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### Tacoma man, 19, arrested in relation to Tacoma road rage shooting that injured 11-year-old

**TACOMA, Wash.** – A 19-year-old Tacoma man was taken into custody this evening in relation to a road rage shooting incident that seriously injured an 11-year-old boy on Nov. 25.

The original incident was reported on northbound Interstate 5 near the Tacoma Mall at 2:22 p.m. Friday. Witnesses reported seeing the driver of a dark-colored Chevrolet Cruze fire shots at a black Honda SUV. One of the gunshots struck an 11-year-old boy seated in the rear passenger seat of the Honda.

The boy was taken to a nearby fire station before being transported to an area hospital by aid. Thankfully, the boy is expected to make a full recovery.

Through witness information and the close partnership with the Tacoma Police Department (TPD), detectives were able to locate the vehicle believed to be involved in the incident at a residence in the 800 Block of South 78<sup>th</sup> Street in Tacoma.

WSP detectives obtained a search warrant that lead to the 19-year-old being taken into custody without incident by the WSP Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team in partnership with the Tacoma Police Department (TPD) SWAT team just before 8:30 p.m.

The 19-year-old was booked into Pierce County Jail for First Degree Assault (RCW 9A.36.001) and Drive-by Shooting (RCW 9A.3.045). The investigation remains ongoing.

Anyone with images or videos related to the incident can upload them via the above QR code to the WSP Evidence Portal. Those with additional information are encouraged to contact WSP Detective Travis Calton at (253) 538-3174.

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