**ATTACKER 'WASN'T GOING TO STOP'**

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A knife-wielding man who came at sheriff's deputies in a Ridgefield barn last weekend was only 8 or 9 feet away when an officer shot and killed him.

Deputy John Horch, 29, who fired the shots, told investigators he saw "a blank look" in the assailant's eyes as the man stepped off a platform with a large hunting knife in his hand.

"He starts coming at me," Horch said in a report made public Wednesday by the Clark County Sheriff's Office. "He kept coming so I shot. I shot several times and then he went down. No doubt in my mind he wasn't going to stop."

**Wayne Reed Jones**, 39, who had been staying in the barn at 20011 N.E. Tenth Ave., north of the Clark County Fairgrounds, died in a hospital about 3:10 a.m. Sunday, about two hours after the shooting.

Jones's girlfriend, Debbie Ann Lee, 37, said Jones was a methamphetamine user who had consumed as many as 15 beers before he beat her and deputies were summoned.

Detectives said they found methamphetamine in a search of the barn after the shooting, according to a search-warrant statement.

A witness also told detectives Jones had said that "he was going to go down and take everyone with him."

Deputy Alan Earhart, 32, a witness to the shooting, told investigators he heard Horch yell, "Stop! Police!" several times before firing at the man.

The incident surfaced about 1:20 a.m. Sunday, when Jones called 9-1-1 and said he was beating Lee. Horch and Earhart arrived minutes later and walked up to a chained fence gate with their flashlights in their hands.

Jones, sitting in his 1977 Ford pickup, suddenly accelerated at the officers, knocking the gate open as the deputies tried to jump out of the way. The gate knocked Horch down, injuring his hand and causing him to drop and momentarily lose his pistol.

Accelerating south in the pickup, Jones drove to the area of the Clark County Fairgrounds and then circled back at speeds up to 75 mph. Approaching a deputy who was trying to block the road with his car, Jones skidded out of control, missing the patrol car.

Deputies say Jones drove back to the barn where the incident began and ran inside. Horch, seconds behind him, said he kicked open a door and went in. Horch said he saw Jones standing on some type of platform and reaching into a small trailer in the barn.

At least twice, Horch said, he identified himself as an officer and ordered Jones to stop. Jones reportedly replied with obscenities, then turned toward Horch with an 8-inch knife in his hand.

Horch said Jones was 10 or 12 feet away when he stepped off the platform and came at Horch. Horch said he fired at a distance of 8 or 9 feet. Detectives later found seven .45-caliber shell casings from Horch's gun on the floor.

Sgt. Mark Mann, who is in charge of police training at the Washington State Basic Law Enforcement Academy in Seattle, said officers are taught that a person with a knife can be dangerous even 21 feet away.

"We use a general rule, if they are at 21 feet you'd better have your weapon out and on target and be ready to fire," Mann said.

At 10 or 12 feet, Mann said, "It's going to be the officer's discretion, but I can tell you I would draw and fire at any forward movement."

Mann said officers are taught that charging assailants, even if shot and wounded, can continue an attack until they lose consciousness.

Lee, Jones' girlfriend, told The Columbian she felt officers might have shot Jones in the leg or otherwise controlled him without killing him.

But Mann said officers are trained to aim at the largest part of an attacking person's body in life-threatening situations.

"If we try shooting at legs or arms, or shooting a gun out of someone's hand like in the movies, we are possibly going to shoot an innocent person," Mann said.

A review of the shooting is under way by detectives and internal-affairs investigators with the Sheriff's Office. Chief Criminal Deputy Steve Harrison said it could be two weeks before detectives complete their reports and send them to prosecuting attorneys for review.

Horch, a patrol deputy, is an explosives expert and former drug detective.