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Suspect in Alleged Hit-and-Run Shot After Rushing at Sheriff's Deputies

(FORT BEND COUNTY, TX) – The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office is investigating an officer-involved shooting which originated from an alleged hit-and-run incident in Beasley, Texas. The Texas Rangers are leading the ongoing investigation.

On February 26, 2022, Fort Bend County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the 8600 block of U.S. 59 southbound in Beasley regarding a non-fatal hit-and-run crash where a suspect vehicle fled the scene. Fort Bend County Deputies caught up to the suspect's vehicle in which a sole occupant identified as Jacob Huerta, 37, was found in the driver's seat.

Deputies repeatedly ordered Huerta to exit the vehicle, but he refused. After a standoff, Huerta exited his vehicle then rushed at the deputies with a knife. A deputy fired his taser at Huerta which failed to subdue him. Huerta stabbed the deputy who then shot the suspect. Huerta was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The injured deputy was transported to the medical center in Houston where he was treated for non-life-threatening injuries and released.

"It's a sad day any time our officers are forced to use their weapon," said Sheriff Eric Fagan. "Our deputies are trained to de-escalate potentially dangerous situations such as this."

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About the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office
The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office was founded in 1837 and is the largest law enforcement agency in Fort Bend County—the most diverse county in Texas. The FBCSO has over 800 employees, including 565 sworn peace officers and 25 reserve deputies dedicated to protecting and serving nearly 900,000 Fort Bend County residents. Among the 10 fastest-growing counties in the nation, Fort Bend covers 885 square miles and includes 21 unincorporated communities.

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