

# Media Release

**Updates on the two fire fatalities in Everett, the train v. pedestrian collision in Sultan, and the body recovery in Stanwood that occurred over the weekend of April 1, 2017 will be provided when examinations and identifications are complete.**

## **April 2, 2017**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of a 68-year-old male who was involved in a residential fire in the 43100 block of May Creek Road near Gold Bar on March 20, 2017. The decedent has been identified as **Richard D. Olson, Jr.** of Gold Bar, WA. The cause of death is smoke inhalation. The manner of death is Accident.

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

## **March 27, 2017**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of a 29-year-old male who died following a law enforcement response to a domestic violence call in the 12000 block of 221<sup>st</sup> Street SE in Snohomish on March 22, 2017. The decedent has been identified as **Alexander W. Dold** of Snohomish, WA. The cause and manner of death are pending further studies.

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

## **March 23, 2017**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of a 41-year-old female who was struck by a train in Edmonds on March 19, 2017. The decedent is as **Jade K. Reed** of Lynnwood, WA. The cause of death is multiple blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Edmonds Police Department.

## **March 22, 2017**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of a 78-year old female who was

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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.

**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](#).

\*When a death is unwitnessed the date of discovery is recorded as the date of death.

involved in a two-vehicle collision on State Route 2 near mile post 4 near Snohomish on March 18, 2017. The decedent is **Glorita D. McIntyre** of Mountlake Terrace, 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.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of a 42-year old male who was involved in a vehicle versus pedestrian collision near State Route 532 and Pioneer Highway near Stanwood on March 17, 2017. The decedent is **Robert W. Zumwalt** of Lake Stevens, 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.

### **March 14, 2017**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of an 18-year old male who died in the 2300 block of Lombard Avenue in Everett on March 13, 2017. The decedent is **John M. Muhlstein** of Everett, WA. The cause of death is gunshot wound of the chest. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

### **March 13, 2017**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of a 17-year old female who was struck by a falling tree in Meadowdale Beach Park on March 10, 2017. The decedent is **Diana V. Olidinchuk** 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 Snohomish County Sheriff's Office.

### **March 10, 2017**

There will be no information available on the death in Meadowdale Park near Lynnwood today until Monday, March 13, 2017 at 1600 hours.

### **March 2, 2017**

*For Immediate Release*

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### **Statement from Dr. Daniel Selove, Snohomish County Medical Examiner**

“The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has a very specific task: determining the cause and manner of death. We scientifically examine the body of a deceased individual, and by using medical and forensic tools, we determine the most likely cause of death. In many cases, the cause of death is straightforward. There is a gunshot wound, or severe trauma from a car accident, or someone has clearly overdosed, as proven by tests. The human body usually gives us obvious clues for these answers.”

“Once we make a determination as to the cause of death, we then try to determine the manner of death. In other words, not what caused the death, but the most likely events leading up to the death. Was it a car accident, whether intentional or not? Was it homicide, where one person caused another’s death, whether intentional or not? This process can be straightforward, but is also more open to interpretation and ambiguity in some cases. We interview family members and friends. We look at photos of the body as it was found. We look for other clues that might be beyond just what the body provides.”

“In the case of determining cause of death in a suicide, there are usually few questions. The death occurred through a very specific action. However, the manner can be more ambiguous. Unless there is a suicide note or other direct communication from the person before their death, there may not be any clues. In those cases, we have to make a decision based on the preponderance of evidence. If after all of the evidence is examined, a definitive manner of death cannot be determined, then we say that it is “undetermined.” This means that we cannot say with a high degree of certainty what the manner of death was. However, this determination does not in any way prejudice the police investigation or prosecution if a crime is suspected. It just means the medical examination cannot determine with an appropriate degree of certainty the manner of death.”

“In the case of Ben Keita, the Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office determined that the cause of death was hanging. There was no question about this. By looking at the preponderance of evidence, including discussions with the family, the manner of death could not be determined with a great degree of confidence. The “undetermined” manner of death does not exclude homicide or suicide; the evidence is just not conclusive enough to provide a high degree of confidence for any other determination.”

“The police and prosecutors will make final determinations about whether there is evidence that a crime was committed.”

### **February 28, 2017**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the identification and examination of an 18-year old male who died in the 600 block of 89<sup>th</sup> Ave SE in Lake Stevens on January 9, 2017. The decedent is **Ben M. Keita** of Lake Stevens, WA. The cause of death hanging. The manner of death is Undetermined.

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

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the identification and examination of a 37-year old female who was involved in a traffic collision at the 7700 block Hardeson Road on February 24, 2017. The decedent is **Athena A. Pishue** of Seattle, WA. 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 identification and examination of a 66-year old female who died in the 13500 block of North Creek Drive in Mill Creek on February 21, 2017. The decedent is **Norensa Namber Pillias** of Mill Creek, WA. The cause of death is multiple stab wounds of the trunk. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Mill Creek Police Department.

### **February 22, 2017**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of a 78-year old female who died in the 12100 block of 212<sup>th</sup> Street SE near Snohomish on February 20, 2017. The decedent is **Barbara A. Decker** of Snohomish, WA. The cause of death is incised wound of the neck. The manner of death is Homicide

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

#### **February 15, 2017**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of a 33-year old male who was in a police-involved shooting in Lake Stevens, WA on February 9, 2017 and died at a local hospital later the same day. The decedent is **Juan J. Salinas** of Lake Stevens, WA. The cause of death is a gunshot wound of the abdomen. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

#### **February 7, 2014**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of a 12-year old female who was involved in a traffic collision northbound I-5 at 164<sup>th</sup> Street SW on February 03, 2017. The decedent is **Amiyah S. Johnson** of Everett, 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.

#### **February 6, 2017**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of a 24-year old male who died in the 1900 block of Casino Road in Everett, WA on February 5, 2017. The decedent is **Bradley M. Doherty** of Everett, WA. The cause of death is a gunshot wound of the trunk. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

#### **February 1, 2017**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of a 36-year-old male who was in an officer-involved shooting in the 19000<sup>th</sup> block of State Route 99 in Lynnwood on January 30, 2017. The decedent has been identified as **Jeremy R. Dowell** of Mountlake Terrace, WA. The cause of death is multiple gunshot wounds. The manner of death is Homicide.

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

#### **January 26, 2017**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of a 31-year old male who was involved in a car versus pedestrian collision in the 6900 block of Seaway Blvd in Everett, WA on January 25, 2017. The decedent is **Cullen M. Thompson** of Lake Stevens, WA. The cause of death is multiple blunt force injuries of head and neck. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

### **January 23, 2017**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of a 53-year old female who was involved in a car versus pedestrian collision in the 4600 block of 176<sup>th</sup> Street SW in Lynnwood on January 17, 2017. The decedent is **Tammy L. Stover** 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 17, 2017**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of a 48-year old female who was involved in a traffic collision east bound SR 92 near mile post 4 on December 22, 2016. The decedent is **Lisa K. Hunt** 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.

### **January 4, 2017**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the identification and examination of a 93-year old male who was involved in a house fire in the 16300 block of Roosevelt Road in Snohomish on January 3, 2017. The decedent is **Glen E. Allen** of Snohomish, WA. The cause of death is thermal injuries and inhalation of soot and products of combustion. 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 26-year old male who was involved in a traffic collision on January 1, 2017. The decedent is **Ivan A. Rosales Cabanillas** of Everett, WA. The cause of death is drowning. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Washington State Patrol.