



January 3, 2020

## **PRESS RELEASE**

INCIDENT: Officer Involved Shooting

CONTACT: Mason County Sheriff's Department

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On January 2, 2020, at approximately 6:56 pm, Centralia Police Officers were dispatched to the 500 block of South Tower Avenue for a report of an adult male subject trespassing at a local store. It was also reported that the same subject had already been trespassed from the property in the past.

Officers arrived in the area within a couple of minutes and located the male subject approximately a half-block away. When the officers attempted to contact the male, he began threatening to assault them with what appeared to be a large walking staff. The officers tried to de-escalate the situation to include using a less-lethal force, but it had a no effect. The male attempted to assault one of the officers with the staff, and another officer fired his duty pistol striking the male twice. Officers on scene rendered first aid and an ambulance was immediately summoned. The

injured male was transported to Centralia Providence Hospital, where he underwent surgery. The current condition of the subject is not known.

The Officer who fired his weapon has been placed on Administrative Leave, per department policy, while the Region Three (3) Critical Incident Investigation Team (C.I.I.T.) investigates the incident.

All questions regarding this incident should be directed to the C.I.I.T. Commander from the Mason County Sheriff's Department, Chief Deputy Dracobly. (360)427-9670 ext: 313

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