

Media Release

Snohomish County
Medical Examiner's Office
9509 29th Ave W, Everett, WA 98204
425-438-6200

March 5, 2018

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 53-year old female who was found in the roadway at 19th Avenue NE and 78th Street NE in Tulalip, WA on February 14, 2018, and died at a local hospital on February 16, 2018. The decedent is **Debra S. Nelson** of Marysville, WA. The cause and manner of death are pending further investigation.

For further information, please contact the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office.

February 28, 2018

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 30-year old male who sustained a gunshot wound on February 20, 2018 and died at a local hospital on February 21, 2018. The decedent is **Tye G. Burley**, of Arlington, WA. The cause of death is a gunshot wound of the head. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Marysville Police Department.

February 8, 2018

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 18-year old female who was found deceased in a residence in the 400 block of Lakeview Road in Lynnwood, WA on February 6, 2018. The decedent is **Alyssa M. Noceda**, of Everett, WA. The cause and manner of death are pending further investigation.

For further information, please contact the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office.

February 2, 2018

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 62-year old female who died in the Snohomish County Jail on February 1, 2018. The decedent is **Denise J. Huffer**, of Everett, WA. The cause and manner of death are pending further investigation.

For further information, please contact the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office.

Cause of Death

Cause of Death is a term used to indicate the medical cause of death, listing the disease(s) or injuries that caused death. Specific cause of death information is recorded on the death certificate and is entered into the Vital Statistics System of the State of Washington.

Manner of Death

Manner of Death is the way to categorize death as required by the Washington State Department of Health. The classifications are Natural, Accident, Suicide, Homicide, Undetermined, and Pending. Only medical examiners and coroners may certify non-natural deaths.

Natural is defined for Medical Examiner death certification purposes as a death due solely to an illness or medical issue not influenced by external factors.

Accident is defined for Medical Examiner death certification purposes as an unnatural death resulting from an inadvertent chance happening.

Suicide is defined for Medical Examiner death certification purposes as a death from self-inflicted injury with evidence of intent to die.

Homicide is defined as the action of one person directly causing the death of another. All murders are homicides, not all homicides are murder. An example may be an unintentional firearms-related hunting death.

Undetermined is for cases that have very little available information about the circumstances surrounding death (e.g., partial skeletal remains) or where known information equally supports, or conflicts with, more than one manner of death.

Pending is a temporary designation for cause and/or manner when additional investigation, information and/or test results are required for certification. Pending is generally amended as soon as additional information becomes available.

*A full explanation of Cause and Manner can be found in our [Annual Report](#).

February 1, 2018

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination of the 63-year old male who has been missing from Snohomish since December 11, 2017. He was found in the Snohomish River near Dagmar's Landing in Everett, WA on January 30, 2018. The cause of death is drowning. The manner of death is Suicide.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

January 30, 2018

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 29-year old male who was involved in a motorcycle collision near Quarry Road and Burn Road near Granite Falls, WA on January 28, 2018. The decedent is **Chad W. Keeler** of Lake Stevens, WA. The cause of death is multiple blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 32-year old male who was found deceased in the wooded area near the 8400 block of 1st Street SE, Lake Stevens, WA on January 27, 2018. The decedent is **Jason M. K. White** of Lake Stevens, WA. The cause and manner of death are pending.

For further information, please contact the Lake Stevens Police Department.

January 26, 2018

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification of the 48-year old male who was involved in a vehicle versus pedestrian collision on State Route 2 near Fryelands Boulevard, in Monroe, WA on January 23, 2018. The decedent is **Scott B. Larsen** of Monroe, WA. The cause of death is multiple blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Monroe Police Department.

January 25, 2018

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification of the 52-year old male who was involved in a motorcycle collision in the 900 block of 4th Street in Marysville, WA on January 14, 2018 and died at a local hospital on January 22, 2018. The decedent is **Timothy D. Rich**, of North Bend, WA. The cause of death is multiple blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Marysville Police Department.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification of the 35-year old male who was involved in a law enforcement-involved shooting near 20th Street SE and 51st Avenue SE in Everett on January 21, 2018. The decedent is **Ilkka O. Hiironen**, of Lake Stevens, WA. The cause of death is a gunshot wound. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Snohomish County Multi-Agency Response Team.

January 23, 2018

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification of the 76-year old female who was found following a fire in the 2200 block of Colby Avenue in Everett on December 21, 2017 and died at a local hospital on December 25, 2017. The decedent is **Elsie L. Flynn**, of Everett, WA. The cause and manner of death are pending further investigation.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of the missing 75-year old male who was found in the 4500 block of Lowell Snohomish River Road near Snohomish, WA on January 13, 2018. The decedent is **Paul I. Yoshihara** of Snohomish, WA. The cause of death is heart disease. The manner of death is Natural.

For further information, please contact the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office.

January 19, 2018

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of the 37-year old male who was involved in a train versus pedestrian collision near State Route 2 and Woods Creek in Monroe, WA on January 16, 2018. The decedent is **Trevor M. Young** of Index, WA. The cause of death is blunt force injuries of the trunk. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Monroe Police Department.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of the 29-year old male who died at 13601 State Route 99 in Everett, WA on January 13, 2018. The decedent is **Matalepuna Malu** of Everett, WA. The cause of death is multiple gunshot wounds. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of the 60-year old male who was involved in a motor vehicle collision at the I-5 off ramp to 4th Street in Marysville, WA on January 12, 2018. The decedent is **Mohammad Nourouzee** of Mukilteo, WA. The cause of death is multiple blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Marysville Police Department.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of the 51-year old male who was involved in a motor vehicle versus pedestrian collision on State Route 99 at 188th Street SW in Lynnwood, WA on January 11, 2018. The decedent is **Walter F. Thaanum** of Lynnwood, WA. The cause of death is multiple blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Lynnwood Police Department.

January 10, 2018

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of the 27-year old male who was involved in an incident in the 17700 block of 76th Avenue

West in Edmonds, WA on January 6, 2018. The decedent is **Joshua D. Werner** of Lynnwood, WA. The cause of death is gunshot wound. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Edmonds Police Department.

January 8, 2018

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of the 22-year old male who was involved in a vehicle dispute in the 16000 block of Ash Way near Lynnwood, WA on December 30, 2017. The decedent is **Alexander J. Song** of Everett, WA. The cause of death is gunshot wound. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office.

January 4, 2018

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the investigation into the death of the 44-year old male who was found in a shelter near Big Eddy Park on the Skykomish River near Gold Bar, WA on January 1, 2018. The manner of death is suicide.

For further information, please contact the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office.

January 2, 2018

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of the 40-year old male who died following a law enforcement response to his residence in the 13300 block of Highway 99 in Everett, WA on December 28, 2017. The decedent is **Joshua G. Hooyboer** of Everett, WA. The cause and manner of death are pending further investigation.

For further information, please contact the Snohomish County Multi-Agency Response Team.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of the 81-year old female who was found unresponsive in her residence in the 5000 block of 135th Place SE in Everett, WA on December 1, 2017 and died at a local hospital on December 17, 2017. The decedent is **Irene M. Strandt** of Everett, WA. The cause and manner of death are pending further investigation.

For further information, please contact the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office.