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Arrests Made in the Murder of Samuel Garza-Gonzalez

Tacoma, Wash. – On May 7, 2022, at 11:17 p.m., South Sound 911 received multiple reports of shots fired and the sound of a vehicle speeding away in the area of E. 35th St. and E. D St. Responding officers located shell casings in the roadway but did not find any victims.

On May 8, at 12:21 a.m., South Sound 911 received a call from Tacoma General Hospital staff advising that a male with gunshot wounds had been dropped off by private vehicle to the E.R. at 11:26 p.m. and had passed away at the hospital from his injuries.

Officers responded to the hospital and determined the victim's injuries had been sustained in the area of E. 35th St. and E. D St.

The victim was identified by the Pierce County Medical Examiner's Office as Samuel Garza-Gonzalez, a 24-year-old male.

Through their investigations, detectives and crime scene technicians identified suspects in this homicide. Probable cause was then developed for their arrest.

Yesterday officers arrested a 24-year-old male and a 23-year-old male for the murder of Samuel Garza-Gonzalez. Both suspects were booked into jail for Murder 2.

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