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Homicide in Wapato City Park

Wapato – On April 8, 2019, at 4:30 pm, Yakima County Sheriff's Office deputies were requested by the City of Wapato Police Department to respond to a report of a person being injured during a shooting in the 100 block of French Lane in Lions Park.

Our deputies arrived and found the 14-year-old male victim in the park. One of our deputies and a Yakama Nation Tribal Officer performed CPR compressions until the ambulance arrived. The victim was transported to Virginia Mason Memorial Hospital where he later was pronounced deceased. The autopsy is scheduled for 10:00 am today.

During the preliminary investigation, there is evidence to indicate the homicide is gang-related. We currently do not have a suspect in custody; however, we do have persons of interest to find and interview. The Wapato Police Department requested that our office investigate the homicide.

The following law enforcement agencies assisted the Wapato Police Department with the initial response. The Toppenish Police Department, the Union Gap Police Department, the Pacific Northwest Violent Crimes Task Force, the Yakama Nation Tribal Police, the Washington State Patrol, and the Yakima County Sheriff's Office.

If anyone has any information regarding this homicide please call CrimeStoppers at (800) 248-9980 www.crimestoppersyakco.org or Detective Sergio Reyna at (509) 574-2550.