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Homicide Arrest

Tacoma, Wash. - On September 22, at 4:41 a.m., officers responded to S. 47th St. and S. Pine St. for reports of shots being heard in the area and a woman possibly shot in a vehicle. Officers located a vehicle facing east bound on S. 47th St. just prior to S. Pine St. that had crashed into a pole on the south side of the roadway. The female driver was unresponsive and pronounced deceased on scene by Tacoma Fire Department personnel.

Detectives and crime scene technicians responded to the scene. Through the investigation, detectives determined the shooting had taken place in a parking lot of an apartment complex in the 4500 block of S. Puget Sound Avenue. The victim had then driven away and succumbed to her injuries, crashing into a pole in the 2900 block of S. 47th St.

The victim was identified by the Pierce County Medical Examiner's Office as Soohui Kim, a 42-year-old female. The cause of death was ruled a gunshot wound to the chest.

Detectives were able to identify a suspect in Kim's homicide, Michael Deda, a 41-year-old male. Officers took Michael Deda into custody yesterday, September 28, and he was booked into the Pierce County Jail for First Degree Murder.

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