



# Tulare Police Department

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## **Officer Involved Shooting**

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*\*\*The following information is based on a preliminary, ongoing investigation which continues to evolve as investigators interview witnesses, review physical and electronic records if available, and analyze forensic evidence. The Department's understanding of the facts and circumstances may change as additional evidence is collected and analyzed\*\**

On 12-26-17 at approximately 7:00 PM the Tulare Police Department received a 911 call from a confidential address in the City of Tulare. The call was in regards to a possible domestic violence incident where a gun had been fired. The suspect had left in a vehicle and officers spotted the vehicle nearby.. A vehicle stop was made in the 800 block of S. Spruce. When the vehicle came to a stop the suspect exited. Orders were given which the suspect did not follow. The suspect retrieved a firearm and continued to not follow orders. The suspect presented a threat to the officer and ultimately shots were fired.

Officers started first aid and asked dispatch to start an ambulance. During this time other officers arrived and helped make sure the area was safe and then secured the scene. The suspect was transported to a hospital for medical services, but passed away. The suspect is a 40 year old male and believed to be a Tulare resident.

In cases like this the Tulare Police Department has an agreement with the Tulare County Sheriff's Department to investigate officer involved shootings. The investigation and scenes were turned over to them.

At this time we will not be releasing any information on the suspect's background or any criminal history. We also will not be releasing any information on the history of the location officers were originally dispatched to. We do not have any information on how many times the suspect was shot or where on his person.

The officer is not injured and standard protocol is for them to be placed administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation.

Anyone with additional information regarding this incident is urged to call the Tulare Police Department at any of the following numbers:

- During business hours at (559) 684-4290;
- During non-business hours or on weekends at (559) 685-3454;
- Anonymously 24-hours a day (559) 685-2300 Ext: 4445
- Online at <https://www.tipsubmit.com/webtipstart.aspx>

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