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## **Theft Suspect Dies From Self-Inflicted Gunshot**

At approximately 11:35 p.m. on Friday, April 14th, Tigard Police officers were called to a theft which just occurred at a Plaid Pantry convenience store located at 15995 SW Hall Blvd. in Tigard. The suspect had reportedly left the store. When arriving Tigard Police officers began to check the area, they spotted a broken window at a business located several doors down from the convenience store. As officers moved-in, they observed movement inside the shop. Within moments, the suspect inside called out to police that he had a gun. Quickly following the suspect's outburst was a sound of a gunshot. Officers quickly found cover and did not engage with the suspect.

The Washington County Tactical Negotiation Team (TNT) was called to the scene to assist with the situation. Video obtained from the premise surveillance revealed a subject down inside the business. Officers made entry and confirmed the suspect deceased from a self-inflicted gunshot. Officers also observed a suspicious device laying near the body. The Portland Police Bureau Explosive Disposal Unit (EDU) was notified and arrived on scene. The investigators confirmed the suspicious device was in fact an improvised gun which the deceased had fired causing the death.

Once the scene had been determined safe, Tigard Investigators began their investigation which lasted into the morning. The deceased was identified as a 48-year-old male. The name is withheld until family has been notified.

No officers were injured as a result of the incident. Tigard Police was assisted by the Washington County Sheriff's Office, the Beaverton, Tualatin and King City Police Departments, as well as the Portland Police Bureau and Transit Police.