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CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION

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The Final Suspect in the Shooting on the Colville Reservation Has Been Arrested

(Nespelem, WA) — The Colville Tribes announces that the final suspect in this weekend’s shootings on the Colville Reservation is now in the custody of law enforcement. This arrest follows the apprehension of two other suspects earlier today.

The Chairman of the Colville Tribes, Jarred-Michael Erickson, said, “Details of this tragic event are still being assembled as law enforcement investigates. We can say at this time that all three suspects in this weekend’s shootings, who had been at large since yesterday evening, are now all in police custody. It is safe for people to return to their normal activities. The Colville Tribes thanks the Colville Police Department for their response to this situation, and we also thank the many neighboring law enforcement agencies who came and assisted in this investigation.”

The Chairman continued, “I also want to thank our community, including our tribal members and our non-tribal residents. This has been a difficult time, as people have been worried and shocked by this violent incident. Also, we know that many residents were inconvenienced by the restrictions imposed by law enforcement to keep people safe while the armed suspects were at large. But despite the worry and disruption, our community banded together. Many people called in tips and helped law enforcement make these arrests. We grieve the loss of life and pray for the families of the victims.”

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About the Colville Tribes:

Today, more than 9,432 descendants of 12 aboriginal tribes of Indians are enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of the Colville. The twelve tribes which compose the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation include: ščəlámxəx^w (deep water) or Chelan; walwáma (Wallowa people) or Chief Joseph Band of Nez Perce; sǰ^wyǰilp (sharp pointed trees) or Colville; šntiyátk^wəx^w (grass in the water) or Entiat; snǰáyckst (speckled fish) or Lakes; mətx^wu (blunt hills around a valley) or Methow; škwáxčənəx^w (people living on the bank) or Moses-Columbia; nspilm (prairie) or Nespelem; uknaqin (seeing over the top) or Okanogan; palúšpam (people from Palouse) or Palus; sənpǰ^wilx (grey mist as far as one can see) or San Poil, and šnpəšq^wáwšəx^w (people in between) or Wenatchi.