

Media Release

If you are seeking updated information regarding COVID-19 related deaths, please see our COVID-19 Media Release <https://tinyurl.com/vdp9kuu> .

January 5th, 2021

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 49-year-old male who was witnessed to collapse near Bridal Veil Falls/Lake Serene in Gold Bar, Washington on December 28th, 2020. The decedent is **William G. Tuttle** of Mountlake Terrace, Washington. The cause and manner of death were Natural.

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 30-year-old male who was involved in a multiple motor vehicle collision near the Snohomish River Bridge on northbound Interstate 5 in Everett, Washington on December 24th, 2020. The decedent is **Orlando Ventura Reyes** of Everett, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Pending.

For further information, please contact the Washington State Patrol.

Snohomish County
Medical Examiner's Office
9509 29th Ave W, Everett, WA 98204
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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.

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