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On August 22, 2015 Sheriff Burnett reports a juvenile inmate escapee from the Chelan Falls Fire Camp is being airlifted to Harborview Medical Center for a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

On August 21, 2015 shortly after 2300 hours Sheriff's Deputies responded to the Chelan Falls Fire Camp reference a juvenile escaping from a detention Youth Camp performing duties at the Fire Camp. It was reported the juvenile assaulted a staff member and then fled the area on foot. Multiple Deputies and a Chelan County tracking canine responded to the area to assist in a search for the juvenile. A full canvas search was conducted, but the juvenile was not located.

On August 22, 2015 shortly before 0800 hours, a caller reported seeing the escaped juvenile sitting near the intersection of SR 150 and US 97. Deputies arrived and visually confirmed it was the escaped juvenile and attempted to contact him. The juvenile fled on foot with a mesh athletic bag and Deputies pursued. The juvenile stopped, turned toward the two pursuing Deputies, and removed a .22 caliber revolver from the bag. The juvenile immediately placed the revolver to his own head and for a short time spoke with the Deputies. Before any sort of intervention could take place the juvenile fired one single shot into the right side of his head. The two Deputies and other arriving Deputies immediately began to administer life saving measures. The juvenile was transported to Central Washington Hospital and then transferred to Harborview Medical Center. As of 1300 hours the juvenile was being treated at Harborview Medical Center and his medical condition is unknown.

Detectives are currently investigating and interviewing the involved Deputies and a civilian witness that observed the entire incident. The revolver used by the juvenile was a confirmed stolen firearm, stolen during a vehicle prowl the previous night.

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