Yakima Police Department

News Release

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Police Arrest Suspect in Saturday Morning Shooting Death

Yakima police and members of the Pacific Northwest Violent Offenders Task Force have arrested a suspect in the shooting death of Manuel Pantaleon, whose body was found early on the morning of Saturday, December 14th in an alley in the 400 block of South 9th Street.

A warrant was issued earlier today for 19-year-old Clyde I. Kelly. He was arrested this afternoon at his Yakima home located in the 1200 block of South 1st Avenue. Charges against Kelly include murder in the 2nd degree and unlawful possession of a firearm in the 2nd degree.

At about 3:05 am Saturday, December 14th, Yakima police officers responded to a report of a body in an alley in the 400 block of South 9th Street. After arriving on the scene, officers found the body of Pantaleon, who had died from a gunshot wound to his head. Police believe Pantaleon had been attending a party about a block from where his body was found.

Yakima police continue to investigate four other shootings that have taken place since Friday, December 13th. A shooting that took place in the early morning of December 13th resulted in the death of 20-year-old Luis Acosta, whose body was found in the 400 block of North 5th Avenue. Early in the morning on Saturday, December 14th, officers found 25-year-old Raymond Barnes, who had received a gunshot wound to his torso, and 27-year-old April Wiltse-Emery in a different apartment at the Mesa Apartment complex on Gordon Road suffering from a gunshot wound to the head. Both victims were transported to hospitals for treatment. Their current medical condition is not known by Yakima police. And, in the later evening of Tuesday, December 17th, police found 43-year-old Richard Plumlee near a North 1st Street hotel suffering from a gunshot wound to his torso. Plumlee died a short time later at a local hospital.

No arrests have been made in those cases pending further investigation by police.

Anyone with information about these incidents 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.