

# Media Release

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## January 8, 2018

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of the 22-year old male who was involved in a vehicle dispute in the 16000 block of Ash Way near Lynnwood, WA on December 30, 2017. The decedent is **Alexander J. Song** of Everett, WA. The cause of death is gunshot wound. The manner of death is Homicide.

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

## January 4, 2018

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the investigation into the death of the 44-year old male who was found in a shelter near Big Eddy Park on the Skykomish River near Gold Bar, WA on January 1, 2018. The manner of death is suicide.

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

## January 2, 2018

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed the identification and completed the examination of the 40-year old male who died following a law enforcement response to his residence in the 13300 block of Highway 99 in Everett, WA on December 28, 2017. The decedent is **Joshua G. Hooyboer** of Everett, WA. The cause and manner of death are pending further investigation.

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 81-year old female who was found unresponsive in her residence in the 5000 block of 135<sup>th</sup> Place SE in Everett, WA on December 1, 2017 and died at a local hospital on December 17, 2017. The decedent is **Irene M. Strandt** of Everett, WA. The cause and manner of death are pending further investigation.

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.

**Natural** is defined for Medical Examiner death certification purposes as a death due solely to an illness or medical issue not influenced by external factors.

**Accident** is defined for Medical Examiner death certification purposes as an unnatural death resulting from an inadvertent chance happening.

**Suicide** is defined for Medical Examiner death certification purposes as a death from self-inflicted injury with evidence of intent to die.

**Homicide** is defined as the action of one person directly causing the death of another. All murders are homicides, not all homicides are murder. An example may be an unintentional firearms-related hunting death.

**Undetermined** is for cases that have very little available information about the circumstances surrounding death (e.g., partial skeletal remains) or where known information equally supports, or conflicts with, more than one manner of death.

**Pending** is a temporary designation for cause and/or manner when additional investigation, information and/or test results are required for certification. Pending is generally amended as soon as additional information becomes available.

\*A full explanation of Cause and Manner can be found in our [Annual Report](#).

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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.