



# Press Release

## **Officer Involved Shooting**

Tacoma Police were involved in an shooting while attempting to stop a suspect wanted for Murder in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree at 8800 South Tacoma Way in Lakewood.

### **March 8, 2022:**

The officer in this incident has been identified as Angel Castaneda, a 26-year-old male who has been with the Tacoma Police Department for 5 years and 3 months.

Detectives were able to determine the following based on statements by witnesses, officers and from surveillance video obtained during the investigation.

Detectives were investigating Jeremiah Tusi for a homicide which involved a firearm. The firearm from the homicide was never recovered. On February 15<sup>th</sup> when officers attempted to arrest Tusi, there was a foot pursuit in the parking lot of the hotel at 8700 S. Hosmer Street.

Tusi was able to evade officers on foot and got into a car. As he was entering the vehicle, one of the witnessing officers saw Tusi was in possession of a firearm and announced this over the radio to the other officers, including Officer Castaneda.

Tusi then led officers on a pursuit causing damage to other vehicles and running into occupied vehicles. When Tusi crashed his vehicle at 8800 South Tacoma Way, he ran up to an occupied gray van and reaches to open the door in an attempt to carjack the woman. At that time Officer Castaneda is challenging Tusi at gunpoint. Tusi turns his body towards Officer Castaneda and reaches towards his front sweatshirt pocket. During that time Tusi is shot by Officer Castaneda.

Tusi falls to the ground and is detained in handcuffs. Officers recovered a firearm from Tusi's front sweatshirt pocket where his hand was reaching as Officer Castaneda challenged him. A second firearm was also found in the vehicle Tusi had been driving.

The investigation is ongoing.

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**March 1, 2022:**

There are no updates at this time. The investigation is ongoing.

**February 22, 2022:**

The suspect in this incident has been identified as Jeremiah P. Tusi. He has been administratively booked into the Pierce County Jail for Murder in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree.

Tusi was the suspect in a murder at 8800 S. Hosmer St in Tacoma on February 7<sup>th</sup> of this year. The Pierce County Prosecutor's Office issued the warrant for his arrest on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

The investigation is ongoing.

**Lakewood, WA. February 15, 2022:**

At 11:59 a.m., Tacoma Police were trying to apprehend a suspect in a murder case near 8700 Hosmer St. Tacoma Police had a warrant to arrest the suspect for Murder in the 1st Degree.

The suspect in this incident fled from police and collided with several parked vehicles when leaving a parking lot at 8700 S. Hosmer St. A pursuit ensued into Pierce County where the suspect hit another vehicle at 96th St S and Sales Rd S. The suspect continued on and led officers into Lakewood on South Tacoma Way where he crashed into two more vehicles at 88th St S. Shortly after this collision Officers called out that shots had been fired.

Officers performed first aid and called for fire to assist immediately. The suspect was transported to the hospital with serious injuries. No officers were injured in this incident.

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

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