

Media Release

If you are seeking updated information regarding COVID-19 related deaths, please see our COVID-19 Media Release <https://tinyurl.com/vdp9kuu>.

July 20th, 2020

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 71-year-old male who was found near the 24000 block of Crystal Lake Road in Woodinville, Washington on July 18th, 2020. The decedent is **Brian H. Speakes** of Woodinville, Washington. The cause and manner of death are pending further investigation.

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

July 16th, 2020

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 32-year-old male who was in an officer-involved shooting near State Route 522 at State Route 527 in Bothell, Washington on July 13th, 2020. The decedent is **Bothell Police Officer Jonathan P. Shoop** of Bothell, Washington. The cause of death is a gunshot wound. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Snohomish County SMART Team PIO at (425) 508-8854.

July 14th, 2020

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 35-year-old female who was involved in a motor vehicle collision near eastbound State Route 522 west of State Route 2 in Monroe, Washington on July 11th, 2020. The decedent is **Katherine Y. Zacharia** of Wenatchee, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Washington State Patrol.

June 30th, 2020

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 multiple motor vehicle collision near the 3400 block of eastbound State Route 526 in Everett, Washington on

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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](#).

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June 25th, 2020. He later died at a local hospital on June 29th, 2020. The decedent is **Austin Nguyen** of Marysville, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 62-year-old female found near the 12800 block of 48th Avenue NE in Marysville, Washington on June 25th, 2020. The decedent is **Laura I. Granum** of Marysville, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force trauma. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Marysville Police Department.

June 25th, 2020

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 32-year-old male who was found near Eagle Falls near Gold Bar, Washington on June 23rd, 2020. The decedent is **Peter T. Sei** of Tacoma, Washington. The cause of death is drowning. The manner of death is Accident.

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

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification of the unidentified female known as **Precious Jane Doe** who was found deceased in the 11300 block of 4th Avenue West in unincorporated south Everett on August 14th, 1977. Barbara Rae Venter and the Firebird Forensics Group used genetic genealogy to find her relatives and DNA testing of her half-brother confirmed her identity. She is **Elizabeth "Lisa" Ann Roberts** of Roseburg, Oregon. She ran away from home on July 25th, 1977 when she was 17-years-old and was last known alive when she called her parents and told them that she was in Everett. She was murdered by David Roth on August 9th, 1977 and was unidentified until June 16th, 2020.

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

June 5th, 2020

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 21-year-old male who was involved in a pedestrian versus motor vehicle collision on northbound Interstate-5 near 88th Street NE in Marysville, Washington on June 4th, 2020. The decedent is **Grayson C. Yazzie** of Marysville, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Washington State Patrol.

May 29th, 2020

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 31-year-old male found near the 4500 block of 195th Street NE in Arlington, Washington on May 4th, 2020 and later died at a local hospital on May 28th, 2020. The decedent is **Joshua M. Klick** of Marysville, Washington. The cause of death is a gunshot wound. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Arlington Police Department.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 33-year-old male found near the 1600 block of 126th Street SE in Everett, Washington

on May 28th, 2020. The decedent is **Brian C. Khlem** of Mountlake Terrace, Washington. The cause of death is a gunshot wound. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

May 27th, 2020

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 28-year-old male found near the 6500 block of Beverly Lane in Everett, Washington on May 24th, 2020. The decedent is **William T. Harper, III** of Everett, Washington. The cause of death is gunshot wounds. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 21-year-old male who was involved in a single motorcycle collision near Whitehorse Trail along State Route 530 and C-Post Road in Arlington, Washington on May 24th, 2020. The decedent is **Jack L. Desrosier** of Everett, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

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

May 14th, 2020

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 79-year-old male who was involved in a motor vehicle collision near the 15300 block of 84th Street NE in Lake Stevens, Washington on May 8th, 2020. The decedent is **Jerald R. Trussell** of Enumclaw, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

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

May 13th, 2020

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 25-year-old male found near the 23000 block of 60th Avenue West in Mountlake Terrace, Washington on May 10th, 2020. The decedent is **Mykahl Z. Singleton** of Phoenix, Arizona. The cause of death is a gunshot wound. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Mountlake Terrace Police Department.

May 11th, 2020

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 17-year-old male who was found near Cedar Ponds near Monroe, Washington on May 8th, 2020. The decedent is **Benjamin J. May** of Duvall, Washington. The cause of death is drowning. The manner of death is Accident.

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

April 14th, 2020

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 61-year-old female who was involved in a motorcycle collision near the 23300 block of

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southbound Pioneer Highway in Stanwood, Washington on April 13th, 2020. The decedent is **Kathy A. Askew** of Snohomish, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

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

April 13th, 2020

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 20-year-old female who was involved in a single motor vehicle collision near the 28900 block of 80th Avenue NW in Stanwood, Washington on April 10th, 2020. The decedent is **Ceanna J. Diller** of Stanwood, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is 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 18-year-old male pronounced deceased at Providence Regional Medical Center in Everett, Washington on April 9th, 2020. The decedent is **Tyverius X. Walburn** of Marysville, Washington. The cause of death is a gunshot wound. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 38-year-old female who was involved in a motorcycle collision on northbound Interstate 5 near 164th Street SW in Lynnwood, Washington on April 8th, 2020. The decedent is **Dawn M. Allen** of Everett, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Washington State Patrol.

April 8th, 2020

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 30-year-old male who was involved in a motor vehicle versus pedestrian collision near southbound State Route 529 and 34th Avenue NE in Everett, Washington on April 3rd, 2020 and died just after midnight on April 4th, 2020. The decedent is **Ian B. Adams** of Marysville, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

April 1st, 2020

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the remains found near State Route 9 between State Route 534 and Big Lake Boulevard in Skagit County on March 30th, 2020. The decedent is **Howard P. Benzel**, 67, of Mukilteo, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

March 31st, 2020

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 36-year-old male found near the 3300 block of 203rd Street SW in Lynnwood,

Washington on March 28th, 2020. The decedent is **Demarcus A. Bell** of Tacoma, Washington. The cause of death is a gunshot wound. The manner of death is Homicide.

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

March 30th, 2020

Information on the 36-year-old male found near the 3300 block of 203rd Street SW in Lynnwood, Washington on March 28th, 2020 will be released following confirmation of identification, notification of next-of-kin, and examination.

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

March 20th, 2020

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 40-year-old male who was found in his residence after a structural fire near the 7900 block of 72nd Drive NE in Marysville, Washington on March 19th, 2020. The decedent is **Joel J. Zimmermann** of Marysville, Washington. Both the cause and manner of death are pending further investigation.

For further information, please contact the Marysville Police Department.

March 10, 2020 1:00 P.M.

All COVID-19 deaths should be reported to the Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office.

SCMEO is reporting zero decedents under our jurisdiction with positive COVID-19 laboratory results. Any suspected COVID-19 cases are sent to an outside laboratory for confirmation. This office only releases confirmed information.

Updates posted daily at 4:00 P.M. at <https://tinyurl.com/vdp9kuu>.

For additional information, please contact Snohomish County's COVID-19 Joint Information Center at eccjic.activation@snoco.org or 425-388-5170, during business hours.

February 24, 2020

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 49-year-old male who was involved in a multiple motor vehicle collision near Highway 2 Mile Post 56 in Coles Corner, Washington on February 21st, 2020. The decedent died during transport to a medical facility. The decedent is **Jason Ebright** of Cashmere, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

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 64-year-old male found inside the 7-Eleven near the 8100 block of 238th Street SW in Edmonds, Washington on February 21st, 2020. The decedent is **Nagendiram Kandasamy** of Edmonds, Washington. The cause of death is a gunshot wound. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Edmonds Police Department.

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February 21, 2020

Information on the 64-year-old male found inside the 7-Eleven near the 8100 block of 238th Street SW in Edmonds, Washington on February 21st, 2020 will be released following confirmation of identification, notification of next-of-kin, and examination.

For further information, please contact the Edmonds Police Department.

February 13, 2020

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has officially identified the human skeletal remains discovered by a citizen on February 9th, 2020 near the 7900 block of 31st Avenue NE in Marysville, Washington. The decedent is **Jacob M. Hilkin** of Everett, Washington. Jacob was 24-years-old when he went missing in January 2018. The cause and manner of death is pending further investigation.

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

February 10, 2020

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 73-year-old male who was involved in a pedestrian versus motor vehicle collision near the 4800 block of South 2nd Avenue in Everett, Washington on January 24th, 2020 and later died at a local hospital on February 9th, 2020. The decedent is **Richard J. De Francesco** of Everett, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 56-year-old male who was involved in a motor vehicle collision near the intersection of Madison Street and Evergreen Way in Everett, Washington on February 9th, 2020. The decedent is **Paulo A. Rubio** of Mukilteo, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

On February 9th, 2020, a citizen discovered human skeletal remains near the 7900 block of 31st Avenue NE in Marysville, Washington. Snohomish County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Detectives and Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office recovered the remains. The remains have been tentatively identified and the family has been notified. More information will follow once positive scientific identification has been made.

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

February 3, 2020

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 14-year-old male who was involved in a pedestrian versus motor vehicle collision near Highway 99 and 200th Street SW in Lynnwood, Washington on January 31st, 2020. The decedent is **Deandre Whitaker** of Lynnwood, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Lynnwood Police Department.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 39-year-old male who was found near the 1800 block of Chestnut Drive in Everett, Washington on January 31st, 2020. The decedent is **Gerald M. Lance** of Everett, Washington. The cause of death is multiple gunshot wounds of the chest. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

January 31, 2020

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 59-year-old male who was involved in a pedestrian versus motor vehicle collision near the 900 block of 4th Street in Marysville, Washington on January 24th, 2020 and died at a local hospital on January 31st, 2020. The decedent is **Thomas D. Oglesby** of Marysville, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Marysville Police Department.

January 27, 2020

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 72-year-old female who was involved in a pedestrian versus motor vehicle collision near the 4900 block of 196th Street SW in Lynnwood, Washington on January 26th, 2020. The decedent is **Shirley E. Tinsley** of Lynnwood, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Lynnwood Police Department.

January 16, 2020

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 57-year-old female who was found near the 6300 block of Snohomish Cascade Drive in Snohomish, Washington on January 15th, 2020. The decedent is **Kathleen E. Jenks** of Snohomish, Washington. The cause of death is hypothermia. The manner of death is Accident.

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

January 9, 2020

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 27-year-old female who was involved in a motor vehicle versus structure collision and subsequent fire near the 21900 block of 43rd Court West in Mountlake Terrace, Washington on January 6th, 2020. The decedent is **Courtney A. Larreinaga** of Mountlake Terrace, Washington. The cause of death is thermal burns and smoke inhalation. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Mountlake Terrace Police Department

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 44-year-old male who was found near the Edgewater Beach Park in Everett, Washington on January 8th, 2020. The decedent is **Sophy L. Math** of Seattle, Washington. The cause of death is drowning. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

January 6, 2020

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 54-year-old male who was found in a wooded area near the 1900 block of 40th Street in Everett, Washington on January 3rd, 2020. The decedent is **Kenneth S. Schale** of Everett, Washington. 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 completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 63-year-old male who was involved in a multiple motor vehicle collision near the Sultan Park and Ride near westbound State Route 2 Milepost 23 in Sultan, Washington on January 5th, 2020. The decedent is **Thomas G. Barnes** of Bothell, Washington. The cause and manner of death are due to natural causes.

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