PRESS RELEASE

A23-5229 SHOOTING INVESTIGATION

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At about 1514 hours of March 8th, 2023 Cowlitz 911 received a call from a resident in the 7200 block of Spirit Lake Hwy, Toutle, reporting they had shot a subject. The resident, a juvenile, advised dispatch that an unwanted male subject had come onto the property and was behaving erratically. The male subject, who was not known to the resident, was reportedly harassing the resident’s dogs. The caller reported they were threatened by the male subject.

Deputies with the Cowlitz County Sheriff’s Office responded to the scene, with officers from the Castle Rock Police Department assisting. The male subject was found to be deceased. Detectives with the Sheriff’s Office executed a search warrant and processed the scene for evidence.

This investigation is ongoing and no further information is available for release at this time.

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