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Update for First Homicide of 2019

Sunnyside – On March 9, 2019, our detectives attended the autopsy of the unidentified deceased male victim in this case. The Yakima County Coroner's Office concluded the male died from multiple gunshot wounds. A positive identification of the victim has not been made. We will update the public once the identity of the male is determined.

On March 7, 2019, at 12:42 am, Yakima County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to the 100 block of S. McLean Rd in Sunnyside for a homicide. Deputies found an unidentified deceased male victim at the location. With the assistance of the Sunnyside and Grandview Police Department's, we were able to find and arrest 25-year-old Jesse Leonel Lopez-Avalos. He is currently in the Yakima County Jail for charges of murder in the 2nd degree and unlawful possession of a firearm in the 2nd degree.

If anyone has information regarding this homicide, please contact Detective Dan Cypher at 509-574-2550.