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## Media Release

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**Incident:** 19C03888

### Update for First Homicide of 2019

**Sunnyside** – On March 27, 2019, The Yakima County Coroner's Office and the lead detective on this case were able to identify the victim of the homicide. The victim was identified as 20-year-old Fernando Jose Lopez-Galvez.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> degree and unlawful possession of a firearm in the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree.

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