

## **IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## 16-Year-Old Shooting Victim Deceased, Investigation Now a Homicide

Tacoma, Wash. – On January 15, at 5:15 p.m., South Sound 911 received a report of a vehicle that had crashed into a yard in the 4300 block of N. Pearl St. The caller said they thought the driver had been shot.

Officers confirmed the driver had a gunshot wound and asked for medical aid priority. The 16-year-old male was transported to a local hospital with life-threatening injuries.

Detectives and crime scene technicians responded to the scene.

Detectives determined the victim was driving a white BMW 325 northbound on N. Pearl St. in the inside lane of travel. Another vehicle driving northbound came up alongside the victim's vehicle and shot into it, striking the victim. The victim's vehicle then left the roadway, went through yards, and came to rest against the front steps of a residence on the west side of the road.

On January 20, the victim died from his injuries at the hospital.

This is being investigated as a homicide.

Detectives are asking anyone with information regarding this homicide to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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