Press Release

Officer Involved Shooting

Tacoma Police were involved in an shooting while contacting an armed robbery suspect at 1100 Dock Street.

March 11, 2022:
The officer involved has been identified as Emily Knutsen, a 27-year-old woman who has been with the Tacoma Police Department since 2019.

The deceased male was identified by the Pierce County Medical Examiner’s Office as Steven Wohlwend a 31-year-old male. The investigation is ongoing.

March 4, 2022:
The deceased is a 31-year-old white male. The medical examiners office has not released the identity of the male at this time. The investigation is ongoing.

Tacoma, WA. February 24, 2022:
At 10:45 p.m. Tacoma Officers were called out to a man with a gun at the Marriott Hotel at 1515 Commerce Street. When officers arrived on scene they spoke to the victim and witnesses and confirmed they had probable cause to arrest the suspect for an armed robbery. Officers immediately setup containment to conduct a search with a K9 based on the suspects last known location. Their search led them down onto Dock Street near the 11th Street bridge.

At 11:21 p.m. officers radioed they had contacted the suspect and had him at gunpoint while he was refusing to show his hands. At 11:22 p.m., they radioed shots had been fired. Officers administered first aid to the suspect until Tacoma Fire Department arrived on scene. The suspect was transported to the hospital but later died from his injuries.

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A firearm was recovered from the scene of the shooting. 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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