



# News Release

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**Media Contact:** Lt. Ray Brady, ray.brady@co.thurston.wa.us

**Headline:** Officer Involved Shooting in Thurston County

**Details:** On September 3, 2020, shortly before 7pm, TCSO was notified of an officer involved shooting that occurred in the 7600 block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Way SE in unincorporated Thurston County near Lacey.

Members of the Pacific Northwest Violent Offender Taskforce led by the US Marshalls were involved in the incident. The team was comprised of law enforcement officers from the US Marshalls Service, Pierce County Sheriff's Department, Lakewood Police Department, and the Washington Department of Corrections. The team was at the location conducting surveillance on an apartment where they believed a wanted homicide suspect was located. The wanted subject came out of the apartment and got into a vehicle to leave. During the attempt to apprehend him, shots were fired at the suspect in the vehicle and he fled from the vehicle on foot. Additional shots were fired at the suspect and he was later pronounced deceased at the location. We can confirm at this time that the suspect was armed with a handgun. The suspect is described as a white male in his 40's, but we are not releasing his identity at this time. The deceased's name will be released by the Thurston County Coroner's Office once his identity is verified and next of kin are notified.

The investigation into the shooting will be conducted by the Region 3 Critical Incident Investigation Team. The Region 3 CIIT is comprised of members from Gray's Harbor County SO, Lewis County SO, Mason County SO, Pacific County SO, and the Washington State Patrol. Thurston County Sheriff's Office will be the lead agency in this investigation. This incident occurred in TCSO jurisdiction, however, no members of TCSO were present at the time of the incident.

Further information will be released as it is available.