

MEDIA RELEASE



**TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT
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At approximately 2:30 a.m., a Washington State Patrol trooper initiated a traffic stop, the vehicle fled the stop. A Pierce County Sheriff's Department Deputy attempted to stop the vehicle in the area of 72nd and McKinley Avenue. The vehicle failed to stop and the deputy initiated a pursuit. The suspect vehicle was being driven recklessly, travelling at a high rate of speed and into oncoming traffic lanes.

The suspect led Deputies to the area of SR 512 and Steele Street. An occupant of the suspect vehicle shot multiple times at the pursuing Deputies. The pursuit continued to the area of 176th Street and 63rd Avenue East where a pursuit intervention technique (P.I.T. maneuver) stopped the vehicle.

Deputies shot at the driver of the vehicle, striking the female driver causing non-life threatening injuries. Medical aid was administered and she was transported to the hospital for treatment. The male passenger was not injured. He was detained at the scene.

Deputies were not injured during the incident. The involved Deputies have been placed on paid administrative leave per department policy.

The Tacoma Police Department responded to the scene for the investigation. The scene will remain closed a few hours for processing.

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