmonds Police.
- Witnesses report a red sedan, possibly a Honda, was seen in the immediate area in the moments after the shooting. Detectives are considering any occupants of that vehicle as witnesses and are asking them to come forward.

If you know where the suspect is, do not approach and call 911! Anyone with information about this incident or the suspect can contact your local police department or email [policepio@edmondswa.gov](mailto:policepio@edmondswa.gov).

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## ***ORIGINAL RELEASE: January 4, 2024***

### **MOTORIST SHOT AND KILLED BY PEDESTRIAN**

#### **A gunman is still on the run, and police seek the community's help**

**(Edmonds - WA)** A thirty-one-year-old man from Sea-Tac was shot and killed overnight after what may have been a chance encounter with the suspect. That suspect is still on the loose, and Edmonds Police are asking anyone with information about this incident to come forward.

The initial call came in just after 10:15 PM Wednesday when multiple callers reported the driver of a vehicle had been shot and the suspect had fled on foot at the intersection of 236<sup>th</sup> Street SW and Edmonds Way (SR104). When officers arrived,

they found the victim in critical condition from multiple gunshot wounds. He was transported by aid to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, where he later succumbed to his injuries.

Several witnesses told investigators that the suspect was on foot and fired multiple times at a vehicle before fleeing eastbound on 236<sup>th</sup>. Multiple Snohomish County police agencies, as well as Shoreline Police, assisted with the search for the suspect. K9 units and drones were used to aid the search, but the suspect was not located. The suspect is described as a White or Hispanic male in his teens to early twenties with curly, dark hair. He was last seen wearing a hoody and all-black clothing. He should be considered armed and dangerous.

Investigators have determined that the suspect was crossing Edmonds Way, and the victim was turning left towards the suspect. There was no obvious altercation before the suspect opened fire, mortally wounding the victim.

If you know where the suspect is, do not approach and call 911. Anyone with information about this incident or the suspect can contact your local police department or email [policetips@edmondswa.gov](mailto:policetips@edmondswa.gov).

Statement from Chief Michelle Bennett:

"This type of incident shakes a community, and it is difficult for all of us to fathom. We are aggressively pursuing the person responsible for this senseless killing, and we will work tirelessly to get them off the streets to face justice. We know someone knows the suspect or knows something about this incident. To that person; please do the right thing and contact us."

Statement from Mayor Mike Rosen:

"I want to extend my condolences to the victim's family and loved ones. Our police department is actively continuing their investigation to locate and arrest the suspect. If anyone has information to share about the incident, please contact the Edmonds Police Department."

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