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## For Immediate Release:

Case #: 18-ST0003

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On September 23, 2018 at approximately 6:36 p.m., Oak Harbor Police Department received 9-1-1 calls regarding a male that was attempting to car-jack a man near Safeway. The victim of the car-jacking described the male as being bloody, disheveled and it looked as if he was reaching for a weapon but no weapon was seen; the victim was able to safely drive away. The male then walked into the neighboring Walmart, stole ammunition and attempted to steal a gun. Walmart employees reported the male had brandished a knife.

After leaving Walmart, the male was contacted by Oak Harbor Police Officers and an Island County Sheriff's Deputy on the north side of Oak Harbor Intermediate School. The male failed to comply with the officer's and deputy's commands and shots were fired by the Island County Deputy, striking the male. Law enforcement rendered aid on scene, until fire and med units arrived. The male was transported to Whidbey General Hospital where he died. No one else was injured in any of these incidents.

The Island County Coroner's Office has identified the male suspect as 36 year old Richard Joseph Jackson from the east coast; his family describes him as transient. It is believed that Jackson acted alone in this incident.

The involved deputy is 33 years of age, and he has been with the Island County Sheriff's office for two years.

Detectives are requesting anyone that has any information regarding this case, to contact the Oak Harbor Police Department tip line: (360) 279-4633.