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|  | Adams County Sheriff’s OfficeSheriff John W. Hunt Undersheriff Dale J. Wagner  ------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------ |

**PRESS RELEASE**

12-20-14 Adams County Deputies responded a 911 call of a man lying on the side of the roadway on Highway 24 mile post 74. When Deputies arrived they located 29 year old, Joaquin Rodriguez-Rodriguez of Othello. Joaquin was non responsive and determined deceased.

The vehicle Joaquin was last seen driving, was later located over a steep cliff on the North side of Hwy 24 approx. 250 Yards to the northwest of where Joaquin was located. It appears that Joaquin was traveling west on Hwy 24. It is unclear how Joaquin ended up on the side of the roadway such a long distance from where the vehicle was located.

Washington State Patrol assisted Adams County with the incident scene. The incident is still under investigation with Adams County. An autopsy will be scheduled later this week to assist in the determination of the cause of death.