



Press Release

Tacoma Police Department

Use of Deadly Force Investigation 08/08/2023. PCFIT activated for death investigation.

Tacoma, WA. August 8, 2023:

On August 8th, 2023 members of the Pierce County Force Investigation Team responded to the 9400 block of S D St in Tacoma to investigate a report of an officer involved shooting. While the investigation is still in the preliminary stages, the following synopsis was developed after interviewing civilian witnesses, dispatch CAD notes, and physical evidence at the scene.

On August 8th, 2023, at approximately 1510 hours, Tacoma Police Officers were dispatched to a residence for a disturbance. It was reported that the suspect had fired shots in the area and struck two nearby occupied houses multiple times.

Officers on scene requested additional support to assist with the suspect who was not cooperative. Tacoma SWAT personnel responded with armored vehicles. Once on scene attempts were made to verbally de-escalate the suspect. These attempts were not successful. At approximately 1638 the suspect fired shots at the officers who returned fire. The 41 year old male was struck by the return fire and was pronounced deceased at the scene. No officers were injured during this incident.

The ongoing investigation will be conducted by PCFIT with subsequent weekly press releases.

Please contact Sgt. Charles Porche for additional information.

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