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Headline: Pierce County Homicide Suspect shot by TCSO Sergeant

Details:

On March 15, 2018 at approximately 1:15am, Tumwater Police Department located a vehicle at Comfort Inn that was involved in a double homicide in Pierce County. After calling for assistance, the Tumwater Officer along with 2 other Officers and a TCSO Sergeant confronted the homicide suspect in the vehicle, commanding him to exit the vehicle. The suspect refused commands and attempted to leave the parking lot. The suspect drove and accelerated his vehicle directly at the TCSO Sergeant, whom was giving commands to stop. The TCSO Sergeant fired 3 rounds at the suspect, hitting the man with one round.

The suspect continued driving and was intercepted by a TCSO Deputy whom intentionally rammed the vehicle to stop him. The suspect was taken into custody and transported to a local hospital where he is being treated for non-life threatening injuries.

The incident is being investigated by the Region 3 Critical Incident Investigation Team, which is comprised of investigators from Lewis, Mason, Grays Harbor and Pacific County. Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Office is the lead agency for this investigation.