



# YAKIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## Yakima County Sheriff's Office Press Release For Immediate Release

**Date:** December 10, 2018

**Incident Number:** 18c22313

**Incident/Offense:** Homicide

**Location:** 111 North Front Street Yakima, WA (Yakima County Jail)

**Incident Date and Time:** December 9, 2018 / 2335 hours

At 0032 hours on December 10, 2018 the Yakima County Sheriff's Office received a call from the Yakima County Jail requesting assistance with the investigation of an assault on an inmate.

Deputies from the Sheriff's Office responded to the Yakima County Jail and Virginia Mason Memorial Hospital where the victim had been taken for medical treatment. The inmate died from injuries he suffered from the assault and he was declared deceased at approximately 0157 hours.

The deceased inmate was a 36-year-old male resident of Yakima. He is not being identified at this time as next of kin have not been notified. The Yakima County Coroner has taken custody of the victim's remains.

At this point in time, five inmates have been identified as potential suspects in this homicide investigation. They are:

- A 24-year-old male from the Toppenish, Washington area.
- A 20-year old male from Toppenish, Washington.
- A 20-year-old male from Wapato, Washington.
- A 25-year-old male from the White Swan, Washington area.
- A 19-year-old-male from Yakima, Washington.

The investigation is continuing at this time. Yakima County Sheriff's Office Detectives are at the jail processing the scene, collecting evidence and interviewing inmates.

Please contact the Yakima County Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau for further information about this incident. The phone number for the unit is (509) 574-2550.

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