

City of Tacoma - Police Department

Memorandum

TO:

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City Manager

FROM:

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Interim Chief of Police

DATE:

July 26, 2021

SUBJECT: INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION UPDATE #8

The following information identifies key points for July 21, through July 27, 2021, in reference to the Internal Affairs Investigation regarding Manuel Ellis.

Subsequent to the review of the current investigative material, Internal Affairs has completed a total of eight interviews of employees, with the anticipation to conduct at least four additional employee interviews later this week.

In addition:

• We remain in communication with the Washington State Attorney General's Office and are awaiting a response to our request for documents. The Attorney General's Office previously advised the request is taking longer than expected but did not provide a date when we would begin receiving information.

Please note that Tacoma Police Internal Affairs strives to complete internal investigations within 45 to 90 days. This investigation is currently at 59 calendar days. We will continue to assess and evaluate the process of the investigation to attempt compliance within the stated timeline.

To create a safe and secure environment in which to live, work, and visit by working together with the community, enforcing the law in a fair and impartial manner, preserving the peace and order in our neighborhoods, and safeguarding our constitutional guarantees.