



TARPON SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Media Release

On Saturday, May 06, 2017 at approximately 1:32pm a Tarpon Springs Police Department patrol officer who was working an Off-Duty event (Car Show) downtown was advised by visitors of a suspicious W/M riding a bike wearing an orange jacket with the hood pulled over his head in the area of Tarpon Ave and Safford Ave. The officer upon making contact with this individual at the intersection of Tarpon/Safford called out over the radio that he was out with the subject and was provided a name and DOB which did not come back with anything, the Officer advised that he gave him a fake name. He provided another last name which the officer gave over the radio, then there was silence and then the officer came over the radio stating "Shots Fired", "Shots Fired", "Shots Fired" then the officer advised over the radio "He came at me with a knife".

The suspect was transported to Florida Hospital North Pinellas where at 2:26 p.m. he was pronounced deceased. The officer was not injured during this incident. Numerous witnesses to the event.

FDLE was notified and will be handling the investigation into the officer involved shooting with assistance from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Forensics unit.

Neither the name of the suspect nor the officer involved is being released at this time.

Any additional information regarding this investigation please contact FDLE Tampa Field Office(813)878-7300


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