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WSP Seeking Witnesses To A Shooting On I-5 Near I-405

King County: At approximately 2 PM yesterday, April 2, 2022, Washington State Patrol (WSP) communications received a 9-1-1 call stating that two vehicles were traveling NB I-5 near I-405 and were shooting at each other.

Further information revealed that the two vehicles were involved in a collision with a third vehicle NB I-5 near I-405 and the occupants of a KIA Sorrento fled on foot. The other vehicle involved was a Jeep Compass that pulled over north of the scene. The two suspects that fled were subsequently apprehended by Tukwila PD and a K-9 track found a backpack that they had thrown containing two rifles and a handgun. The driver of the Jeep was also placed into custody and transported to Harborview Medical Center with a non-life threatening injury.

A total of three suspects from this shooting were booked into the King County Jail. The suspects from the KIA Sorrento were Jalen A Womack, 21 year old male and Lawrence Isaiah Groce, 23. The suspect from the Jeep, Jaquel Demerson, 26 was treated at Harborview and subsequently booked into the King County Jail.

At this point in the investigation it is believed that this was a gang related shooting and the investigation is ongoing.

This is shooting number 20 year to date on the freeways in King County. Last year to date the number of shootings was 12.

WSP detectives are seeking any witnesses and anyone with information on this shooting. Please contact Detective Haake at Russ.Haake@wsp.wa.gov.

UPDATE: Lawrence Isaiah Groce remains in the King County Jail and has now been charged with Murder 1st degree by the Benton County Prosecutor as a result of a case being investigated by Kennewick PD.

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