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Shooting suspect in Aggravated Assault of Tacoma Public School Patrol Officer Arrested

On July 18, 2024, a shooting occurred in the parking lot of the Tacoma Public Schools Office located in the 600 block of South 8th Street in the City of Tacoma. During this incident, a silver SUV, occupied by the suspect, slowly approached an occupied, marked Tacoma School Patrol vehicle. The SUV was slowly driven past the School Patrol vehicle and eventually stopped approximately ten feet behind it. The suspect exited the passenger seat of the SUV armed with a handgun. He walked towards the marked car, raised the pistol, and fired into the School Patrol vehicle from behind. The shot narrowly missed the School Patrol Officer.

It is believed that the motive behind the shooting was due to the School Patrol Officer prohibiting an illegal narcotics transaction between the occupants of the vehicle and people loitering on school property.

At approximately 9:00 a.m. on Friday, December 13, 2024, members of the Pierce County Sheriff's Departments' Special Weapons and Tactics Team and Special Investigations Unit, working in cooperation with the South Sound Regional Gang Task Force took the shooting suspect safely into custody.

The forty-year-old suspect was booked into the Pierce County Jail for one count of Attempted Murder.

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