

Media Release

Snohomish County
Medical Examiner's Office
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May 29, 2018

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office is attempting to identify the human remains found near Downes Road and Fales Road near Snohomish, WA on May 9, 2018. The cause and manner of death are pending further investigation.

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

April 27, 2018

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of the 3-year old male who fell off of a lawnmower in Snohomish, WA on April 26, 2018. The decedent is **Jack R. Laulainen** of Snohomish, WA. The cause of death is multiple fractures and lacerations. The manner of death is classified as Accident.

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

April 26, 2018

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of the 30-year old female who was found in the lower falls at Wallace Falls State Park near Gold Bar, WA on April 24, 2018. The decedent is **Sarah A. Zimmerman** of Bothell, WA. The cause of death is drowning. The manner of death is classified as Accident.

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

April 25, 2018

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of the 22-year old female who fell over the falls at Cedar Ponds near Monroe, WA on April 12, 2018 and was found on April 21, 2018. The decedent is **Jazmine J. Weitlauf (Drake)** of Monroe, WA. The cause of death is drowning. The manner of death is Accident. There are no suspicious circumstances.

For more 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](#).

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of the 88-year old male who was involved in a structure fire in the 16600 block of 25th Avenue NE in Marysville, WA on April 18, 2018. The decedent is **Theodore E. Shockley** of Marysville, WA. The cause of death is thermal burns. The manner of death is Accident.

For more information, please contact the Marysville Police Department.

April 19, 2018

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of the 21-year old female who was found outside in the 900 block of 132nd Street SW in Everett on April 15, 2018. The decedent is **Brianna L. Nyer** of Everett, WA. The cause and manner of death are pending further investigation.

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

The cause of death of **Jennifer R. Wheelock**, the 47-year old female who died in the Marysville Jail on December 9, 2017, is acute methamphetamine and methadone intoxication with other significant conditions of dilated cardiomyopathy, chronic intravenous drug abuse and probable chronic alcoholism.

The manner of death is Accident.

For more information, please contact the Marysville Police Department.

April 17, 2018

The cause of death **Alyssa M. Noceda**, 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, is a fentanyl and alprazolam overdose. The manner of death is Accident.

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

April 16, 2018

The identity and cause and manner of death of the female found outside in the 900 block of 132nd Street SW in Everett on April 15, 2018 will be released following the postmortem examination.

For more 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 40-year old male whose skeletal remains were discovered in the 9800 block of 27th Avenue NE, Tulalip, on March 25, 2018. The decedent is **Shawn D. Bond** of Lake Stevens, WA. The cause and manner of death are undetermined.

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

Mr. Bond was identified within several days of his discovery because he had been reported missing to law enforcement shortly after his disappearance and records that would help identify him were on file. If you have any information about this or any other case, please call the Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office at **(425) 438-6200**. Please check our website for unidentified Snohomish County cases at **www.snohomishcountywa.gov/unID**

Call 911 if you need to report someone missing. If you have reported someone missing over 5 years ago and they are still missing, call the **Snohomish County Sheriff's Office at (425) 388-3393** (then press "0") with the person's full name and date of birth to check that they are still entered as a missing person; older cases may have been inadvertently removed from the database.

April 2, 2018

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination of the 43-year old female who was found in Lake Stevens on March 28, 2018. The cause of death is drowning. The manner of death is classified as Suicide.

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

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination of the 55-year old male who was involved in a vehicle versus tree collision on State Route 9 near milepost 37 near Arlington, WA on March 27, 2018. The cause of death is multiple blunt force injuries. The manner of death is classified as Suicide.

For further information, please contact the Washington State Patrol.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 61-year old male who was involved in a motor vehicle versus tree collision in the 26300 block of Florence Acres Road near Monroe, WA on March 25, 2018. The decedent is **James E. Leavitt** of Monroe, WA. The cause of death is multiple blunt force injuries. The manner of death is classified as Accident.

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 94-year old female who was involved in a motor vehicle versus fixed object collision at North Lake Cochran Road and Woods Creed Road near Monroe, WA on March 24, 2018 and died later the same day at a local hospital. The decedent is **Adlene S. Gibson**, of Snohomish, WA. The cause of death is blunt force injury of the chest. The manner of death is classified as Accident.

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 41-year old male who was involved in a bus versus pedestrian collision in the 8000 block of Broadway in Everett, WA on March 16, 2018. The decedent is **Benjamin J. Eacker** of Kirkland, WA. The cause of death is multiple blunt force injuries. The manner of death is classified as Accident.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

March 21, 2018

The cause of death of **Irene M. Strandt**, 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 is classified as infectious complications involving elder abuse/neglect. The manner of death is Homicide.

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

March 20, 2018

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 37-year old male who was involved in a motor vehicle collision in the 10500 block of Chain Lake Road in Snohomish, WA on March 17, 2018. The decedent is **Anthony R. Vannelli, Jr.** of Monroe, WA. The cause of death is multiple blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

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

The cause of death for the 41-year old male who was found in the Stillaguamish River near Dike Road and 59th Avenue NE near Arlington, WA on November 1, 2017 is drowning.

The manner of death is Suicide.

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

March 19, 2018

The cause of death of **Debra S. Nelson**, 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 is multiple blunt force injuries. The manner of death is classified as Homicide.

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

March 16, 2018

The manner of death for both the 21-year old female and the 22-year old male who were found deceased in a residence in the 3000 block of Norton Avenue in Everett on March 4, 2018 is Suicide.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

March 13, 2018

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 17-year old male who was involved in a motorcycle versus motor vehicle collision in the 3300 block of 183rd Avenue SE, Snohomish, WA on March 10, 2018. The decedent is **Ryan G. Seek** of Snohomish, WA. The cause of death is multiple blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

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

March 7, 2018

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 57-year old female who involved in a residential fire in the 2500 block of Lombard Avenue in Everett, WA on February 28 2018. The decedent is **Lola E. McKee** of Everett, WA. The cause of death is smoke inhalation. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

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.

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. Hironen**, 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.