

# Media Release

Snohomish County  
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## **September 26, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of a 30-year old male who died at Providence Regional Medical Center on September 21, 2016 after a traffic-related incident on I-5. The cause of death is contact penetrating handgun wound to the head. The manner of death is Suicide.

For further information, please contact the Washington State Patrol.

## **September 19, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of **Henry J. Mitchek**, 63, of Gold Bar, WA, who was involved in a motor vehicle collision in the 14100 block of Chain Lake Road on September 15, 2016. 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 completed the identification and examination of **Steven V. Rowley**, 58, of Edmonds, WA, who was involved in a motorcycle collision near 148<sup>th</sup> Street SW and 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue West in Edmonds on September 14, 2016. The cause of death is blunt force injuries of the head and torso. The manner of death is Accident.

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

## **September 6, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of **Edward A. Ritter II**, 42, of Bothell, WA, who was involved in a motorcycle collision at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds on September 5, 2016. The cause of death is blunt force injuries of the head and torso. The manner of death is Accident.

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.

**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 at [www.snohomishcountywa.gov/198](http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/198).

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of **Lorena E. Espindola**, 18, of Arlington WA, who was involved in a motor vehicle collision in the 18200 block of Quarry Road near Arlington on September 2, 2016. The cause of death is blunt force injuries of the head. 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 of **Jose P. Sanchez Diaz**, 20, of Lynnwood, WA, who was found in a vehicle in Puget Sound near the Mukilteo Ferry dock on July 22, 2016. The cause of death is saltwater drowning. The manner of death is Undetermined.

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

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the investigation into the death of **Afton R. Brown**, who was found in the Snohomish River on June 26, 2016. The cause of death is drowning and the manner of death is Accident.

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

#### **August 15, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of a 26-year old male who was involved in a motorcycle versus vehicle collision on August 12, 2016. The decedent is **Joshua K. Kopp** of Everett, WA. The cause of death is blunt force injuries of the head. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

#### **August 2, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of a 27-year old male who was involved in vehicle versus pedestrian collision in the 3200 block of State Route 530 near Arlington on July 31, 2016. The decedent is **Shane D. Stieben** of Lake Stevens, WA. The cause of death is multiple blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Washington State Patrol.

#### **August 1, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has updated information in the death of **Cheryl D. DeBoer**, 53, of Mountlake Terrace, WA, who was found deceased near 244<sup>th</sup> Street SW and Cedar Way in Mountlake Terrace on February 14, 2016. The cause of death is asphyxia due to plastic bag over head and freshwater drowning. The manner of death is Suicide

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

#### **July 31, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of the three young adults who were involved in an incident at a residence in the 10000 block of 64<sup>th</sup> Place West in Mukilteo on July 30, 2016.

The cause of death of **Jordan M. R. Ebner**, 19, of Lake Stevens, WA, is gunshot wounds.

The cause of death of **Jacob M. Long**, 19, of Everett, WA, is gunshot wounds.

The cause of death of **Anna Bui**, 19, of Everett, WA, is gunshot wounds.

The manner of death for all three victims is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Mukilteo Police Department.

#### **July 30, 2016**

The next media release will be on Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at 3:00PM.

#### **July 28, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination a male found in a vehicle in the water near the Mukilteo Ferry dock. The decedent is **Jose P. Sanchez Diaz**, 20, of Lynnwood, WA. The cause and manner of death is pending.

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

#### **July 25, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of two males who were involved in a motor vehicle collision in the 7800 block of Olympic View Drive in Edmonds on July 22, 2016. They are **Zachary A. Langer**, 16, of Edmonds, WA and **Noah G. Vires**, 15, of Lynnwood, WA. The cause of death for both Zachary and Noah is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Edmonds Police Department.

#### **June 30, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of the 35-year old female who was found in the Snohomish River on June 26, 2016. The decedent is **Afton R. Brown** of Sultan, Washington. The cause and manner of death are pending further investigation.

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

#### **June 29, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of the 46-year old male who died in the 8700 block of Gothic Way in unincorporated Everett on June 25, 2016. The decedent is **Wayne O. Williams** of Phoenix, AZ. 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.

Identification, cause and manner of death of the female found in the Snohomish River on June 26, 2016 are still under investigation.

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

### **June 27, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner is investigating the death of an adult female who was found in the Snohomish River on June 26, 2016. We are currently working on identification and cause and manner of death which will be released as soon as it becomes available.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner is investigating the death of an adult male who was involved in an incident in the 8700 block of Gothic Way in unincorporated Everett on June 25, 2016. The cause of death is multiple gunshot wounds. The manner of death is Homicide. Identification will be released following notification of next of kin.

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

### **June 22, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of a 56-year old male who was involved in a motor vehicle collision on State Route 9 near Snohomish on June 17, 2016. The decedent is **Michael J. Holloway** of Lake Stevens, WA. The cause of death is blunt force trauma to the head and trunk. 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 identification and examination of a 45-year old female who was involved in a motor vehicle collision on State Route 530 near Arlington on June 17, 2016. The decedent is **Cassandra L. Carpentier** of Arlington, WA. The cause of death is blunt force trauma to the head and trunk. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Washington State Patrol.

### **June 10, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of a 29-year old male who died at the hospital following a police incident in the 5700 block 123rd Avenue NE in Lake Stevens, Washington on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The decedent is **Nathan Q. Cates** of Marysville, WA. The cause of death is multiple gunshot wounds. The manner of death is homicide.

For further information, please contact the Edmonds Police Department.

### **June 8, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of a 27-year old male who was involved in a skydiving accident at 9900 Airport Way in Snohomish Washington. The decedent is **Zackary W. Smathers** of Everett, WA on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. The cause of death is blunt force trauma. 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 identification and examination of a 30-year old female who was involved in a motor vehicle collision at 23400 Pioneer Highway in Stanwood, Washington. The decedent is **Joy H. Peterson** of Arlington, WA June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The cause of death is blunt force injuries to the head. The manner of death is Accident.

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

#### **May 26, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and identification of the two individuals who were recovered from a grave off of North Brooks Creek Road near Oso on May 24, 2016. The cause of death for **Monique M. Patenaude**, 46, of Arlington, WA, is multiple gunshot wounds. The cause of death for **Patrick M. Shunn**, 45, of Arlington, WA, is a gunshot wound of the head. The manner of death for both is Homicide.

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

#### **May 25, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has received two deceased individuals from the Oso area near Arlington. Their names and cause and manner of death will be released following examination and scientific identification.

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

#### **May 24, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of a 19-year old male who was involved in a motor vehicle collision at State Route 9 and 20<sup>th</sup> Street SE in Lake Stevens on May 21, 2016. The decedent is **Patrick J. Wallace** of Snohomish, WA. The cause of death is multiple blunt force injuries of the head, neck, torso and extremities. The manner of death is Accident.

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

#### **May 19, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of the skeletal remains that were discovered in the woods near Kayak Point (140<sup>th</sup> Street NW and Marine Drive) on January 20, 2016. The decedent is **Roy T. Blair** of Portland, Oregon. He disappeared in 1988 when he was 28 years old. The cause and manner of death are undetermined.

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

#### **May 12, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of the 47-year old male who was involved in a motorcycle versus vehicle accident in the 10500 block of Paradise Lake Road in Woodinville on May 10, 2016. The decedent is **Troy Schmidt** of Woodinville, WA. The cause of death is blunt force trauma. 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 identification and examination of the 7-year old girl who was involved in a vehicle versus pedestrian accident in the 11000 block of Meridian Drive Southeast, Everett on May 7, 2016. The decedent is **Maimuna Bayo** of Everett, WA. The cause of death is blunt force trauma.

The manner of death is Accident. For further information, please contact the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office.

### **May 2, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of the 6-year old boy who was found in the Stillaguamish River near the Big Four Ice Caves on May 1, 2016. The decedent is **Aidan McClanahan** of Mill Creek, WA. The cause of death is freshwater drowning.

The manner of death is Accident. For further information, please contact the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office.

### **April 29, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of a 25-year old male who died at a private residence in the 13700 block of Woods Lake Road on April 28, 2016. The decedent is **Steven N. Sheppard** of Gold Bar, 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.

### **April 26, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of a 47-year old male who was involved in a vehicle versus pedestrian collision near Evergreen Way and Pecks Drive on April 19, 2016. The decedent's is **Christopher S. Shaw** of Everett, WA. The cause of death is blunt force injuries of the head. 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 of **Amy E. Kennelly**, 48, who was found in a wooded area in the 11000 block of Algonquin Road in Woodway on March 3, 2016. The cause of death is hypothermia with a contributing condition of prescription drug intoxication. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Edmonds Police Department.

### **April 25, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of a 74-year old male who was involved in a motor vehicle collision in the 3600 block of Bickford Avenue in Snohomish on April 20, 2016. The decedent is **Leslie P. Thomas** of Lake Stevens, 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 Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of a 47-year old male who was involved in a vehicle / pedestrian collision near Evergreen Way and Pecks Drive on April 19, 2016. The decedent's name is being withheld until next of kin can be notified. The cause of death is blunt force injuries of the head. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

### **April 20, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of a 27-year old male who was involved in a motorcycle versus vehicle collision near Evergreen Way and Center Road in Everett on April 19, 2016. The decedent is **Anthony B. Vargo** of Marysville, WA. The cause of death is multiple blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

#### **April 11, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of a 54-year old male who was found deceased in the 340 block of Eclipse Mill Road in Everett on April 7, 2016. The decedent is **David A. Webster** of Everett, WA. The cause of death is homicidal violence and the manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

#### **March 22, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of a 36-year old male who was involved in a motorcycle collision in the 5900 block of 60<sup>th</sup> Street SE near Snohomish on March 19, 2016. The decedent is **Lawrence C. Bruscas** of Snohomish, WA. The cause of death is multiple blunt force injuries of the head, neck and torso. The manner of death is Accident.

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

#### **March 21, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination of **Cheryl D. DeBoer**, 53, of Mountlake Terrace, WA, who was found deceased near 244<sup>th</sup> Street SW and Cedar Way in Mountlake Terrace on February 14, 2016. The cause of death is asphyxia due to plastic bag over head and freshwater drowning. The manner of death is Undetermined.

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

#### **March 14, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of a 26-year old female who was found deceased on March 11, 2016 following a motor vehicle collision in the 12500 block of Mountain Loop Highway near Granite Falls. The decedent is **Mikayla M. Mikesell** of Marysville, WA. The cause of death is blunt force injuries of the head and trunk. The manner of death is Accident.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of a 27-year old female who was found deceased on March 11, 2016 following a motor vehicle collision in the 12500 block of Mountain Loop Highway near Granite Falls. The decedent is **Dawna P. Simmons** of Granite Falls, WA. The cause of death is blunt force injuries of the head and trunk. The manner of death is Accident.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of a 31-year old male who was found deceased on March 11, 2016 following a motor vehicle collision in the 12500 block of Mountain Loop Highway near Granite Falls. The decedent is **Jonathan A. Simmons** of Granite Falls, WA. The cause of death is blunt force injuries of the head, trunk and extremities. The manner of death is Accident.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification of a 64-year old male who was found deceased at his residence near Arlington on March 12, 2016. The decedent is **Mark S. McDermott**. The cause of death is asphyxia due to inhalation of nitrogen gas. The manner of death is Suicide.

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

#### **March 4, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification of a 48-year old female who was found in a wooded area in the 11000 block of Algonquin Road in Woodway on March 3, 2016. The decedent is **Amy E. Kennelly** of Edmonds, WA. The cause and manner of death are pending further investigation.

For more information, please contact the Edmonds Police Department.

#### **March 2, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification of a 25-year old male who was involved in a traffic collision on Interstate 5 near milepost 189 in Everett on February 29, 2016. The decedent is **Levi M. Spromberg** of Lynnwood, WA. The cause and manner of death are pending.

For further information, please contact the Washington State Patrol.

#### **February 16, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification of a 17-year old female who was involved in a traffic collision near 294<sup>th</sup> Street NE in Arlington on February 14, 2016. The decedent is **Samantha M. Weldon** of Stanwood, WA. The cause of death is blunt force injuries of the head and 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 identification of a 58-year old male who was found following a fire in the 1000 block of 75<sup>th</sup> Street SE in Everett on February 12, 2016. The decedent is **Pavel Zhuk** of Everett, WA. The cause of death is smoke inhalation and 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 identification of a 53-year old female who was found near 244<sup>th</sup> Street SW and Cedar Way in Mountlake Terrace on February 14, 2016. The decedent is **Cheryl D. DeBoer** of Mountlake Terrace, WA. The cause and manner of death are pending further investigation.

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

#### **February 1, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification of a 2-year old male who was found in Woods Creek near Monroe on January 29, 2016. The decedent is **Grayson E. Hill** of Monroe, WA. The cause of death is fresh water drowning. The manner of death is Accident.

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



### **January 26, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and identification of a 76-year old male who was involved in a fire in the 5300 block of Ocean Avenue in Everett on January 25, 2016. The decedent is **Michael E. Elke** of Everett, WA. The cause of death is inhalation of soot and products of combustion. 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 identification of a 53-year old female who was found in the Snohomish River on January 20, 2016. The decedent is **Marianne Humble** of Monroe, WA. The Cause of death is fresh water drowning. The manner of death is Undetermined.

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

### **January 22, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification of a 53-year old female who was found in the Snohomish River on January 20, 2016. The decedent is **Marianne Humble** of Monroe, WA. The cause and manner of death are pending further investigation

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

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office and the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office recovered skeletal remains from 140<sup>th</sup> Street NW between Marine Drive and Kayak Point near Stanwood on January 21, 2016. The identification, cause and manner of death are pending further investigation.

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

### **January 20, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification of a 58-year old female who was involved in a residential fire near Snohomish on January 15, 2016. The decedent is **Victoria R. Konicke** of Snohomish, WA. The cause and manner of death are pending further investigation

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

### **January 8, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and identification of a 37-year old male who was involved in a motor vehicle collision in the 11000 block of Springhetti Road near Snohomish on January 4, 2016. The decedent is **Gerardo Blanco Vega** of Snohomish, WA. The cause of death is blunt force injuries of the head and torso. The manner of death is Accident.

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

### **January 7, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and identification of a 65-year old male who was involved in a fire on West Casino Road near Evergreen Way in Everett on December 31, 2015. The

decedent is **Mark A. Davis** of Everett, WA. The cause of death is inhalation of soot and products of combustion. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

#### **January 6, 2016**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and identification of a 3-month old female who died at Seattle Children's Hospital on December 20, 2015. The decedent is **Madilynn M. Schreib** of Everett, WA. The cause of death is pneumonia, sepsis and meningitis with non-accidental trauma and history of the presence of methamphetamine. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

#### **December 29, 2015**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and identification of a 43-year old male who was involved in a shooting in the 4100 block of Colby Avenue in Everett on December 20, 2015. The decedent is **Martin Guzman-Garrido**, unknown hometown. The cause of death is gunshot wounds of the torso. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

#### **December 16, 2015**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and identification of a 17-year old male who was involved in an incident in the 12300 block of 4<sup>th</sup> Place West in Everett on December 12, 2015. The decedent is **Anthony Camacho Vergara** of Everett, WA. The cause of death is gunshot wound of the head. The manner of death is Homicide.

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

#### **December 4, 2015**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination of a **Daniel B. Dubeau** who was found deceased on December 3, 2015. The cause of death is homicidal violence. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please call the Everett Police Department.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification of skeletal remains that were found near Index, WA on November 25, 2015. The remains have been identified as **Sandy L. Rideout** of Ferndale, WA. The cause and manner of death are pending further investigation.

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

#### **December 3, 2015**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification of a 30-year old male who was found in the 6900 block of Beverly Lane in Everett, WA on December 2, 2015. The decedent is **Daniel B. Dubeau** of Everett, WA. The cause and manner of death are pending investigation.

For further information, please call the Everett Police Department.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of a 72-year old male who was involved in a vehicle versus pedestrian collision near 200<sup>th</sup> Street SW and 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue West in Lynnwood on December 1, 2015. The decedent is **Michael L. Wood** of Lynnwood, WA. The cause of death is blunt force injuries of the head. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please call the Lynnwood Police Department.