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Pierce County Force Investigation Team



Press Release

Officer Involved Shooting – 6200 block of 161 St. E.

A Pierce County Sheriff's Department deputy attempted to stop a vehicle wanted in connection to an armed car-jacking and several armed robberies. The vehicle fled and rammed civilian cars to get through a traffic jam. The driver of the vehicle bailed out in the 6200 block of 161 St. E. and jumped on a motorcycle. Seconds later Dispatch was advised that shots had been fired.

Pierce County, WA, May 26, 2022:

The deputy involved in this incident has been identified as Deputy Brian Johnson, a 27-year-old male, who has been with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department for 5 years.

The suspect has been identified as Bryan Galeana-Mendoza, a 19-year-old male.

On May 13, 2022, Galeana-Mendoza was charged in Pierce County Superior Court with Theft of a Motor Vehicle, Attempt Elude, and three counts of Hit and Run to Attended Vehicle. As Galeana-Mendoza was still receiving medical care, warrants were issued.

When Galeana-Mendoza is released from the hospital he will be arrested on the warrants.

Pierce County, WA, May 19, 2022:

The investigation is active and ongoing. There are no new updates to report.

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Pierce County, WA, May 12, 2022:

On May 12, 2022, at 10:21 a.m., a Pierce County Sheriff's Department deputy observed a vehicle wanted in connection to an armed car-jacking and several armed robberies at Military Rd. E. and Canyon Rd E. The suspect was considered to be armed and dangerous. A traffic stop was initiated in the 15200 block of Canyon Rd E. The suspect vehicle fled at a high rate of speed.

The suspect vehicle was slowed by traffic at 160th St. E. and Canyon Rd. E. The driver of the suspect vehicle rammed civilian vehicles to get through the traffic jam and continued to flee.

At 10:35 a.m., a Pierce County Sheriff's Department sergeant advised South Sound 911 Dispatch there was now probable cause for Vehicular Assault.

At 10:37 a.m., the driver of the suspect vehicle bailed out of the vehicle in the 6200 block of 161 St. E. and jumped on a motorcycle. Seconds later, a Pierce County Sheriff's Department sergeant advised South Sound 911 Dispatch that shots had been fired.

The 19-year-old male suspect sustained one gunshot wound. Medical aid was immediately provided and the suspect was transported to a local hospital with serious injuries.

A female passenger in the suspect vehicle was transported to a local hospital for precautionary treatment.

A Pierce County Sheriff's Department deputy sustained minor injuries.

A firearm was recovered from the 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 involved deputy has been placed on administrative leave in accordance with their department policies.

The investigation is ongoing.

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

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