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Tacoma, Wash. – A Tacoma Police Officer was in the 9600 block of Hosmer St when a vehicle drove by, stopped, and fired several rounds in the direction of the marked police vehicle.

On August 7, 2023, just before 1:30 AM, a Tacoma Police officer was on routine patrol after leaving a call in the 9600 block of South Hosmer St. As the officer was driving, he heard gunshots and looked in the direction from where the sound was coming from. The officer saw a vehicle stop in the roadway of 96th St, and from an open window, fired several rounds toward the direction of the officer who was seated in his patrol vehicle. The officer put the information out over the radio, and another Tacoma Officer located the suspect vehicle a short time later. The suspicious vehicle led the officers on a pursuit through the city's east side, into the county, and onto State Route 5-12.

As the suspect vehicle attempted to negotiate a curve on the Steele St exit, it left the roadway and collided with a ditch. All suspects left the car and fled on foot. Multiple officers pursued the suspects on foot until four were taken into custody. At some point during the pursuit/foot chase, one suspect shot themselves in the hand. Officers removed several firearms from the suspects and booked them into the property.

Once the four were in custody, the vehicle that was determined to be stolen caught fire. Officers tried to extinguish the fire, but it spread fast. The Tacoma Fire Department was dispatched to put the car fire out.

All suspects were seen at local hospitals before being booked into jail. A 14 and 17-year-old male were booked into Remann Hall, and an 18 and 19-year-old male were booked into the Pierce County Jail. Charges range from Aggravated Assault, Drive-by Shooting, Unlawful Possession of a Fire Arm, and Possession of Stolen Property.

This investigation is ongoing. None of our officers were injured in this event.

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