

City of Tracy Police Department



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CALL REGARDING KNIFE-WIELDING INDIVIDUAL LEADS TO OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING

TRACY, CA – On Friday, January 27, 2023, at about 1:47 pm Tracy Police Department Communication Center received a call regarding a "suspicious circumstance" between two male subjects in the area of Silvertail Place and Foxtail Way. Per caller details, one of the males was holding a knife while chasing the other individual.

When the first officer arrived around 1:56 pm and contacted the knife-wielding individual, the suspect approached the officer. The suspect was given commands to stop and drop the knife. The suspect failed to follow the commands as he advanced toward the officer. Fearing for his safety and the safety of those in the area, the officer discharged his duty firearm, striking the individual. A large knife was recovered from the scene.

Responding officers rendered first aid at the scene until emergency medical personnel from South San Joaquin County Fire Authority and American Medical Response arrived to take over patient care and transport them to an area hospital.

The suspect, now identified as a 17-year-old male, is currently in serious but stable condition and is expected to survive. The involved officer, a 28-year veteran of the Tracy Police department, was uninjured.

"These events are tragic for everyone involved, our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by this incident," said Chief Sekou Millington.

Investigators, from the Tracy Police Department General Investigations Bureau and the Professional Standards & Training Division, from the San Joaquin County District Attorney's Office, are still actively working to interview witnesses. While the investigation is ongoing, body-worn camera footage is not available for release at this time but once interviews are completed, the footage will be shared publicly.

The investigation is ongoing; anyone with information is encouraged to contact Detective Philip Giusto at <u>Philip.Giusto@TracyPD.com</u> or at 209-831-6651.

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