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The Bonner County Sheriff's Office is releasing further details related to the officer-involved shooting that occurred on 7-8-14 in the 200 block of West Alder Street in Sandpoint, ID.

On 7-8-14 at 9:12PM Bonner Dispatch / 911 was contacted by Bonner General Hospital (BGH). The Emergency Department (ED) staff reported a gentleman had come into the BGH Lobby stating his wife was outside in their vehicle exhibiting erratic aggressive behavior and was armed with a knife. The man said his wife was threatening to attack anyone trying to approach her. The man said he did not know what to do or where he could take his wife to get help.

After a few minutes the man left the lobby. BGH staff initiated a lockdown of the hospital. At 9:13PM Bonner Dispatch dispatched the call and 3 Sandpoint City Police Officers responded in 2 marked patrol units.

At 9:15PM the officers arrived; located the suspect vehicle (white Chevrolet Astro Van) parked on Alder street in front of the Emergency Department entrance of BGH. The female, Jeanette Riley, immediately exited the van. She was armed with a knife; and engaged the officers. Riley was non-compliant; refused to stop her approach; and refused to drop the knife.

At 9:16PM Bonner Dispatch received a report of shots fired. Officers secured the knife and immediately began life-saving measures. Nearby EMS and medical staff were summoned. Riley was rushed into the ED where she succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced dead.

Bonner County Sheriff Detectives have confirmed two of the three Sandpoint Police Officers discharged their weapons; a total of 5 shots were fired. Riley was shot in very close proximity to the officers. The exact distance is being withheld until the conclusion of this investigation.

This case remains under investigation. Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact Detective Sergeant Gary Johnston at 263-8417 x3049.