



PCFIT

Pierce County Force Investigation Team



Press Release

Officer Involved Shooting – 18800 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 24, 2022:

After review of initial evidence, PCFIT investigators have determined that the Pierce County Sheriff's Department SWAT team arrived at the 18800 block of Pacific Avenue in a vehicle. As the SWAT team members exited, they observed the suspect seated in a vehicle parked in the yard. Within seconds the suspect opened fire on the deputies from inside his vehicle, striking two team members. Four SWAT team members returned fire.

During the course of this event a rescue was initiated on the injured deputies.

Deputies were able to reach the suspect, extricate him from his vehicle and provide medical aid. The suspect was pronounced deceased on scene.

One of the involved deputies succumbed to his injuries at the hospital on March, 16.

The Pierce County Medical Examiner's Office has identified the deceased Pierce County Sheriff's Deputy as Dominique Calata, a 35 year old male. Deputy Calata was a 6 ½ year veteran of the Pierce County Sheriff's Department, assigned to the City of Edgewood.

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The Pierce County Medical Examiner's Office has identified the deceased suspect as Jeremy Dayton, a 40 year old male.

The investigation is ongoing.

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.

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