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MEDIA RELEASE

For Immediate Release -Homicide Investigation

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Date and Time of Incident: October 19, 2023, at 05:01 AM

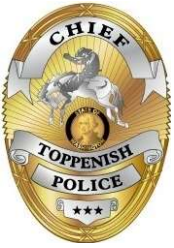
Location of Incident: 200 block of Pearne St., Toppenish

The Toppenish Police Department is deeply saddened to report a tragic homicide incident that occurred earlier today, resulting in the loss of three innocent lives including a 13-year-old juvenile male, 18-year-old female, 21-year-old female, and a 19-year-old male suspect taking their own life. Additionally, we regret to inform the community that a fourth 21-year-old male Victim involved in the incident was transported to the hospital and is currently in critical condition.

While the investigation is still in its early stages, preliminary findings indicate that the suspect, whose identity is being withheld pending family notification, acted alone. The motive behind this heinous act remains unknown at this time. The Toppenish Police Department is fully committed to conducting a thorough investigation in collaboration with our regional law enforcement partners to determine the circumstances surrounding this tragic event.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their loved ones during this difficult time. We urge the community to respect their privacy and allow them the space to focus on their recovery. The Toppenish Police Department would like to express our sincerest condolences to the families and friends of the victims affected by this senseless act of violence.

As the investigation progresses, we will keep the community informed of any significant developments. We encourage anyone with information related to this incident to come forward and contact investigators with the Toppenish Police Department. Any information, regardless of how insignificant it may seem, could greatly assist our ongoing investigation.



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We extend our deepest gratitude to the community for their continued support during this difficult time. Together, we will strive to heal and ensure the safety and well-being of all residents.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Toppenish Police Department at: **509.865.1629** or **911**. Further inquiries should be directed to: Captain Joseph Mehline at: joseph.mehline@cityoftoppenish.us