



Yakima Police Department

News Release

Subject: Homicide

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Homicide at North 1st Street Hotel

On Tuesday, January 11 at about 10:40pm, Yakima police responded to a 9-1-1 call about a male having been shot at the Yakima Inn hotel (1022 N 1st Street).

When officers arrived, they found a 38-year-old black male deceased in a room in the hotel. The male died from a gunshot wound to the head.

Detectives from the Yakima Police Department's Major Crimes Unit were called to the scene. Detectives collected evidence, interviewed witnesses, and located video security footage from the Yakima Inn.

"At this point, based on video security footage, several people may have witnessed the shooter leaving the hotel room," said Yakima Police Captain Jay Seely. "Our hope is these witnesses come forward and help us arrest the person responsible for this homicide," said Seely.

The name of the victim is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Anyone with information that may be relevant to this case is urged to contact the Yakima Police Department at 509-575-6200 or by calling 9-1-1. Tips can be also be reported to Yakima County Crime Stoppers by phone at 1-800-248-9980, on the organization's website at www.crimestoppersyakco.org, or through the "P3 Tips" app at <http://p3intel.com/mobileapp.htm> that can be downloaded for free.