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PRESS RELEASE

****UPDATE #2****

--December 31, 2016--

UPDATE: State Trooper Shot while Chasing Homicide Suspect

December 31, 2016 -- The interviews of the officers involved in the shooting that occurred on December 25, 2016, have been concluded. The Washington County Major Crimes Team conducted interviews of five officers who fired their weapons during an armed confrontation with James Tyka after he shot and killed his wife then shot Trooper Cederberg. An interview with Trooper Nic Cederberg has not occurred at this time.

Following are the names and years of law enforcement service of the officers who fired their weapons:

1. Trooper Nic Cederberg has been with the Oregon State Police for seven years.
2. Officer Anthony Cristofaro has been with the Hillsboro Police Department for seven years.
3. Officer Eli Sanders, with the Tualatin Police Department, has four years law enforcement experience. He was formerly an officer with the Yuma Arizona Police Department.
4. Officer Stan Smith has been with the Sherwood Police Department for over eight years.
5. Officer Joe Twigg has been with the Sherwood Police Department for over five years.
6. Officer Chris Pierce has been with the Sherwood Police Department for nearly two years.

As is standard procedure, all of the officers remain on administrative leave at this time.

Sheriff's Deputies from Washington and Yamhill Counties, and officers from Tigard, King City and Newberg Dundee Police Departments were also involved in the response to the overall incident, but did not discharge their weapons.

*****UPDATE #1*****

--December 27, 2016--

This is an update on the homicide in King City that preceded the officer involved shooting south of Sherwood on December 25.

The victim of the homicide that occurred in King City has been identified as Katelynn Tylka-Armand, she was 24 years old and from Beaverton. Katelynn was married to the suspect, James Tylka, although they were separated. They have a child together, she is eleven months old. James Tylka has an eight-year-old son from a previous relationship.

On Christmas night, Katelynn was dropping off their child at James' residence located on SW King James Place. He lived there with his parents. Katelynn pulled up in front of the house and James took the infant into the house. James' eight-year-old son was already in the home. James left the house and a short time later shot and killed Katelynn. The children were not harmed and did not witness the shooting.

We will not have any further details on the officer involved shooting until the interviews of all the involved officers have been completed. Those interviews will not be fully completed this week.

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Late Last night, an Oregon State Police trooper was shot after pursuing a homicide suspect south of Sherwood. The suspect was shot and killed during the incident. The trooper is currently being treated at a Portland area hospital for life-threatening injuries.

On December 25, 2016, at about 10:15 p.m. King City Police responded to 11950 SW King James Place on a report of a disturbance involving possible shots fired. They arrived with back up units from Tigard police and found a deceased adult female.

The homicide suspect, 30-year-old James Tylka, was spotted driving his vehicle and was pursued by officers. The pursuit ended on SW Gimm Lane south of the City of Sherwood. Mr. Tylka is also believed to be responsible for shooting and seriously injuring the Oregon State trooper. Officers from Hillsboro, Sherwood, and Tualatin Police Departments were also involved in the incident and are currently on paid administrative leave, per standard protocol.

The Washington county Major Crimes Team is investigating both incidents at this time. This is an ongoing investigation with multiple crime scenes and multiple agencies involved. More details will be released as the investigation unfolds and



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detectives are able to confirm the sequence of events. No further information will be released today.

Detailed information concerning this incident will be available after the Washington County Major Crimes Team concludes their investigation and the Washington County District Attorney's Office issues their charging decision.

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