



Press Release

Tacoma Police Department

Tacoma, WA September 15, 2023:

Active Investigation.

Officer involved named:

The officer involved in the shooting on August 8th involving the Tacoma Police Department SWAT team has been identified as Officer Brent Roberts.

Officer Roberts is a 39 year old male that has almost 18 years of service with the Tacoma Police Department. He was appointed to the TPD SWAT team over 8 years ago.

Officer Roberts is also a Firearms Instructor, Range Safety Officer and Reality Based Training Trainer.

Tacoma, WA September 8, 2023:

Active Investigation. No updates to report.

Tacoma, WA September 1, 2023:

Active Investigation. No updates to report.

Tacoma, WA August 25, 2023:

Active Investigation. No updates to report.

Tacoma, WA August 18, 2023:

Active Investigation. No updates to report.

Tacoma, WA August 11, 2023:

Active Investigation. No updates to report.

For Immediate Release 9:45 p.m. PST, August 09, 2023

Use of Deadly Force Investigation 08/08/2023. PCFIT activated for death investigation.

Tacoma, WA. August 8, 2023:

On August 8th, 2023 members of the Pierce County Force Investigation Team responded to the 9400 block of S D St in Tacoma to investigate a report of an officer involved shooting. While the investigation is still in the preliminary stages, the following synopsis was developed after interviewing civilian witnesses, dispatch CAD notes, and physical evidence at the scene.

On August 8th, 2023, at approximately 1510 hours, Tacoma Police Officers were dispatched to a residence for a disturbance. It was reported that the suspect had fired shots in the area and struck two nearby occupied houses multiple times.

Officers on scene requested additional support to assist with the suspect who was not cooperative. Tacoma SWAT personnel responded with armored vehicles. Once on scene attempts were made to verbally de-escalate the suspect. These attempts were not successful. At approximately 1638 the suspect fired shots at the officers who returned fire. The 41 year old male was struck by the return fire and was pronounced deceased at the scene. No officers were injured during this incident.

The ongoing investigation will be conducted by PCFIT with subsequent weekly press releases.

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