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## Pierce County Force Investigation Team

# Press Release

### **Puyallup Police Department Officer Involved Shooting – 1700 East Main Street**

#### **Puyallup, WA, January 24, 2023:**

At 1:17 p.m., Puyallup police officers responded to a domestic violence incident at an apartment complex in the 1700 block of East Main Street in Puyallup. The 911 caller said their ex-boyfriend had shown up at the apartment in violation of a domestic violence court order and was hiding in a closet.

Prior to their arrival, officers were able to confirm the male was the respondent on a served and active domestic violence no-contact order in which the 911 caller was the petitioner. The male also had confirmed felony and misdemeanor domestic violence warrants out for his arrest.

Once on scene, officers attempted to call the suspect out of the apartment. The suspect did not comply. When the officers attempted to contact the suspect inside the apartment, he opened fire on the officers and officers returned fire. Two Puyallup police officers were struck. The suspect barricaded himself inside the apartment.

The Metro Tactical Response Team responded. Negotiators made contact with the suspect via phone and P.A. announcements. After multiple hours of negotiations, the suspect came out of the apartment and was taken into custody at 6:53 p.m.

The two officers struck by gunfire were treated at the hospital for non-life-threatening injuries.

The 37-year-old male suspect was transported to the hospital for an injury to his hand.

Once the suspect is released from the hospital, he will be booked into jail for multiple counts of Assault First Degree, Violation of a Domestic Violence No-Contact Order, and outstanding warrants.

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. The Washington State Office of Investigations was also advised.

The involved Puyallup police officers have been placed on administrative leave in accordance with their departmental policies.

The investigation is ongoing.

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

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