

Media Release

Snohomish County
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January 11, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination of the 56-year-old male who was involved in an incident at 300 Admiralty Way in Edmonds, WA on January 5, 2019. The cause of death is a self-inflicted shotgun wound of the head. The manner of death is classified as Suicide.

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

For further information, please contact the Edmonds Police Department.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 46-year-old homeless male who was found in the woods near the 1800 block of 41st Street in Everett, WA on January 4, 2019. The decedent is **Michael T. Boone**. The cause of death is hypothermia. The manner of death is classified as Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

January 3, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination of the 47-year-old male who died at Martha Lake near Lynnwood, WA on January 2, 2019. The cause of death is a gunshot wound. The manner of death is classified as Suicide.

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

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office recovered a partially skeletonized human foot found on Jetty Island in Everett, WA on January 1, 2019 and is attempting to identify the remains.

For more information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination of the 30-year-old male who was involved in a vehicle versus pedestrian collision on I-5 near State Route 532 in

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](#).

Stanwood, WA on December 31, 2018. The cause of death is blunt force trauma. The manner of death is classified as Suicide.

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 73-year-old female who was involved in a three vehicle collision at 84th Street NE and 105th Ave NE, near Lake Stevens, WA on December 31, 2018. The decedent is **Maria C. Diaz Huapo** of Lake Stevens. The cause of death is blunt force trauma. The manner of death is classified as Accident.

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

January 1, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 73-year-old female who was involved in a three vehicle collision at 84th Street and 105 Ave NE, Lake Stevens, WA on December 31, 2018. The decedent is **Maria C. Diaz Huapo** of Lake Stevens, WA. The cause of death is blunt force trauma. The manner of death is classified as Accident.

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

December 31, 2018

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 33-year-old male who was involved in a vehicle versus pedestrian collision on I-5 near mile post 214 in Stanwood, WA on December 30, 2018. The decedent is **Brian K. Cooper** of Stanwood, WA. The cause of death is blunt force trauma. The manner of death is classified as 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 23-year old male who was involved in an altercation in the 200 block of Railroad Avenue in Edmonds, WA on December 15, 2018. The decedent is **Alexander D. Rhodes** of SeaTac, Washington. The cause of death is handgun wounds to the trunk. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Edmonds Police Department.

On December 10, 2018, a fisherman discovered human skeletal remains in the Skykomish River not far from Reiter Pit, Gold Bar, WA. Snohomish County Sheriff's Office Deputies recovered the remains and the Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office is attempting to identify them.

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 17-year old female who was found deceased in the 7000 block of 208th Street SW in Edmonds, WA on November 30, 2018. The decedent is **Gala W. Zuelhke**. The cause of death is gunshot wound to the head. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Edmonds Police Department.

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.