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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Uptown Homicide Investigation Update

Richland, Wash. – During the course of the investigation, Richland Detectives identified the individual who allegedly shot and killed Michael Perkins of Richland, WA. A nationwide warrant for Murder Second Degree was issued for the arrest of 28-year-old, Isiah Rodriguez. With the assistance of multiple law enforcement agencies, Rodriguez was located and arrested by the U.S. Marshalls Service.

We have positively identified all persons at the scene of the shooting.

We wanted to thank the Kennewick Criminal Apprehension (CAT) Team, Benton County Sheriff's Office Proactive Team, West Richland Police Department, Portland Police Bureau, and the U.S. Marshall Service.

Anyone with information regarding this case is encouraged to contact Sergeant John Raby at (509) 942-7713 and reference case # **24-048510**.

ORIGINAL RELEASE

Richland, WA – On Saturday, November 16th, 2024, at approximately 4:15 AM, the Richland Police Department responded to reports of a disturbance involving a weapon. Upon arrival, officers discovered a male victim suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Despite life-saving measures being administered, the man unfortunately died from his injuries. He has been identified as 36-year-old Michael Perkins of Richland.

The RPD Criminal Investigation Division (CID) and Street Crimes Unit (SCU) arrived to process the scene and interview witnesses. The investigation revealed that a group of people were gathered in the alleyway of the Uptown Shopping Center when Perkins became involved in a confrontation with another male. The suspect shot and killed Perkins before fleeing the scene.

This investigation is currently open and ongoing. We do believe this to be an isolated incident. We encourage anyone with more information to please contact us and list the following case #: 24-048510.

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