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Yakima County Sheriff's Office Press Release For Immediate Release

Date: July 12, 2019

Incident Number: 19c12130

Incident/Offense: First Degree Assault (Domestic Violence)

Location: area of Granger, Washington

Incident Date and Time: July 11, 2019 at 1720 hours

The Yakima Police Department responded to Yakima Regional Medical Center/Astria Hospital at 1720 hours on July 11, 2019 to conduct an assault investigation. A woman arrived at the hospital suffering from multiple stab wounds. The victim told responding officers that she had fallen on a knife. This was inconsistent with her multiple penetrating wounds. She would not elaborate further during the approximately one-hour interview.

Later in the evening, a male was contacted for wandering in traffic in the City of Yakima. During that incident, Yakima Police Officers discovered the man's identity and that there was an outstanding arrest warrant for him out of Colorado. Investigating officers also found that the male was in possession of a cellular telephone belonging to the victim in the above-mentioned assault investigation. The male was booked into the Yakima County Jail for his outstanding warrant.

The officer that had conducted the assault investigation returned to the hospital. He discussed with the victim the location of her cellular phone and how it had been located. With the assistance of the victim's family, the victim was convinced to disclose to law enforcement the events that led up to her being stabbed multiple times by her boyfriend. The victim described the details of the assault and that it occurred in the unincorporated portion of Yakima County, outside of Granger, Washington.

As the assault occurred in the unincorporated portion of Yakima County, the investigation was transferred to the Yakima County Sheriff's Office. Information gathered, and evidence of the crime has been turned over to the Yakima County Sheriff's Office.

The suspect is a 36-year-old male from Sunnyside, Washington. He was interviewed at the Yakima County Jail and denies having stabbed anyone.

Due to the excellent investigations by multiple Yakima Police Officers, probable cause had been developed to charge the male suspect with RCW 9A.36.011 Assault in the First Degree/Domestic Violence. The male suspect was booked into the Yakima County Jail on this charge as well as for his outstanding arrest warrant from Colorado. The investigation has been turned over to the Yakima County Sheriff's Detective Division for further investigation.

Please contact the Yakima County Sheriff's Office (509-574-2500) or Crimes Stoppers at (800) 248-9980/www.crimestoppersyakco.org if you have any information related to this investigation.

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