



# Yakima Police Department

# **News Release**

**Subject: Driver, Passenger Named**

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## **YPD Names Driver, Passenger in Traffic Accident at Yakima Airport**

On May 20, 2022, at about 3:00 am, the driver of a vehicle traveling at an extremely high rate of speed eastbound on Washington Avenue was unable to maintain control of the vehicle through the curve at 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The vehicle veered off the road and, ultimately, it impacted the Yakima Airport air traffic control tower.

The driver, 19-year-old Vance T. Jourdan III, was transported to Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital in critical condition. He was stabilized and an attempt was made to life-flight him to Harborview Medical Center for advanced medical treatment. Jourdan died from his injuries while enroute to the airport via ambulance.

The passenger, 23-year-old Austin G Devolve, sustained significant injuries from the collision. His medical treatment concluded at Harborview Medical Center and he has since been released. He is recovering at home.