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Pierce County Force
Investigation Team



Press Release

Officer Involved Shooting

Bonney Lake Police officer involved in shooting while attempting to contact occupant of stolen vehicle behind Fred Meyer store on State Route 410 in the City of Bonney Lake.

December 22, 2020:

During the K9 track, on Tuesday December 15th, the dog had brought officers to the 24100 block of Entwistle Rd E where it was later reported a box van had been stolen. The box van was dumped at a business in Tacoma and recovered from a tow yard. Detectives believe the suspect may have avoided capture by stealing this second vehicle.

Through witness interviews, Investigators identified the suspect in this incident as 24-year-old Kenneth Whiteman. At 12:30 a.m. on Monday December 21, 2020, Whiteman was arrested by Pierce County Sheriff Deputies and United States Marshals with the Pacific Northwest Violent Offender Task Force. The task force tracked Whiteman to a hotel at the 1400 block of E 27th Street in downtown Tacoma. Whiteman had been given a ride by a friend and when they arrived in the parking lot deputies and the marshals surrounded the vehicle. Whiteman was ordered out of the vehicle and complied with their commands. Whiteman was arrested and booked into the Pierce County Jail. Whiteman is being charged by the Pierce County Prosecutor's Office with Assault in the 1st Degree.

The investigation is ongoing.

Bonney Lake, WA. December 15, 2020: At 10:14 a.m. on Tuesday December 15, 2020, an officer with the Bonney Lake Police Department spotted a stolen silver 1997 Honda Civic in the parking lot of a Fred Meyer store located in the 20900 block of State Route 410 in the City of Bonney Lake. The vehicle was reported stolen the previous night in the City of Tacoma.

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As an officer approached the vehicle he radioed that shots were fired and the stolen car fled the scene. Multiple units from Bonney Lake Police, Puyallup Police, Sumner Police, and the Pierce County Sheriff's Department responded to the area to search for the fleeing vehicle.

At 10:32 a.m. a witness called 911 to report that an unidentified male had abandoned a vehicle in her driveway. Officers responded to the neighborhood along State Route 410 near 234th Ave. in the Buckley area, where they confirmed it was the stolen vehicle involved in the incident at the Fred Meyer store. The witness reported seeing a white male park and walk away from the vehicle, and the surrounding area was searched by K9 units but the suspect was not located.

The Pierce County Force Investigation Team is on scene and will be handling the investigation.

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