



News Release

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Headline: Officer Involved Shooting in Thurston County – Weekly Update

Details: On September 3, 2020, shortly before 7pm, TCSO was notified of an officer involved shooting that occurred in the 7600 block of 3rd Way SE in unincorporated Thurston County near Lacey. This incident involved members of the Pacific Northwest Violent Offender Taskforce led by the US Marshals Service.

Update: The Region 3 CIIT can confirm at this point that Mr. Reinoehl pointed the handgun that he had in his possession at the officers at the time of the shooting. A search warrant had been authorized for the search of the vehicle Mr. Reinoehl was driving at the time of the incident. Detectives located a fired shell casing in the vehicle that is the same caliber as the firearm in Mr. Reinoehl’s possession. At this time, we are not able to determine at this time if this shell casing is an exact match to the firearm in his possession even though it is the same caliber. The firearm that was in his possession is a .380 caliber handgun. No officers were carrying or fired a weapon of that caliber. While this firearm is the same caliber as the weapon used in the Portland homicide investigation; we will not know if this is the same weapon until ballistics testing can be conducted at the crime lab. During the search of the vehicle, detectives also discovered an AR15 style .22 caliber rifle in the front seat of the vehicle. The serial number of this .22 caliber rifle had been removed. These weapons will be sent to the WSP Crime Lab for further testing.

Our team continues to work diligently on this case including going through statements and evidence. We currently do not have any video evidence from when the actual shooting occurred, only a video from after the shooting occurred. We are still seeking assistance from anyone that has video of the incident or might have witnessed the incident. Anyone with additional video or information is encouraged to contact TCSO detectives.