



PORT ORCHARD POLICE DEPARTMENT
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PRESS RELEASE

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POLICE INVESTIGATE SHOOTING RELATED TO STOLEN VEHICLE

On February 6th, 2022, at 2121 hrs., officers from the Port Orchard Police Department responded to an incident where a 911 caller stated they were chasing a stolen vehicle after confronting it in the parking lot of a local business. Dispatchers from Kitsap-911 told the caller to cease their pursuit but were refused.

The chase lasted several minutes before the caller told 911 that shots had been fired. The caller then became uncooperative and refused to meet with police.

Police believe the pursuit traveled throughout the city and included areas of Bethel Rd, SE Mile Hill Dr., and Lund Ave. before the caller pulled over prior to reaching Hwy. 16. Evidence was recovered in the area.

On the morning of February 7th, 2022, deputies from the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office located the stolen vehicle involved in the incident. Multiple bullet holes were visible, and all appear to have been caused by rounds entering the vehicle from the outside. The car is currently being held for a search and additional evidence is expected to be recovered.

Officers canvassed the area and did not locate any additional vehicles or buildings that appeared to have been struck by the gunfire.

Police do not believe there is an immediate danger to the public as a result of this incident but remind the community to contact law enforcement and not pursue potential suspects on their own.

"The rise in crime within our community is frustrating for all of us. We encourage everyone to not put themselves and others at risk and let law enforcement, who are trained to do so, investigate and pursue alleged criminal acts. This was a wanton disregard for the law and could have resulted in tragedy and death," said Chief Matt Brown.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Port Orchard Police Department by contacting 911 or email at police@cityofportorchard.us.

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