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Shooting incident in northeast Salem under investigation

Salem, Ore. — Just before midnight on Monday, May 10, 2021, Salem Police patrol officers responded to multiple calls of shots fired near the vicinity of Clay and Cypress Streets NE. Officer in the area also heard the shots and arrived to find a vehicle speeding away. A pursuit was initiated and ended near the 2800 block of Howell Prairie RD NE where the occupants drove into a field and fled on foot.

Salem Police received support from regional agencies, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Keizer Police Department and Oregon State Police, and assisted with establishing a perimeter. Although after a thorough search of the area for several hours did not result in locating the occupants of the involved vehicle.

Patrol officers working the scene determined several vehicles in the nearby gas station parking lot had been struck. Although the vehicles were occupied, none of the persons inside were struck by the gunfire. Unfortunately, five dogs in the back of one of the vehicles were hit by bullets. With the owner's permission, officers took the adult dog and puppies immediately to an emergency veterinary clinic close by, but three of the dogs died.

Detectives are currently working all available leads, and no further information is available at this time.