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**\*\*\*For Immediate Release\*\*\***  
**Media Release**  
**Traffic Fatality**

Date: 01-08-26  
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Incident: Traffic Fatality  
Location: 1400 Block of Yakima Valley Highway  
Date of Incident: 01-03-26

Narrative:

At about 2323 on January 3, 2025, Yakima County Deputies, and Fire Personnel responded to the 1400 Block of Yakima Valley Highway. A nearby resident reported a vehicle collision resulting in a vehicle roll over. Units responded to the area and found the vehicle in the ditch and resting on its top.

Responding units located a single occupant in the vehicle who died because of the collision. Initial investigation showed the vehicle was southbound on Yakima Valley Highway when the driver veered off the road striking a mailbox. The vehicle rolled onto its top and came to rest in the ditch. The only damages were to the vehicle and the mailbox.

The driver was confirmed to be Juan Geraldo Garcia from the Yakima area. The case is still currently under investigation.