

News Release

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

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Investigation Continues for Shooting Incident on Umatilla Indian Reservation

Mission, OR – The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) is working with the FBI during their investigation of an officer-involved shooting incident that occurred on the Umatilla Indian Reservation on Sunday, September 18, 2022. The incident resulted in the death of a tribal member.

The CTUIR Board of Trustees (BOT) understands this is a very unfortunate and tragic event, and they share their deepest condolences to the family and the entire tribal community. Because the investigation is ongoing, details are limited. CTUIR is working diligently with law enforcement agencies to provide information as it becomes available.

The BOT also acknowledges the duty and responsibility of the Umatilla Tribal Police Department, as well as local law enforcement, to protect the safety of our tribal citizens and community members. The BOT reminds the community that grief counseling and support services are available at Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center by calling 541-966-9830.

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation is made up of the Cayuse, Umatilla, and Walla Walla Tribes, formed under the Treaty of 1855 at the Walla Walla Valley, 12 Stat. 945. In 1949, the Tribes adopted a constitutional form of government to protect, preserve and enhance the treaty rights guaranteed under federal statute.

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