



# PCFIT

## Pierce County Force Investigation Team



# Press Release

## **Pierce County Sheriff's Department Officer Involved Shooting 1/25/2021**

Meridian Terrace Mobile Home Park

**Pierce County, WA January 26<sup>th</sup> 2021:**

At about 2306 hours on 1/25/2021 Pierce County Deputies arrived at a domestic violence incident at the Meridian Terrace Mobile Home Park in the area of 194<sup>th</sup> and Meridian. They had been dispatched to the report of a father and adult son who had been in a dispute. Per the caller, the son had armed himself with a .22 caliber pistol and was outside waving it around. The caller also told dispatch that the pistol had been taken away and hidden from the son. The caller said that the son was repeatedly entering and exiting the trailer to look for the pistol. Dispatchers noted they could hear the son shouting at his father.

Deputies arrived and attempted contact with the caller. Soon after the deputies advised dispatch that they had contacted an "uncooperative male". Shortly after, the deputies reported that shots had been fired, all deputies were unharmed and that the male had a knife. They called for medical aid informing dispatch that the male had been shot in the chest. Medical aid was rendered but the male was pronounced deceased at the scene by medical aid personnel.

Per Pierce County protocol, the Pierce County Force Investigation Team was called out to investigate this deadly force incident. Investigative staff from the Lakewood Police Department as well as the Puyallup Police Department responded to investigate.

Initial investigation at the scene indicates that the elderly male and his son were in fact in a heated domestic dispute inside their trailer. At some point a firearm was brandished in the incident prior to the deputies arriving. When deputies arrived they

attempted contact at which point the adult son exited the trailer armed with at least one knife or edged weapon and confronted deputies. Shots were fired by one deputy that incapacitated the male. He was quickly detained, assessed for injuries and medical aid was administered. The male died from his injuries on scene despite lifesaving efforts. Firearms and a knife were recovered from the scene.

All involved deputies have been contacted by members of PCFIT and follow up continues on this case. Additional updates will follow as the case progresses.

Any questions regarding the ongoing investigation can be sent to:

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