

# Media Release

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

## March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 32-year-old male who was shot on a public transportation bus near the 7700 block of Evergreen Way in Everett, Washington on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The decedent is **Gene D. Peterson** of Everett, Washington. The cause of death is gunshot wounds. The manner of death is 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 35-year-old male who was found unresponsive at the Snohomish County Jail on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and died later the same day at a local hospital. The decedent is **Gregory A. Bennett** of Snohomish, Washington. The manner of death is Suicide.

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

## March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 41-year-old male who was shot in his residence near the 1400 block of Lakewood Drive in Camano Island, Washington on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021. He died later that day at a local hospital. The decedent is **Dean H. Wagstaff** of Camano Island, Washington. The cause of death is a gunshot wound. The manner of death is Homicide.

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

## February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 28-year-old male who was found near the 3400 block of North Machias Road in Lake Stevens, Washington on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. The decedent is

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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.

**Renee A. Baltazar Romero** of Everett, Washington. The cause and manner of death are pending further investigation.

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

#### **February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**

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 pedestrian versus motor vehicle collision near State Route 524 and Nellis Road in Bothell, Washington on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The decedent is **Carson M. Cox** of Snohomish, Washington. The cause of death is 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 examination and confirmed the identification of the 39-year-old female who was involved in a pedestrian versus motor vehicle collision near State Route 524 and Nellis Road in Bothell, Washington on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The decedent is **Sara L. Fox-Heath** of Seattle, Washington. The cause of death is 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 examination and confirmed the identification of the 20-year-old female who was witnessed to go unresponsive while swimming near the 11800 block of North Lakeshore Drive in Lake Stevens, Washington on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The decedent is **Anna M. Lopez** of Lake Stevens, Washington. The cause of death is drowning. The manner of death is Accident.

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

#### **February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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 bicyclist versus motor vehicle collision near the 14700 block of 84<sup>th</sup> Street NE in Lake Stevens, Washington on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The decedent is **Nickolas A. Smoley** of Tulalip, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. 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 examination and confirmed the identification of the 31-year-old male who was involved in a pedestrian versus motor vehicle collision near the 3100 block of 220<sup>th</sup> Street NW in Stanwood, Washington on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 and died at a local hospital on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The decedent is **Christopher L. Morgan** of Marysville, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

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

#### **January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 62-year-old male who was stabbed near the 4600 block of 196<sup>th</sup> Street SW in Lynnwood, Washington on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and later died at a local hospital the same day. The decedent is **Greg J. McKnight** of Lynnwood, Washington. The cause of death is a stab wound. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Lynnwood Police Department.

#### **January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 50-year-old male who was found in an apartment fire near the 900 block of West Casino Road in Everett, Washington on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The decedent is **Christopher R. Blair** of Everett, Washington. The cause of death is asphyxia due to smoke inhalation. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

#### **January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 17-year-old male who was shot near 116<sup>th</sup> Street NE and 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE in Marysville, Washington on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and later died at a local hospital the same day. The decedent is **Andre M. Hofland** of Marysville, Washington. The cause of death is a gunshot wound. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Marysville Police Department.

#### **January 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.