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## Armed Robbery of Cannabis Shop Arrest

Tacoma, Wash. – On October 28, at 2:26 a.m., an alarm call came into South Sound 911 from a cannabis shop in the 2600 block of Pacific Avenue. The alarm company advised that an on-scene security guard was reporting an armed robbery with shots fired.

Officers determined that three vehicles pulled up to the front of the business, and one drove directly into the business through the front doors. The suspects then ran into the store and started throwing merchandise into bags.

As the suspects left, the armed security guard, who had been outside the business, exchanged gunfire with multiple suspects. One suspect was believed to have been struck by gunfire. The suspects then fled the area in one of the vehicles and on foot. The security guard was not injured.

No suspects were located during an area check, but officers found two stolen vehicles left at the scene.

Detectives developed probable cause for a 17-year-old male. On December 5, the suspect was arrested and booked into Pierce County Jail, where he will be tried as an adult for Assualt 1<sup>st</sup>, Robbery 1<sup>st</sup>, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Unlawful Possession of a Stolen Vehicle.

This investigation is ongoing.

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