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## **Outside Agencies Investigating Officer-Involved Shooting in Port Orchard Area**

An investigative team made up of several Kitsap agencies is conducting an intensive investigation regarding an officer-involved shooting that occurred about 10:28 PM Thursday night, Sept. 21. The shooting involved Deputies from the Pierce County Sheriff's Office.

Based on preliminary information, Pierce County Deputies initiated a pursuit of a 1996 Acura Integra, and the pursuit went north into Kitsap County. Kitsap County Communications became aware of the pursuit at 10:14 PM. As the pursuit continued north, the vehicle apparently had tires flattened by the use of spike strips deployed by the Port Orchard Police Department, and the vehicle came to a stop some time later on Olney Road SE between SE Horstman Road and Beach Drive.

Several Pierce County Deputies were in the area of the car, and one Pierce County Deputy fired several shots into the vehicle. The driver, a 35 year old man with several addresses and possibly from the Gig Harbor area, was struck and was later airlifted to Harborview Medical Center, where he is in critical condition. There was also a 23 year old female in the passenger seat, who has been hospitalized with unrelated medical issues.

The Kitsap Critical Incident Response Team (KCIRT) responded to investigate, which is a normal procedure in these types of incidents. The investigation will be conducted by outside agencies made up of the Bremerton Police Department, Kitsap County Sheriff's Office, Washington State Patrol, and Port Orchard, Bainbridge and Poulsbo Police Departments. Because a Kitsap County Deputy was involved in the original pursuit, Bremerton P.D. will take lead on this investigation.

KCIRT will conduct a thorough and comprehensive investigation, and the report will ultimately be forwarded to the Kitsap County Prosecutor for review, which is standard in any officer-involved shooting incident. The status of the deputies and any other information may be referred to the Pierce County Sheriff's Department.

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