

Good afternoon,

I am Nicole Powell, the assistant chief of investigations here at the Seattle Police Department.

I want to give you an update on the tragedy at the Seattle Center last night.

This is all preliminary information subject to change. This investigation is active and ongoing; our detectives are working tirelessly on this case.

At this point we believe this could be gang related.

There were two groups firing in the area near the Armory during the Bite of Seattle. We believe two of the individuals were “associates” with each other – this is the 19-year-old who passed away and the 15-year-old who was arrested last night.

There have been lots of questions about cameras. Our detectives are still collecting and viewing video evidence from buildings around the area.

I want to thank our officers, who selflessly ran into unknown danger, to our detectives and professional staff who are working together on this investigation. These men and women serve Seattle day in and day out with pride and dedication.

Again, I want to emphasize that the information I provided today is preliminary. Once we have additional information we will provide it to the public.

Thank you