

Yakima County Sheriff's Office

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Yakima, WA 98902

YSO Press Release***For Immediate Release*****DATE:** 10-8-2025**Contact:** Detective Sgt. W.N.Boyer**Incident/Offense:** Assault Weapon**Incident #:** 25C15068**Date Occurred:**
10-07-2025**Time Occurred:**
About 1610 hrs**Location:** 100 blk of Trepanier Ln, Tieton**Narrative:**

On Tuesday, October 7, 2025, around 4:10 p.m., the Yakima County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of people screaming and possibly gunshots being heard in the 100 block of Trepanier Ln, Tieton, which is rural Yakima County.

When Deputies arrived on the scene, they found 43-year-old Richard L. Kanekeberg in the driveway of his home, and he had been shot several times. Kanekeberg told Deputies that Maria Varga had shot him. Deputies rendered aid to Kanekeberg, who was transported to Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital and then flown to Harborview.

31 year old Maria Varga was contacted on scene and subsequently arrested and booked into the Yakima County Jail on the charge of Assault 1st Degree Domestic Violence.

The investigation is ongoing and is being conducted by the Yakima County Sheriff's Office.

Tips, including anonymous tips, can also be submitted to Crime Stoppers of Yakima County by calling (509)248-9980 or 1-800-248-9980, or by visiting <https://www.crimestoppersyakco.org/>

Investigating Agency:
Yakima County Sheriff's Office**Other Agencies:** Highland Fire and AMR Ambulance

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