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Stolen Vehicle / Search Warrant Investigation

Tacoma, Wash. – On September 19, 2022, at 3:00 am, officers patrolling in the 1200 block of S. Sprague St. observed a vehicle parked in a closed business parking lot. Due to recent crime in the area, the officers attempted to contact the vehicle's occupant. Once the officers were noticed, the driver of the car quickly fled the area on foot, abandoning the vehicle. The officers looked inside the vehicle and saw a shotgun lying in the car's back seat. Also, after a vehicle records check, they were notified that the car was stolen from Thurston County. Therefore, the officers impounded the vehicle to apply for a search warrant.

Officers applied and were granted a search warrant for the vehicle. During the execution of the warrant, officers recovered one full-sized 5.56 assault-style rifle, a loaded short barrel rifle, spare magazines, 1500-2000 fentanyl pills, 18.3 grams of cocaine, several stolen IDs, passports, laptops, and other financial documents.

Currently the suspect is still outstanding. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to call Crime Stoppers.

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