



# Adams County Sheriff's Office

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## PRESS RELEASE

**FROM:** SHERIFF DOUG BARGER

**DATE:** March 19, 2009

**INCIDENT:** HOMICIDE

**LOCATION:** 608 S. TAYLOR ROAD, TAGGARES PARK, OTHELLO, WASHINGTON

**DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT:** MARCH 18, 2009 6:21P.M.

The Adams County Sheriff's Office is investigating the shooting death of a 19 year old male from Warden, Washington.

Adams County deputies were called to Taggares Park at about 6:21p.m. on Wednesday March 18, 2009. Deputies found that the victim had been transported to the Othello Community Hospital by private vehicle. The victim had been shot twice and was pronounced dead at the Othello Community Hospital. The victim is identified as Ismael Garcia Jr. 19 years of age, from Warden.

An altercation took place at the park between two small groups. As the incident escalated a handgun was displayed and several shots were fired, two of them striking the victim. That group fled the area on foot. The group with Garcia took him to the Othello Community Hospital.

Deputies secured the scene at the park and interviewed several witnesses and will continue that process today. The Adams County Sheriff's Posse guarded the crime scene so the investigators could finish processing the scene during daylight hours. An autopsy has not been scheduled at this time.

Anyone at the park during that time and saw the incident are asked to call Detective Dale Wagner or the Adams County Sheriff's Office at 509-488-2061.