

Media Release

July 27, 2017

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identifications and completed the examinations on the three individuals who were involved in a vehicle versus semi-trailer collision in the 16900 block of Alderwood Mall Parkway near Lynnwood on July 26, 2017.

The cause of death of **Landon M. Staley**, 16, of Everett, **Travin K. Nelson-Phongphiou**, 16, of Everett, and **Mikayla Sorenson**, 15, of Bothell, is multiple blunt force injuries. The manner of death for each is Accident.

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 61-year-old male who was found in Snohomish under a tree with chainsaws near him on July 25, 2017. The decedent has been identified as **Timothy J. Howard** of Snohomish, WA. The cause and manner of death are multiple blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

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

July 26, 2017

The identities and cause and manner of death of the three deceased in the collision in the 16900 block of Alderwood Mall Parkway on July 26, 2017 will be released as soon as identification and next of kin notification is accomplished.

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 66-year-old male who was involved in a minor motor vehicle collision on Interstate 5 near Exit 206 in Arlington on July 23, 2017. The decedent has been identified as **Roland R. Koepernick** of Snohomish, WA. The cause and manner of death are due to natural causes.

For more information, please contact the Washington State Patrol.

July 24, 2017

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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.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of the 33-year-old male who was involved in a motorcycle collision in the 12700 block of Springhetti Road near Snohomish on July 23, 2017. The decedent has been identified as **Craig T. Elliott** of Lynnwood, WA. The cause of death is multiple blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

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

July 19, 2017

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of the 24-year-old male who was involved in a traffic collision in the 1800 block of Village Green Drive in Mill Creek on July 15, 2017. The decedent has been identified as **David E. Mordi** of Snohomish, WA. The cause of death is blunt force injuries of the head and trunk. The manner of death is Accident.

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 48-year-old male who was involved in a motorcycle collision on State Route 9 near Snohomish on July 15, 2017. The decedent has been identified as **Richard L. Ruzek** of Longview, WA. The cause of death is multiple blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For more information, please contact the Washington State Patrol.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of the 37-year-old male who was reported missing on a kayak trip on the Skykomish River on June 9, 2017. He was found on an island in the Skykomish near Sultan on June 14, 2017. The decedent has been identified as **Matthew Davis, of Monroe**. The cause of death is natural causes. The manner of death is Natural.

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

July 13, 2017

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of the 25-year old female who fell into the Skykomish River near Sunset Falls on June 27, 2017. The decedent is **Shauna R. Geffon**, of Houston, Texas. The cause of death is freshwater drowning. The manner of death is Accident.

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 18-year old female who was struck by a train on the trestle in the 600 block of Pioneer Highway East near Silvana on July 8, 2017. The decedent is **Stephani L. Moser**, of Marysville, WA. The cause of death is blunt force injuries of the head, trunk and extremities. The manner of death is Accident.

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

The cause of death of **Alexander W. Dold, 29**, who died following a law enforcement response to a domestic violence call in the 12000 block of 221st Street SE in Snohomish on March 22, 2017 has been determined to be cardiac arrhythmia with other significant conditions of schizophrenia and physical

altercation with law enforcement officers that included use of conducted electrical weapon. The manner of death is Accident.

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

July 11, 2017

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of the 87-year old female who was involved in a motor vehicle collision on State Route 2 and Roosevelt Road in Monroe on July 4, 2017 and was transported to Providence Regional Medical Center. The decedent is **Barbara H. Moell**, of Marysville, WA. The cause of death is blunt force injuries of the neck, torso and extremities. The manner of death is Accident.

For more information, please contact the Monroe Police Department.

July 7, 2017

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of the 31-year old male who was involved in a motorcycle collision in the 1800 block of 268th Street NW in Stanwood on July 6, 2017. The decedent is **Brian R. Lind**, of Stanwood, WA. The cause of death is head injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

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 52-year old male who was involved in a vehicle versus pedestrian collision on 4th Street near the northbound ramp to Interstate 5 on July 6, 2017. The decedent is **Scott H. Williams**, of Marysville, WA. The cause of death is head injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For more information, please contact the Marysville Police Department.

July 6, 2017

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of the 42-year-old male who was rescued from Possession Sound in Everett on July 1, 2017 and transported to Providence Regional Medical Center. The decedent is **Mason P. Alvis** of Marysville, WA. The cause and manner of death are Natural.

For more information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of the 49-year old male who was witnessed to fall into the Skykomish River near Sunset Falls on June 17, 2017. The decedent is **Adrian B. Jovanovic** of Seattle, WA. The cause of death is fresh water drowning. The manner of death is Accident.

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

July 5, 2017

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of the 63-year-old male who was involved in a motor vehicle collision on State Route 2 near

milepost 34 near Index on July 3, 2017. The decedent is **Charles H. Baughn, III**, of Gold Bar, WA. The cause of death is blunt force injuries and thermal burns. The manner of death is Accident.

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 52-year-old male who was involved in a motor vehicle collision in the 18200 block of Highway 99 on July 3, 2017. The decedent is **Jose M. Avalos-Velazquez**, of Edmonds, WA. The cause of death is blunt force injuries of the head and trunk. The manner of death is Accident.

For more information, please contact the Lynnwood Police Department.

June 29, 2017

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination of **Shannon C. Yeager**, who was found near Pigeon Creek Trail in Everett on June 23, 2017. The cause of death is stab wounds and blunt force injuries of the head and neck. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

June 27, 2017

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of the 73-year old male who was involved in a construction accident at 4th Street SE and 30th Drive SE in Everett on June 26, 2017. The decedent is **Robert L. Fruhling** of Las Vegas, NV. 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 Everett Police Department.

June 26, 2017

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification of the 46-year old female who was found near Pigeon Creek Trail in Everett on June 23, 2017. The decedent is **Shannon C. Yeager** of Everett, WA. The cause and manner of death are pending further investigation.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

June 21, 2017

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of the 25-year-old male who was involved in a motorcycle collision in the 12100 block of Admiralty Way in Everett on June 19, 2017. The decedent is **Abraham J. Perry** of Mukilteo, WA. The cause of death is blunt force injuries of the head and torso. The manner of death is Accident.

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

June 16, 2017

The cause of death of **Carlos Reyes-Rodriguez**, who was found on Warm Beach in the 16700 block of Marine Drive near Stanwood on April 2, 2017, is homicidal violence. The manner of death is Homicide.

If you have any information about this or any other case, please contact the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office tip line at (425) 388-3845.

June 15, 2017

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of the 59-year-old male who died at an apartment complex in the 4500 block of 73rd Place NE in Marysville on June 11, 2017. The decedent is **Seaton J. Baker** of Marysville, WA. The cause of death is multiple gunshot wounds. The manner of death is Homicide.

For more information, please contact the Marysville Police Department.

June 9, 2017

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of the 38-year-old male who was found deceased in a stream in the 7200 block of Picnic Point Road in Edmonds on June 4, 2017. The decedent has been identified as **Nicholas A. Bowen** of Edmonds, WA. The cause and manner of death are pending further investigation.

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 63-year-old male who was found deceased in the 16000 block of Larch Way in Lynnwood on June 3, 2017. The decedent is **Jaswinder J. Singh** of Lynnwood, WA. The cause of death is thermal injuries and smoke inhalation. The manner of death is Suicide.

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

June 8, 2017

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of the 31-year-old male who was found deceased in the 8300 block of 76th Ave NE in Marysville on May 31, 2017. The decedent has been identified as **Jeremiah S. Johnson** of Marysville, WA. The cause of death is hanging. The manner of death is Suicide.

For more information, please contact the Marysville Police Department.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of the 50-year-old female who was found deceased in the 12000 block of 4th Ave W in Everett on May 30, 2017. The decedent has been identified as **Deborah A. Jeanneret** of Everett, WA. The cause of death is multiple stab wounds. The manner of death is Homicide.

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

May 23, 2017

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification of the 21-year-old male who was hiking near Heybrook Lookout near Index on May 19, 2017. The decedent has been identified as **Andrew E. Shehata** of Shoreline, WA. The cause of death is blunt force injuries of the head. The manner of death is Accident.

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

May 4, 2017

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification of the 47-year-old male who was found on Warm Beach in the 16700 block of Marine Drive near Stanwood on April 2, 2017. The decedent has been identified as **Carlos Reyes-Rodriguez** of Sedro Woolley, WA. The cause and manner of death are pending further investigation.

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

April 19, 2017

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of the 20-year-old male who was found unresponsive on the 19000 block of State Route 2 on April 18, 2017. The decedent has been identified as **Nielsen Walzog** of Sultan, WA. The cause of death is asphyxia due to pinned under vehicle. 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 20-year-old male who was found unresponsive in the Snohomish County Jail on April 16, 2017. The decedent has been identified as **Arcan Cetin** of Oak Harbor, WA. The cause of death is hanging. The manner of death is Suicide.

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

April 6, 2017

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of a 53-year-old male who was involved in an incident in the 1300 block of Croft Avenue in Gold Bar on March 27, 2017. The decedent has been identified as **Christopher G. Johnson** of Everett, WA. The cause of death is electrocution. 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 identifications and completed the examinations of the two females involved in a residential fire in the 5800 block of Wetmore Avenue on April 1, 2017. The cause of death for **Jennifer R. Saliman**, 68, and **Virginia M. James**, 92, of Everett, WA, is smoke inhalation. The manner of death for both is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

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 221st 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 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 89th 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.

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 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 212th 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 164th 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 postmortem report is confidential in the state of Washington ([RCW 68.50.105](#)). Visit the [Records Request](#) page for information on obtaining postmortem reports.

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 19000th 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 176th 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.

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