

Office of Professional Accountability Fact Sheet
August 30, 2010 officer-involved shooting investigation

August 30, 2010 through January 9, 2011

Seattle Police Homicide detectives investigate the officer-involved shooting death of John T. Williams by Officer Ian Birk at Howell and Boren Avenue. Chief John Diaz asks the San Diego and Austin Police Departments to review the Seattle Police Homicide officer-involved shooting investigation.

October 4, 2010 The Seattle Police Department Firearms Review Board convenes. After reviewing the information, the Firearms Review Board arrives at a preliminary finding that is sealed pending review of the case by the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

October 5, 2010 The Firearms Review Board refers its preliminary findings to the Office of Professional Accountability. OPA's investigation moves to monitoring status pending the outcome of the criminal investigation of Officer Birk, inquest process and charging decision.

Seattle Police commanders take possession of Officer Birk's gun and badge, revoking his authority to take any police action.

January 10, 2011 The King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and King County Superior Court conduct an inquest into the death of John T. Williams.

January 20, 2011 The inquest process concludes.

February 13, 2011 The Firearms Review Board reconvenes and concludes that the August 30, 2010 shooting of John T. Williams was not justified.

February 16, 2011 The King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office issues a decision not to charge Officer Ian Birk. The Office of Professional Accountability will begin its administrative investigation immediately to determine whether Officer Ian Birk committed any policy violations.

Office of Professional Accountability investigators will review the officer-involved shooting investigative file, the San Diego and Austin reviews, the Firearms Review Board finding and the Inquest transcripts.

Officer Ian Birk will be required to participate in an interview with Office of Professional Accountability investigators.

Office of Professional Accountability Director Kathryn Olson will review the Office of Professional Accountability administrative file and make a recommendation for discipline to Chief John Diaz.

If the Office of Professional Accountability recommends a finding of *Sustained*, Officer Ian Birk is entitled to a *Loudermill* hearing with Chief John Diaz. The purpose of this hearing is to allow the officer to speak directly with Chief Diaz to offer any information he wants considered before discipline is imposed. If the Office of Professional Accountability recommends a finding other than *Sustained*, Officer Ian Birk will return to work in the Patrol Operations Bureau.

March 2011 (TBD) Expected completion date for the Office of Professional Accountability process and *Loudermill* hearing, if one is necessary.