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****Press Release****

Yakama Nation Indian Police/Yakima County Sheriff's Office

To: All Area Media

From: Sheriff Robert Udell

Date: 6/9/2019, 2000 hrs.

Re: Five Homicide Incident

The multiple-victim homicide that occurred on 6/8/2019 is confirmed to have five victims. Four victims lost their lives at the primary location in the 5100 block of Medicine Valley Rd, near White Swan. A fifth victim was found deceased in a vehicle in the 3400 block of Evans Rd. Two injured adults were found with the deceased person on Evans Rd. The incident was centered in the 5100 block of Medicine Valley Rd. The incident led to an armed robbery of a vehicle in the 9400 block of Evans Rd. No one was hurt in the robbery. The homicides and injuries on Medicine Valley Rd, Evans Rd, and the robbery in the 9400 block of Evans Rd are all related with the same suspects.

Law enforcement is not releasing a cause of death for the victims, nor their names. All five victims are with the Yakima County Coroner and further information will be released in the coming days.

Five homicide victims in one incident is very unusual, and the primary crime scene was complex. The entire incident occurred within the external boundaries of the Yakama Nation Reservation, and the Yakama Nation Police Department requested additional law enforcement support from the Yakima County Sheriff's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation

(FBI). The three agencies are working closely together to investigate the homicides, assaults and robbery. The Washington State Patrol (WSP) Crime Scene Team also assisted by documenting the primary scene. The FBI is currently the lead agency in the investigation.

There are three people of interest in custody. A fourth suspect, James Cloud, has not been located and law enforcement is using all available resources to locate him. Cloud's information is attached in a press release from the Yakama Nation. Cloud is considered armed and dangerous, and should not be approached. Any one seeing Cloud should immediately call 911 or the Yakama Nation Police Department or Yakima County Sheriff's Office. Cloud also has a federal warrant for assault with a dangerous weapon.

This extremely large event highlighted effective collaboration between Yakama Nation Police Department, Yakima County Sheriff's Office, the FBI, and WSP's Crime Scene Team. An incident of this magnitude could not be investigated alone, and Yakama Nation Police Department appreciated the quick response of the Sheriff's Office and FBI. The Spokane County Sheriff's Office also provided, "Spokane County Air 1", a helicopter supported by Spokane area agencies, on 6/8/19. The helicopter located a vehicle involved in the incident, illustrating the amount of resources dedicated to resolving this incident quickly and maintaining public safety.

Again, anyone with information on James Cloud is encouraged to call 911, the Yakama Nation Police Department, or the Yakima County Sheriff's Office. Do not approach Cloud as he is considered armed and dangerous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheriff Robert Udell

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