



News Release

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Headline: Region 3 CIIT Investigating PCSD OIS

Details:

On August 10, 2020, just after midnight, the Region 3 CIIT was requested by the Pierce County Sheriff's Department to investigate an officer involved shooting that occurred in the area of Graham. The media release from PCSD is attached below. The Region 3 CIIT is comprised of members from Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Office, Lewis County Sheriff's Office, Mason County Sheriff's Office, Pacific County Sheriff's Office, Thurston County Sheriff's Office, and the Washington State Patrol. Thurston County Sheriff's Office will be the lead agency for the investigation. The investigation is ongoing at this time and we will provide weekly media releases as to the progress of the investigation.

8/10/2020 Release from PCSD: “PIERCE COUNTY, WA – At 9:07 p.m. on Sunday August 9, 2020, Pierce County Sheriff's deputies responded to multiple 911 calls reporting that a man was firing shots in the 24900 block of 144th Ave. E. in the Graham area. It was also reported that the man held a knife to a neighbor's throat.

When deputies arrived on scene they were told the suspect was armed with firearms. Deputies searched the neighborhood and reported hearing multiple shots fired but were unable to locate the suspect.

At 10:37 p.m. deputies reported hearing shots fired in the vicinity of a nearby residence on 144th Ave. E. and determined the suspect was inside the residence. Deputies were able to safely remove three occupants from the home and learned that male suspect was still armed. Deputies continued to hear additional shots from inside the residence.

At 11:35 p.m. the suspect exited the residence and fired multiple shots. A deputy then fired and the 39 year old male suspect was deceased at the scene.”