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Pierce County Force Investigation Team



Press Release

Officer Involved Shooting – 13400 Block of Canyon Road East

A Pierce County Sheriff's Deputy initiated a traffic stop. The deputy advised South Sound 911 Dispatch that a vehicle occupant had a firearm. An officer involved shooting occurred moments later.

Pierce County, WA, January 20, 2022:

The Pierce County Medical Examiner's Office has identified the deceased as Moses Portillo, a 22-year-old male.

Pierce County, WA, January 17, 2022:

On January 16, 2022, at 10:00 p.m., a Pierce County Sheriff's Deputy called out a traffic stop in the 13400 block of Canyon Road East. Moments later the deputy advised South Sound 911 Dispatch that a vehicle occupant had a firearm. At 10:01 p.m. the deputy advised shots had been fired. Deputies responded to the scene to provide assistance. Life-saving measures were started for a rear passenger, but he was declared deceased on scene. The driver and another occupant of the involved vehicle were not injured in the incident.

The involved deputy was not injured in the incident.

The Pierce County Force Investigation Team, comprised of members of multiple law enforcement agencies within Pierce County, was called to the scene for the independent investigation. The Pierce County Prosecutor's Office was advised of the incident and a member of their investigative staff responded to the scene to assist in the investigation.

The involved deputy has been placed on administrative leave in accordance with their department policies.

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This investigation is ongoing.

Please contact P.I.O. Officer Wendy Haddow for more information

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