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PRESS RELEASE

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LEWIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE INVESTIGATING USE OF DEADLY FORCE INCIDENT IN THURSTON COUNTY

The Region 3 Critical Incident Investigation Team, led by the Lewis County Sheriff's Office, is investigating an incident involving a law enforcement use of deadly force in Thurston County. The Mason County and Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Offices are also assisting in the investigation. At approximately 10:30 AM on December 29th, 2022, members of the Thurston County Sheriff's Office attempted to serve an eviction in the 7100 block of Desperado Drive SE.

During the service of the eviction, the sole occupant of the residence, a 50 year old male, began discharging a firearm towards law enforcement, which resulted in a law enforcement officer discharging their firearm toward the suspect. The suspect remained in the residence and would not surrender. Thurston County Sheriff's Office and Washington State Patrol SWAT Teams responded to the scene and utilized less-lethal munitions in an attempt to gain compliance from the suspect over the next several hours. Throughout the afternoon and evening the suspect continued to discharge a firearm at law enforcement, resulting in law enforcement also returning fire. At approximately 10:00 PM the suspect exited the residence and was taken into custody. He was transported to a local hospital for treatment of minor injuries prior to being booked into the Thurston County Jail for Attempted Murder 1st Degree. Based on initial investigation it appears there were no injuries sustained by law enforcement.

No additional details are being released at this time. In accordance with Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 139-12-030, any further details and releases must be reviewed by community members selected by the IIT, therefore no additional details are being released at this time.

Anyone with information on the incident should contact the Lewis County Sheriff's Office at (360) 748-9286.

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Being a committed community partner, providing professional service to enhance the safety, security, and quality of life in Lewis County.