

Yakima County Sheriff's Office
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YSO Press Release

For Immediate Release

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Incident/Offense: Burglary & Stolen Property Investigation **Incident #: 26C00935**

**Date Occurred: Approx
June of 2025 – Current**

Location: Yakima County

Narrative:

In mid-January of 2026, The Yakima County Sheriff's Office Pass Deputy and ProAct Unit conducted an investigation of numerous thefts and burglaries throughout Yakima County to include some cabins, businesses and homes on White and Chinook Pass. Over a \$100,000 dollar's worth of property was recovered from multiple burglaries and thefts.

YCSO received information about a burglary ring and a large amount of stolen property located around Yakima county. Deputies from YCSO's Proact unit conducted an investigation, interviewed witnesses, and served multiple search warrants at two locations in the City of Yakima. Assisting in the service on these search warrants were the Yakima Police Department Proact unit, the Pacific Northwest Violent Offender's Task Force, The LEAD Task Force, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and YCSO. These locations were a storage unit facility near 16th Avenue and W. Washington Avenue and a residence in the 1200 block of E. Spruce Street.

The search warrants yielded a stolen gun safe, 21 firearms, a large amount of processed marijuana, several motorcycles, two stolen four wheelers, stolen lawn equipment including a brush hog and two riding mowers, several thousands of dollars in tools, four vehicles, and hundreds more items of value that are still believed to be stolen from around Yakima County. Deputies also recovered stolen fire equipment believed to be taken from Mason County. Currently, Deputies have linked over a fifteen confirmed burglary and theft cases.

Deputies believe that there are more victims that may not be aware that items are missing, specifically from the White and Chinook pass area. Deputies are encouraging citizens who believe they may have been victims of these burglaries to contact Deputies Cagle or Wilkinson at 509-574-2500 ext. 0 to schedule a time to come view the property and identify items. Photos will be attached to this release.

Two adults from the Yakima area were arrested, one of which is a fifteen-time convicted felon. Deputies will continue their investigation for the near future and will be referring charges to the Yakima County Prosecutor's Office.

Investigating Agency: YCSO

Other Agencies: See above

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