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### **Homicide Arrests**

Tacoma, Wash. – On December 20, 2021, at 12:24 a.m., officers responded to reports of a shooting in the 1800 block of S. 93<sup>rd</sup> St and located an unresponsive male in the parking lot. The male was declared deceased on scene by Tacoma Fire Department personnel.

The victim was identified by the Pierce County Medical Examiner's Office as 46-year-old Jason Arkell.

Through their investigation, detectives were able to identify two suspects and establish probable cause for their arrest. Keon Simms, a 24-year-old male, was in custody at the Pierce County Jail on a separate matter. Kenneth Lamar Jr., a 27-year-old male, was taken into custody yesterday by officers of the Phoenix Police Department on an unrelated warrant.

Simms and Lamar were charged with Murder 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in Pierce County Superior Court this morning for the homicide of Jason Arkell.

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