

MEDIA RELEASE



**TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT
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Today at approximately 10:45 a.m. a Tacoma Police Officer made a traffic stop in the 500 block of South 40th Street. The male driver and sole occupant of vehicle stopped and exited the vehicle with a rifle, pointing it at the officer. The officer ordered the subject to drop the weapon, but he refused to do so. The officer, fearing for his safety and the safety of others, shot the subject.

Medical aid responded and the subject was transported to St. Joseph's Hospital for treatment of his life threatening injury.

The subject is described as a black male in his mid-twenties.

The department's Investigations Bureau, to include detectives and forensic personnel, have responded to the scene for processing and to interview potential witnesses.

The officer, who was not injured in the incident is a white male, 39 years old, who has been a Tacoma Police Officer for 10 years and 9 months. He has been placed on paid administrative leave per department policy.

This investigation is on-going and further information will be provided when appropriate.

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