Media Release

August 21, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 52-year-old male who was found in Lake Ballinger in Mountlake Terrace, WA on August 20, 2019. The decedent is Timothy A. Bergstrom of Shoreline, WA. The cause of death is drowning. The manner of death is classified as Accident.

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

August 20, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 62-year-old male who was involved in a motorcycle versus motor vehicle collision on Eastbound State Route 2 near Mile Post 11 in Monroe, WA on August 18, 2019. The decedent is Terry W. Johnson of Monroe, 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 19, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the individual who was involved in a motor vehicle collision in the 6400 block of 36th Avenue West in Everett, WA on August 17, 2019. The manner of death is natural.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

August 15, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 64-year-old male who was the sole occupant in a single aircraft collision in an open area near the intersection of 152nd Street NE and 51st Avenue NE in Marysville, WA on August 14, 2019. The decedent is Gregory R. Capes of Lake Stevens, WA. The cause of death is blunt force trauma. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Marysville 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.

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.*
The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 63-year-old male who was involved in a motorcycle versus motor vehicle collision in the 13200 block of 4th Avenue West in Everett, WA on August 14, 2019. The decedent is Karey S. Swett 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.

August 12, 2019

On July 27, 2019, a fisherman discovered human skeletal remains in the Skykomish River between Startup, WA and Gold Bar, WA. Snohomish County Sheriff’s Office Deputies recovered the remains and the Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office is attempting to determine whether they are related to the Daniel W. Cleveland Jr. case.

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

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has confirmed the identification of the human skeletal remains that were found in the Skykomish River not far from Reiter Pit, Gold Bar, WA on December 10, 2018. The decedent is Daniel W. Cleveland Jr., 35, of Gold Bar, WA. The cause and manner of death are currently undetermined and pending further investigation.

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

July 29, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 55-year-old male who was involved in a pedestrian versus motor vehicle collision on State Route 529, south of Interstate 5, in Marysville, WA on July 27, 2019. The decedent is Wayne D. St. John of Bellingham, WA. The cause of death is multiple blunt force injuries. The manner of death is classified as Accident.

For further information, please contact the Marysville Police Department.

July 19, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 47-year-old male who was involved in a motor vehicle collision near the 8400 block of State Route 204 in Lake Stevens, WA on July 17, 2019. The decedent is Marc E. Crawford of Snohomish, WA. The cause of death is multiple blunt force injuries. The manner of death is classified as Accident.

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

July 15, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 58-year-old male who was involved in a motorcycle collision in the 23200 Block of Pioneer Highway in Stanwood, WA on July 13, 2019. The decedent is Rodney K. Fields of Arlington, WA. The cause of death is multiple blunt force injuries. The manner of death is classified as Accident.

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 Snohomish County Sheriff’s Office.

July 09, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 31-year-old male who was involved in a motor vehicle versus motorcycle collision in the 2900 block of Newberg Road near Snohomish, WA on July 05, 2019. The decedent is Brandon J. Elias of Snohomish, WA. The cause of death is multiple blunt force injuries. The manner of death is classified as Accident.

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 61-year-old female who was involved in a motor vehicle collision near 236th Street NE and 32nd Avenue NE in Arlington, WA on June 23, 2019 and later died at a local hospital on July 6th, 2019. The decedent is Vera Sagan of Stanwood, WA. The cause of death is multiple blunt force injuries. The manner of death is classified as Accident.

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

July 08, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 49-year-old male who was involved in an altercation in the 5200 block of Glenwood Avenue in Everett, WA on July 06, 2019. The decedent is Steven A. Whitemarsh of Everett, WA. The cause of death is gunshot wounds of the head. The manner of death is classified as Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

July 02, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 32-year-old male who was involved in a motor vehicle versus pedestrian collision near the 2900 block of 12th Street in Everett, WA on June 28, 2019. The decedent is Michael A. Smith of Everett, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is classified as Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

June 26, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 22-year-old male who was involved in a motor vehicle collision on Southbound I-5 south of State Route 528 in Marysville, WA on June 22, 2019. The decedent is Daniel Aquino Indalecio of Granite Falls, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is classified as Accident.

For further information, please contact the Washington State Patrol.

June 11, 2019

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 completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 19-year-old male who was involved in a motor vehicle collision near 27th Avenue NE and 116th Street NE in Marysville, WA on June 11, 2019. The decedent is Jacob A. Hedington of Arlington, WA. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is classified as Accident.

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

June 07, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 46-year-old male who was involved in a motor vehicle collision near State Route 530, MP 37, in Oso, Washington, on June 6, 2019. The decedent is Douglas D. Buchanan of Darrington, WA. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is classified as Accident.

For further information, please contact the Washington State Patrol.

May 30, 2019

The identification and cause/manner of death of the remains found near the 19000 block of 8th Avenue SE in Bothell, WA on May 22, 2019 will be released following positive identification and post-mortem examination.

May 28, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the adult female who was a victim in a shooting near the 1400 block of 80th Street SW in Everett, WA around 8:00 A.M. on May 24, 2019. The decedent is Rebecca J. Phebus, 57, of Camano Island, WA. The cause of death is multiple gunshot wounds. The manner of death is classified as Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 37-year-old female who was involved in a car versus pedestrian collision and found near the 1300 block of 13th Street and Rucker Avenue in Everett, WA on May 25, 2019. The decedent is Heidi K. Allen of Mukilteo, WA. The cause of death is blunt force trauma. The manner of death is classified as Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 52-year-old male who was found near the 13000 block of 4th Avenue West in Everett, WA on May 23, 2019. The decedent is Eric C. Adams of Everett, WA. The cause of death is homicidal violence. The manner of death is classified as Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Snohomish County Sheriff’s Office – Major Crimes Unit.

May 24, 2019

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 identification and cause/manner of death of the adult male who was found near the 13000 block of 4th Avenue West in Everett, WA on May 23, 2019 will be released following positive identification, next-of-kin notification, and post-mortem examination.

For further information, please contact the Snohomish County Sheriff’s Office – Major Crimes Unit.

May 20, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 53-year-old female who was involved in a car versus pedestrian collision near 188th Street SW and 48th Avenue West in Lynnwood, WA on May 16, 2019. The decedent is Blenen E.M. Gonzalvo of Lynnwood, WA. The cause of death is blunt force trauma. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Lynnwood Police Department.

May 06, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 41-year-old male who was involved in a motor vehicle collision near 156th Street SW and Highway 99 in Lynnwood, WA on May 3, 2019. The decedent is Theron R. Fisher of Lynnwood, WA. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is classified as Accident.

For further information, please contact the Washington State Patrol.

May 02, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 54-year-old male who was involved in a motorcycle collision in the 17000 block of Engebretsen Road in Granite Falls, WA and found on May 2, 2019. The decedent is Curtis L. Hamilton of Seattle, WA. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is classified as Accident.

For further information, please contact the Snohomish County Sheriff’s office.

April 25, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 58-year-old male who was involved in a store robbery in the 6900 block of Broadway in Everett, WA on April 22, 2019. The decedent is Jae D. An of Everett, WA. The cause of death is stab wounds of the neck. The manner of death is classified as Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Everett 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.
The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 52-year-old male who was found deceased in his residence in the 15300 block of Highway 99 in Lynnwood, WA on April 22, 2019. The decedent is Danny Hinojosa of Lynnwood, WA. The cause of death is homicidal violence. The manner of death is classified as Homicide.

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

April 23, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 58-year-old male who was found near Yost Park in November 2018. The decedent is Timothy D. Conrad of Snohomish County.

For further information, please contact the Edmonds Police Department.

April 18, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 63-year-old male who was found near the 30500 block of SR 530 east of Arlington, WA around 2:30 P.M. on April 11, 2019. The decedent is Douglas W. Fister of Mount Vernon, WA. The cause and manner of death are Undetermined.

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

April 12, 2019

The identification and cause/manner of death of the adult male who was found near the 30500 block of SR 530 east of Arlington, WA around 2:30 P.M. on April 11, 2019 will be released following positive identification, next-of-kin notification, and post-mortem examination.

For further information, please contact the Snohomish County Sheriff’s Office Major Crimes Unit.

April 08, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 82-year-old female who was found deceased following a fire in the 4700 block of West View Drive in Everett, WA on April 7, 2019. The decedent is Marilyn F. Weitkamp of Everett, WA. The cause of death is inhalation of products of combustion. The manner of death is classified as Accident.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

April 01, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 28-year old female who was recovered from the falls in the Cedar Ponds area on March 31, 2019. The decedent is Molly S. Acey of Everett, WA. The cause of death is drowning and blunt trauma to the head due to a fall. The manner of death is classified as Accident.

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

March 19, 2019

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 completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 56-year-old male who was involved in a motor vehicle vs. pedestrian collision near the intersection of Evergreen Way and Airport Road in Everett, WA on March 11, 2019 and died at a local hospital March 15, 2019. The decedent is Halford D. Fisher of Everett, WA. The cause of death is blunt force trauma. The manner of death is classified as Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Marysville Police Department.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 27-year-old male who was involved in a two-vehicle collision near the intersection of Evergreen Way and 108th Street SW in Everett, WA on March 16, 2019. The decedent is Reynolds C. Joel of Lynnwood, WA. The cause of death is blunt force trauma. The manner of death is classified as Accident.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 25-year-old male who was involved in a multiple vehicle collision on the I-5 off ramp to 44th Avenue West in Lynnwood, WA on March 8, 2019 and died at a local hospital the same day. The decedent is Thompson C. White of Lynnwood, WA. The cause of death is multiple 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 of the 19-year-old male who was found deceased near Market Place NE and Highway 204 in Lake Stevens, WA on February 27, 2019. The cause of death is hanging. The manner of death is classified as Suicide.

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

February 28, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 21-year old male who was involved in a shooting incident at the 10600 block of 32nd Drive SE in Everett, WA on February 25, 2019. The decedent is Dustyn J. Hunt-Bagby of Seattle, WA. The cause of death is gunshot wound of the chest. The manner of death is classified as Homicide.

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

February 21, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 24-year old male who was involved in a car versus pedestrian collision near the intersection of 64th Street NE and 58th Drive NE in Marysville, WA on February 16, 2019 and died at a local hospital on February 17, 2019. The decedent is Matthew E. Colson of Marysville, WA. The cause of death is blunt head trauma. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Marysville 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.
February 19, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 19-year old male who was found deceased at the 8000 block of Evergreen Way in Everett, WA on February 17, 2019. The decedent is Raul Cuadros. The cause of death is gunshot wound to the chest. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

February 14, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 56-year old male who was found deceased in his residence in the 600 block of Terrace Street in Monroe, WA on February 10, 2019. The decedent is Evodio Garcia Martinez. The cause of death is sharp force wounds to the neck. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Monroe Police Department.

February 08, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has confirmed the identification of human remains that were found near Verlot, WA on January 30, 2019. The decedent is Vera V. Izhevskiy, 25, of Maple Falls, WA. The cause and manner of death are pending further investigation.

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

February 05, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the partially skeletonized human foot found on Jetty Island in Everett, WA on January 1, 2019. The decedent is Antonio J. Neill of Everett, WA. The cause and manner of death are currently undetermined and the investigation is ongoing.

For more 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 31-year-old male kayaker who was recovered from the Skykomish River in Gold Bar, WA on February 2, 2019. The decedent is Richard W. Timpson of Seattle, WA. The cause of death is drowning. The manner of death is classified as Accident.

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

January 29, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 25-year-old male who was involved in a single vehicle collision near the 1100 block of 112th Street SW in Everett, WA on January 27, 2019. The decedent is Alemayehu A. Derege of Lynnwood, WA. The cause of death is multiple blunt force trauma. The manner of death is classified as Accident.

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 Everett Police Department.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 5-year-old female who was involved in a single vehicle collision near the 1100 block of 112th Street SW in Everett, WA on January 27, 2019. The decedent is Izabella K. Torres of Everett, WA. The cause of death is multiple blunt force trauma. The manner of death is classified as Accident.

For further information, please contact the Lynnwood Police Department.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 57-year-old male who was found in Twin Lakes in Marysville, WA on January 25, 2019. The decedent is Michael W. Huff of Everett, WA. The cause of death is drowning. The manner of death is classified as Accident.

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

January 25, 2019

The identification and cause/manner of death of the adult male who was found in Twin Lakes in Marysville, WA on January 25, 2019 at about 1130 hours will be released following positive identification, next-of-kin notification, and post-mortem examination.

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

January 23, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 76-year-old female who was involved in a vehicle versus pedestrian collision near Pacific Avenue and Colby Avenue in Everett, WA on January 22, 2019. The decedent is Victoria L. Taggart of Everett, WA. The cause of death is multiple blunt force trauma. The manner of death is classified as Accident.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

January 21, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 58-year-old male who was found deceased following a fire in the 3600 block of Broadway in Everett, WA on January 20, 2019. The decedent is Stephen K. Andvik of Everett, WA. The cause of death is smoke inhalation. The manner of death is classified as Accident.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

January 15, 2019

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 66-year-old male who was involved in a three vehicle collision near the 19000 block of 76th Avenue West in Lynnwood, WA on January 13, 2019. The decedent is Khanh Tran of Seattle, WA. The cause of death is blunt force trauma. The manner of death is classified as Accident.

For further information, please contact the Lynnwood 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.
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.

January 03, 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.

January 01, 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 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.

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.
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. Zuelhike. 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.