

Media Release

May 24th, 2022

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 25-year-old male who was involved in a single motor vehicle collision near the 14600 block of Smokey Point Boulevard in Arlington, Washington on May 22nd, 2022. The decedent is not being named pending further family notification. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Arlington Police Department.

May 16th, 2022

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 35-year-old male who was involved in a single motorcycle collision near the 24000 block of 19th Avenue NE in Arlington, Washington on May 14th, 2022. The decedent is **Brett D. Engels** of Arlington, 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 12th, 2022

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 65-year-old male who was involved in a pedestrian versus motor vehicle collision near Evergreen Way and Pecks Drive in Everett, Washington on May 9th, 2022. The decedent is **Donald M. Bergevin**. 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 53-year-old male who was involved in a motorcycle versus dump truck collision west of Jordan Road on State Route 92 in Granite Falls, Washington on May 11th, 2022. The decedent is **Richard E. Choptij** of Granite Falls, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Undetermined.

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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 for Medical Examiner death certification purposes 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 defined for Medical Examiner death certification purposes 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 defined for Medical Examiner death certification purposes as 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.

For further information, please contact the Washington State Patrol.

May 4th, 2022

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 48-year-old Marysville male who was shot near the 2300 block of 39th Street in Everett, Washington on May 3rd, 2022. His name is not being published here out of respect for the family. 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 29-year-old male who was shot at his residence near the 7700 block of Timber Hill Drive in Everett, Washington on April 26th, 2022. He died at a local hospital the following day. The decedent is **Christopher A. Buck, Jr** of Everett, Washington. The cause of death is a gunshot wound. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

April 27th, 2022

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 42-year-old male who was part of an officer involved shooting near the 22100 block of Highway 99 in Edmonds, Washington on April 22nd, 2022. He later died at a local hospital. The decedent is **William H. Houseworth, II**. The cause of death is gunshot wounds. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Edmonds Police Department.

April 20th, 2022

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 74-year-old male who was found deceased in his car near the 16500 block of Twin Lakes Avenue in Marysville, Washington on April 19th, 2022. The decedent is **Michael R. Hopson** of Arlington, Washington. The cause of death is natural.

For further information, please contact the Marysville Police Department.

April 19th, 2022

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 22-year-old male who was involved in a single motor vehicle collision near the 14900 block of West Lake Goodwin Road in Stanwood, Washington on April 16th, 2022. The decedent is **Jordan J.A. Miller** 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.

April 13th, 2022

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 35-year-old male who was involved in a pedestrian versus motor vehicle collision near Evergreen Way and Airport Road in Everett, Washington on April 10th, 2022. The decedent is **Donaldo**

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Perez Perez of Lynnwood, 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 8th, 2022

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 50-year-old male who was found near 91st Avenue SE and 1st Avenue SE in Lake Stevens, Washington on April 5th, 2022. The decedent is **Michael Timmermans** of Lake Stevens, Washington. The cause and manner of death are pending.

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

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 70-year-old male who was shot near the 19000 block of 64th Avenue West in Lynnwood, Washington on April 5th, 2022. The decedent is **Carl W. Bridgmon** of Lynnwood, Washington. The cause of death is gunshot wounds. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Lynnwood Police Department.

Statement from Carl Bridgmon's family:

Family of a beloved Lynnwood man, who was innocently killed during the April 5 senseless shooting at Daleway Park in Lynnwood shares about their Dad, Carl Bridgmon.

Bridgmon was tragically killed on April 5 after the vehicle he was sitting in was shot by unknown suspects who were in a confrontation with other individuals, also unknown to Bridgmon.

"Our family is in complete shock. Thank you for the community's concern for our Dad, Carl Bridgmon, he was 70-years-old and a Lynnwood resident," said the Bridgmon family.

"Our Dad loved to go to that park and sit and have his coffee several times a week," said his daughter Courtney Teno. We are devastated and would really appreciate privacy as we process this over the next few days and weeks."

Carl leaves behind two daughters, their significant others, two sisters and many other loved ones and friends. "Carl never met a person he didn't talk to or try to make friends with," Teno said.

While this is still an active investigation, any and all questions should be directed to the Lynnwood Police Department. Anyone with information should contact Detective Arnett at 425-670-5669. You can also leave tips at Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound at 1-800-222-8477.

March 31st, 2022

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 Turk Drive and Lager Lane in Tulalip, Washington on March 29th, 2022. The decedent is **Daisha R. Smith-Spencer** of Tulalip, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Tulalip Tribal Police Department.

March 29th, 2022

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 41-year-old male who was in an officer-involved shooting near the 1000 block of North Broadway Avenue in Everett, Washington on March 25th, 2022. The decedent is **Everett Police Officer Daniel C. Rocha** of Stanwood, Washington. The cause of death is gunshot wounds. The manner of death is Homicide.

The postmortem report is confidential in the state of Washington ([RCW 68.50.105](#)). Visit the [Records Request](#) page for information on obtaining postmortem reports.

For further information, please contact the Snohomish County SMART Team.

March 25th, 2022

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 39-year-old male who was involved in a multiple motor vehicle collision near the 5800 block of State Route 532 in Stanwood, Washington on March 21st, 2022. The decedent is **Bryan P. Michels** of Stanwood, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

March 22nd, 2022

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 25-year-old female who was found in the Wallace River near the 41900 block of 150th Street SE Gold Bar, Washington on March 19th, 2022. The decedent is **Alisonstar E. Molaf** of Ridgefield Park, New Jersey. The cause and manner of death are pending.

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

March 16th, 2022

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 26-year-old male who was stabbed near the 3100 block of Oakes Avenue in Everett, Washington on March 15th, 2022. The decedent is **Joven H. Deitas** of Everett, Washington. The cause of death is stab 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 40-year-old male who was involved in a motor vehicle vs. pedestrian collision near the 11500 block of Evergreen Way in Everett, Washington on March 10th, 2022. The decedent is **Sean M. Stratton** 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 88-year-old male who was involved in a motor vehicle vs. pedestrian collision near the 10100 block of Evergreen Way in Everett, Washington on March 7th, 2022. The decedent is **Richard D. Nelson** 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 54-year-old male who was involved in a recreational vehicle fire near the 3500 block of Rockefeller Avenue in Everett, Washington on March 7th, 2022. The decedent is not being named at this time pending next-of-kin notification. The cause of death is smoke inhalation and thermal burns. 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 20-year-old female who was involved in a multiple motor vehicle collision near northbound Interstate-5 at 220th Street SW in Mountlake Terrace, Washington on March 12th, 2022. The

decedent is **Yohana M. Ayele** of Edmonds, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Washington State Patrol.

March 8th, 2022

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 31-year-old male who was involved in an altercation near the 600 block of 128th Street SW in Everett, Washington on March 6th, 2022. The decedent is **Damien A. Navarro** of Everett, 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.

March 4th, 2022

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office and Othram have determined the identity of the 1980 cold case homicide victim known as Stanwood Bryant Doe. The decedent has been identified using investigative genetic genealogy as Ronald David Chambers, 28, of Rome, Georgia. He was last known alive on December 17, 1978, in SeaTac, Washington, and his skeletonized remains were discovered just north of the Stanwood Bryant Road in Arlington on August 3, 1980. The cause of death is a gunshot wound to the head. The manner of death is Homicide.

For more information, please see our website at <https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/6018/Ronald-David-Chambers>

March 1st, 2022

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 19-year-old male who was recovered from Lake Howard in Warm Beach, Washington on February 24th, 2022. The decedent went missing on the lake on January 29th, 2022. The decedent is **Alexander Q. Tennyson** of Lakewood, 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 completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 21-year-old male who was recovered from Lake Howard in Warm Beach, Washington on February 24th, 2022. The decedent went missing on the lake on January 29th, 2022. The decedent is **Andrew R. Tennyson** 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.

February 24th, 2022

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 57-year-old male who was involved in an altercation near the 6300 block of 33rd Avenue NE in Tulalip, Washington on February 18th, 2022. The decedent is **Robert K. LeMasters** of Lynnwood, Washington. The cause and manner of death are pending further investigation.

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

February 22nd, 2022

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 65-year-old female who was involved in a multiple motor vehicle collision near southbound Interstate-5 south of 41st Street in Everett, Washington on February 19th, 2022. The decedent is **Mila I. Sarmiento** of Lynnwood, 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 67-year-old male who was involved in a multiple motor vehicle collision near southbound Interstate-5 south of 41st Street in Everett, Washington on February 19th, 2022. The decedent is **Wilfrido C. Sarmiento** of Lynnwood, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Washington State Patrol.

February 15th, 2022

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 45-year-old male who was involved in a motor vehicle vs. pedestrian collision near northbound Interstate-5 north of State Route 531 in Arlington, Washington on February 8th, 2022. The decedent is **Jason G. Vogan** of Arlington, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Washington State Patrol.

February 9th, 2022

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 82-year-old male who was found deceased in his residence near the 18400 block of 60th Avenue West in Lynnwood, Washington on February 7th, 2022. The decedent is **William Prothero** of Lynnwood, Washington. The cause of death is gunshot wounds. The manner of death is homicide.

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 82-year-old female who was found deceased in her residence near the 18400 block of 60th Avenue West in Lynnwood, Washington on February 7th, 2022. The decedent is **Elna N. Prothero** of Lynnwood, Washington. The cause of death is a gunshot wound. The manner of death is suicide.

For further information, please contact the Lynnwood Police Department.

There are resources available for anyone contemplating suicide. Contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK or www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org.

February 2nd, 2022

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 60-year-old male who was involved in a motor vehicle vs. pedestrian collision near the

38700 block of State Route 2 in Gold Bar, Washington on January 28th, 2022. The decedent is **Martin D. Milburn**. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Washington State Patrol.

January 31st, 2022

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 31-year-old male who was found deceased near the railroad by Wallace River and State Route 2 in Startup, Washington on January 28th, 2022. The decedent is **Tyler L. Biddle** of Sultan, Washington. The cause and manner of death are pending.

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

January 21st, 2022

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 39-year-old female who was involved in a motor vehicle vs. pedestrian collision near the intersection of State Route 9 and 204th Street NE in Arlington, Washington on January 20th, 2022. The decedent is **Tausha M. Schmidt** of Arlington, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

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 39-year-old male who was involved in a motor vehicle vs. pedestrian collision near the intersection of State Route 9 and 204th Street NE in Arlington, Washington on January 20th, 2022. The decedent is **Justin C. Wilkerson** of Arlington, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Arlington Police Department.

January 19th, 2022

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 48-year-old male who was shot near California Street and Rockefeller Avenue in Everett, Washington on November 27th, 2021. The decedent is **Jerome L. Burnett** of Manhattan, KS. The cause of death is gunshot wound. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

January 10th, 2022

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 11-month-old female who was shot near the 8600 block of State Route 92 in Granite Falls, Washington on December 4th, 2021. The cause of death is gunshot wound. The manner of death is Pending.

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 76-year-old male who was involved in a motor vehicle vs. pedestrian collision near the

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2200 block of Everett Avenue in Everett, Washington on January 7th, 2022. The decedent is **Charles Willey** 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.

January 7th, 2022

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 65-year-old male who was found deceased in his residence near the 5000 block of 88th Street NE in Marysville, Washington on January 4th, 2022. The decedent is **James S. Thrower** of Marysville, Washington. The cause of death is strangulation. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Marysville Police Department.