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### **Latest Updates on TPD Officer Involved Shooting (December 31, 2022 | 3800 Block of North Pearl Street)**

TACOMA, Wash. -- The officer involved in this incident that occurred December 31, 2022 in the 3800 block of North Pearl Street has been identified as Officer Ira Stephens, a 52-year-old male who has been with the Tacoma Police Department for 28 years.

Detectives have released Officer Stephens' body worn camera footage from this incident. The video is accessible [here](#).

This continues to be an ongoing investigation.

### **Background details previously shared with the media are as follows:**

- At 7:31 PM on December 31, 2022, a 32-year-old male called South Sound 911 from an apartment in the 3800 block of North Pearl Street. The male said he was involved in a domestic violence incident with his fiancée and that he was armed with a knife.
- As a de-escalation tactic, officers had South Sound 911 Dispatch call the male and ask him to step out of the apartment to speak with them. After multiple calls were made, the male came out. An officer involved shooting occurred. A weapon was recovered at the scene.
- Neither the 32-year-old male nor the involved officers were injured.
- The male was booked into jail for Assault Second Degree.
- The Attorney General's Office of Investigations was notified.

- Both a criminal and administrative investigation will be conducted by the Tacoma Police Department.

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