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Pierce County Force Investigation Team



Press Release

Officer Involved Shooting – 19000 block Pacific Ave.

Members of the Pierce County Sheriff's Department S.W.A.T. team were assisting the South Sound Gang Task Force in serving a felony warrant. When the deputies went to make the arrest, shots were fired.

Tacoma, WA. March 15, 2022:

On March 15, 2022, the South Sound Gang Task Force located a suspect who had a felony Assault 2nd Degree warrant in the 19000 block of Pacific Avenue. Due to the suspect's prior felony convictions, the task force asked the Pierce County Sheriff's Department Special Weapons and Tactics Team for assistance.

At 11:49 a.m., the Pierce County S.W.A.T. team moved into the area to arrest the suspect. Shots were fired and two deputies and the suspect were struck by gunfire.

The two deputies were transported to local hospitals with life-threatening injuries.

The 40-year-old male suspect was declared deceased on scene.

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 investigation is ongoing.

Please contact P.I.O. Wendy Haddow for additional information.
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