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Former Boxer Shot at Tacoma Boxing Event: Suspect Apprehended After Nationwide Manhunt

Tacoma, Wash. - On February 17, 2024, at approximately 10:20 p.m., a shooting took place at a sanctioned Golden Gloves boxing event held at the Oasis of Hope Center (1937 S G St). One individual sustained multiple gunshot wounds and was rushed to a local trauma center for urgent medical attention.

Identified as a 52-year-old male, the victim is a prominent former professional boxer from Tacoma and a current resident associated with the Tacoma Boxing Club.

Investigation by Tacoma Police Detectives (TPD) revealed that the shooting occurred in the event's parking lot, following a verbal altercation inside the venue involving members of different boxing clubs. The suspect, a 27-year-old male, was identified by TPD Detectives. It was found that the suspect had fled the state of Washington. On March 13th, 2024, the Pierce County Prosecutor's Office pressed charges against the identified suspect, and a Pierce County Superior Court Arrest warrant, with Nation-wide extradition, was issued.

With collaborative efforts from the United States Marshal's Service (USMS) Pacific Northwest Violent Offender's Task Force, USMS New Mexico Task Force, and USMS Arizona Task Force, the suspect was tracked across the southwestern United States. On April 19, 2024, the suspect was apprehended by the USMS Violent Offender Task Force in Long Beach, WA, upon returning to Washington State. A loaded firearm, belonging to the suspect, was seized during the arrest, and the suspect was subsequently booked into Pierce County Jail based on the arrest warrant.

The Tacoma Police Detectives are refraining from disclosing the suspect's name at this time due to their involvement in other ongoing violent crime investigations across the Puget Sound region.

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