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## Pierce County Force Investigation Team



# Press Release

## **Officer Involved Shooting**

Fife Police and a Washington State Patrol Trooper were involved in a shooting while attempting to stop a suspect in a stolen Terminal Tractor at a warehouse parking lot at 6522 20<sup>th</sup> St E in Fife.

### **Fife, WA. July 16, 2021:**

The investigation is active and ongoing. There are no new updates to report at this time.

### **Fife, WA. July 9, 2021:**

The officer who used force in this incident is Trooper Stephen O'Brien, a 29-year-old male, who has been with the Washington State Patrol for 3 years.

Trooper O'Brien has been placed on administrative leave since the incident occurred in accordance with Washington State Patrol policy.

The investigation is ongoing.

### **Fife, WA. July 2, 2021:**

The investigation is active and ongoing. There are no new updates to report at this time.

### **Fife, WA. June 25, 2021:**

At 0549 am, Fife Police officers were dispatched to a report of a motor vehicle theft that had just occurred at the 3500 20th St E in Fife. The caller was behind his stolen Terminal Tractor or "yard truck" which is a vehicle used to move semi-trailers in warehouses. The caller advised the vehicle cannot go faster than 35 mph.

Fife Police Officers were able to intercept the vehicle and utilized stop sticks to try and end the pursuit. The Washington State Patrol also responded to assist in the pursuit and with blocking

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traffic. The terminal tractor caused property damage at several warehouses and businesses and also struck a Fife Police car disabling it at the 6200 block of 20th St E. The vehicle continued to a warehouse parking lot at 6522 20th St E where officers radioed shots had been fired.

Officers attempted lifesaving measures and the suspect was placed into an ambulance, but was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The Pierce County Force Investigation Team is on scene investigating the officer involved shooting.

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