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Homicide Arrests

Tacoma, Wash. - On September 22, at 4:41 a.m., officers responded to S. 47th St. and S. Pine St. for reports of shots being heard in the area and a woman possibly shot in a vehicle. Officers located a vehicle on S. 47th St. just prior to S. Pine St. with a female driver who was pronounced deceased on scene by Tacoma Fire Department personnel.

Through the investigation, detectives determined the shooting had taken place in a parking lot of an apartment complex in the 4500 block of S. Puget Sound Avenue. The victim had then driven away and succumbed to her injuries, crashing into a pole in the 2900 block of S. 47th St.

The victim was identified by the Pierce County Medical Examiner's Office as Soohui Kim, a 42-year-old female. The cause of death was ruled a gunshot wound to the chest.

Detectives were able to identify three suspects in Kim's homicide, Michael Deda, a 41-year-old male, Michael Freeman, a 39-year-old male, and Cody Smith, a 26-year-old male.

Officers took Michael Deda into custody on September 28, and he was booked into jail for First Degree Murder. Pierce County Superior Court issued warrants for Smith and Freeman for the charge of Second Degree Murder.

On October 27, Freeman was booked into the Nisqually Jail on an unrelated matter. Freeman will be booked into Pierce County Jail on the Second Degree Murder warrant at the conclusion of that matter.

On November 2, 2021, Tacoma police officers took Cody Smith into custody without incident. Smith was booked into the Pierce County Jail on the Second Degree Murder warrant.

There are no other outstanding suspects in this case.

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