

Yakima County Sheriff's Office
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Yakima, WA 98902

YSO Press Release

For Immediate Release

DATE: 09-27-2025

Contact: Detective Sgt. W.N.Boyer

Incident/Offense: Fatal Hunting Incident Incident #: 25C14560

**Date Occurred:
09-27-2025**

**Time Occurred:
About 1730 hrs**

**Location: Sunnyside Wildlife Area - I-82
Ponds Unit / I82 MP 55.5**

Narrative:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife police badge WDFW statement Sept. 29, 2025

Yakima County Sheriff's Office and WDFW Police Joint News Release

On Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025 around 5:30 p.m., Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Police and Yakima County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a hunting incident on the Sunnyside Wildlife Area - I-82 Ponds Unit.

It was reported that four adult males in the same party were hunting the unit that day, and one was shot and died on scene. Police confirmed a muzzleloader rifle was discharged, fatally killing 49-year-old Jacob Bloom from Yakima County.

All parties involved have been contacted, and this is an ongoing joint investigation conducted by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Yakima County Sheriff's Office.

We would like to thank the Yakima County Fire District 5, Sunnyside Police Department, Toppenish Police Department, AMR Ambulance, Wapato Police Department, Zillah Police Department, Washington State Patrol, and the Washington State Department of Transportation for their quick response and assistance with this incident.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife provides education and training opportunities to help hunters have safe, legal, and ethical hunts.

Media contact:

Yakima County Sheriff's Office – 509-574-2500 ext. 0

WDFW Communications Becky Elder – 360-701-7026

WDFW Case Number: 250901490

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: Yakima County Fire District 5, Sunnyside Police Department, Toppenish Police Department, AMR Ambulance, Wapato Police Department, Zillah Police Department, Washington State Patrol, and the Washington State Department of Transportation for their quick response and assistance with this incident.

Prepared By:
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