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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 has obtained the statements of the involved officers in this case. Mr. Reinoehl exited the apartment carrying 2 bags and went to his vehicle parked on the street in front of the apartment. Officers determined that they needed to move in to take him into custody. Mr. Reinoehl started the vehicle as officers pulled up in front of his vehicle. One of the officers had the door to his vehicle open and gave verbal commands to Mr. Reinoehl. The officers all had clear markings on their vests and witnesses also reported they were easily identified as police officers. Two officers reported that Mr. Reinoehl began reaching toward the center console of the vehicle. One officer observed what he believed to be a handgun presented by Mr. Reinoehl toward the officers. Officers began to fire at Mr. Reinoehl in the vehicle. Mr. Reinoehl exited the vehicle and fled behind the vehicle. The officers continued to fire at Mr. Reinoehl. The officers on that side of the vehicle reported that he continued to reach around his waistband and was attempting to manipulate his firearm. Mr. Reinoehl then moved to the roadway near the mailboxes toward the location of two other officers and they fired their weapons as Mr. Reinoehl had his hand near his waistband and pocket where they observed a firearm. Mr. Reinoehl fell to the ground and still had his hand on the firearm partially withdrawn from his pocket. His hand was removed from the firearm by the officers so he could be placed in handcuffs prior to CPR and other medical aid being rendered to him. The firearm was left in his pocket by the officers.

We have determined a total of 37 rounds were fired from four different officers. Two officers fired handguns and two officers fired rifles. As previously mentioned we also recovered one fired shell casing from a .380 caliber handgun in Mr. Reinoehl's vehicle. We continue to wait on information from the WSP Crime Lab regarding the .380 casing and the weapons in Mr. Reinoehl's possession.