

Media Release

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August 13th, 2021

REGARDING THE LATE JUNE HEAT WAVE:

There have been twelve confirmed heat-related deaths in Snohomish County. Nine were males aged 45, 49, 51, 63, 67, 75, 76, 77, and 77. Three were women, aged 66, 75 and 84. In all twelve individuals, hyperthermia or heat stress played a role in their deaths. Manners of death are accident for 11 of the individuals and natural for one of the individuals.

August 11th, 2021

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 versus motorcycle collision near Mile Post 196 on southbound Interstate 5 in Everett, Washington on August 8th, 2021. The decedent was the driver of the motor vehicle and was ejected into a water-filled ditch. The decedent is **Scott A. Baker** of Marysville, Washington. The cause of death is drowning. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Washington State Patrol.

August 5th, 2021

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 20-year-old male who was involved in a pedestrian versus motor vehicle collision near the 16900 block of 13th Avenue West in Lynnwood, Washington on August 3rd, 2021. He died the same day at a local hospital. The decedent is **Charles M. Fritz** of Edmonds, 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 established the identification of the 1980 Cold Case Snohomish Jetty Doe who was found in the Snohomish River on June 20, 1980. Together with Othram, Inc., and generously funded by Audiochuck, the SCMEO used investigative genetic genealogy to find family members using GEDmatch. Forensic Odontologist Dr. Gary Bell confirmed the

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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](#).

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identification using dental records. The decedent is **Steven Lee Knox**, 24, of Everett, WA. The cause of death is apparent drowning. The manner of death is Undetermined.

For further information, please see our website at <https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/5866/Steven-Lee-Knox>.

July 29th, 2021

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the remains found near the 19900 block of 8th Avenue SE in Bothell, WA on May 22, 2019. The decedent is **Michael L. Powell**, 61, of Mill Creek, WA. The cause of death is homicidal violence. The manner of death is Homicide.

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

July 27th, 2021

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 64-year-old male who was involved in a single motorcycle collision near the 6800 block of South Machias Road in Snohomish, Washington on July 25th, 2021. The decedent is **Edward L. Shepherd** of Mountlake Terrace, Washington. The cause and manner of death are pending.

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 56-year-old male who was seen to go unresponsive near the South Fork Skykomish River near Cable Drop Trail and Sunset Falls in Gold Bar, Washington on July 24th, 2021. The decedent is **Tad W. Henry** of Shoreline, Washington. The cause and manner of death are pending.

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 54-year-old male who was found unresponsive near the South Fork Skykomish River near Cable Drop Trail and Sunset Falls in Gold Bar, Washington on July 24th, 2021. The decedent is **Christopher A. Fox** of Seattle, Washington. The cause and manner of death are pending.

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

July 22nd, 2021

There have been nine confirmed heat-related deaths in Snohomish County. Seven were males aged 49, 51, 63, 67, 75, 76, and 77. Two were women, aged 75 and 84. All nine individuals died of Environmental Hyperthermia (or complications thereof or it was a contributing factor) and their manners of death are Accident.

There are three deaths with pending causes/manners of death. They are likely heat-related but updated causes and manners of death won't be available for several weeks.

July 21st, 2021

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 47-year-old female who was found unresponsive at the Lynnwood Jail on July 13th, 2021. The decedent is Tirhas B. Tesfatsion of Lynnwood, Washington. The manner of death is Suicide.

For further information, please contact the Kirkland Police Department.

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

July 13th, 2021

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 73-year-old male who was involved in a single motorcycle collision on Interstate-5 near Mile Post 192 in Everett, Washington on July 8th, 2021. He died at a local hospital that same day. The decedent is **Darwin L. Lilley** of Marysville, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Washington State Patrol.

There have been five confirmed heat-related deaths in Snohomish County. All five were males aged 51, 75, 77, 76, and 49. All five men died of Environmental Hyperthermia (or complications thereof) and their manners of death are Accident.

There are two deaths with pending causes/manners of death. They are likely heat related but updated causes and manners of death won't be available for several weeks.

July 1st, 2021

There have been three confirmed heat-related deaths in Snohomish County. All three were males aged 51, 75, and 77. All three men died of Environmental Hyperthermia and their manners of death are Accident.

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June 25th, 2021

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 51-year-old male who was involved in an altercation and found deceased near the 19900 block of 127th Avenue NE in Arlington, Washington on June 16th, 2021. The decedent is **Scotty G. Sass** of Arlington, Washington. The manner of death is Homicide. The cause of death is sharp injury.

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 43-year-old male who was involved in a police pursuit near the 4900 block of 88th Street NE in Marysville, Washington on June 17th/18th, 2021. He later died at a local hospital. The decedent is **Thomas B. Murroni** of Marysville, Washington. The manner of death is suicide. The cause of death is a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

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June 16th, 2021

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 23-year-old female who was found deceased in her residence near the 400 block of 200th Street NW in Arlington, Washington on June 11th, 2021. The decedent is **Madison N. King** of Arlington, Washington. The cause of death is sharp force injuries. The manner of death is Homicide.

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 female who was involved in a pedestrian versus motor vehicle collision near the intersection of 128th Street SW and 8th Avenue West in Everett, Washington on June 6th, 2021. She later died at a local hospital on June 12th, 2021. The decedent is **Katherine M. Mueller** of Snohomish, 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.

June 9th, 2021

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 18-year-old male who was shot near the 19800 block of 106th Avenue NE in Arlington, Washington on June 5th, 2021. He later died at a local hospital the same day. The decedent is **Todd C. Smith** of Arlington, Washington. The cause of death is gunshot wounds. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

June 4th, 2021

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 Terrace Ridge Park in Mountlake Terrace, Washington on June 2nd, 2021. The decedent is **Christopher S. Jacklin** of Seattle, Washington. The manner of death is Natural.

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

June 3rd, 2021

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 18-year-old male who was involved in a pedestrian versus motor vehicle collision near the 12900 block of Mukilteo Speedway (S.R. 525) in Lynnwood, Washington on June 1st, 2021. The decedent is **KC T. Albert** of Lynnwood, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Washington State Patrol.

May 26th, 2021

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 35-year-old male who was involved in a shooting near the 1700 block of Main Street in

Lake Stevens, Washington on May 24th, 2021. The decedent is **Terrance G. Moore** of Lake Stevens, Washington. The cause of death is gunshot wounds. The manner of death is Homicide.

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

May 24th, 2021

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 36-year-old male who was involved in a single motorcycle collision near the 15000 block of Old Snohomish Monroe Road in Snohomish, Washington. He was found deceased on May 23rd, 2021. The decedent is **Jesse A. Huggins** of Monroe, 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.

May 18th, 2021

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 42-year-old male who was found in his residence after a house fire near the 2800 block of York Road in Everett, Washington on April 15th, 2021. The decedent is **John L. Pendergraft** of Everett, Washington. The cause of death is fire-related 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 7-year-old female who was found in her residence after a house fire near the 2800 block of York Road in Everett, Washington on April 15th, 2021. The decedent is **Aria Pendergraft** of Everett, Washington. The cause of death is fire-related injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

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

May 14th, 2021

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 45-year-old male who was struck by a train near the 9200 block of Lowell Snohomish River Road in Snohomish, Washington on May 13th, 2021. The decedent is **Curtis L. Russell** 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.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 33-year-old male who was shot near the 11200 block of 19th Avenue SE in Everett, Washington on May 11th, 2021. The decedent is **Ryan S. McFadden** 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 49-year-old female who was found near a forest service road in Darrington, Washington on May 9th, 2021. The decedent is **Georgie L. Gutenberg** of Lake Stevens, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Suicide.

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

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April 21st, 2021

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 42-year-old male who was found in his residence after a house fire near the 2800 block of York Road in Everett, Washington on April 15th, 2021. The decedent is **John L. Pendergraft** of Everett, Washington. The cause and manner of death are pending further investigation.

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 7-year-old female who was found in her residence after a house fire near the 2800 block of York Road in Everett, Washington on April 15th, 2021. The decedent is **Aria Pendergraft** of Everett, Washington. The cause and manner of death are pending further investigation.

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

April 14th, 2021

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 78-year-old male who was witnessed to be shot in a parking lot near the 18800 block of Smokey Point Boulevard in Arlington, Washington on April 10th, 2021. The decedent is **Ivan R. Maik** of Granite Falls, Washington. The cause of death is gunshot wounds. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Arlington Police Department.

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 multiple motor vehicle collision near the 14600 block of 35th Avenue NE in Mill Creek, Washington on April 10th, 2021. He later died at a local hospital that same day. The decedent is **Ian M. Jensen** of Mill Creek, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Mill Creek Police Department.

April 6th, 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 multiple motor vehicle collision near the 17700 block of North Road in Bothell, Washington on April 2nd, 2021. The decedent is **Skeuo Francis** of Everett, 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.

April 2nd, 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 multiple motor vehicle collision near the 17400 block of Bothell Everett Highway in Mill Creek, Washington on April 1st, 2021. The decedent is **Reed R.**

Baldwin of Mill Creek, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Mill Creek Police Department.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 32-year-old male who was found near the 19000 block of Lenton Place SE in Monroe, Washington on March 30th, 2021. The decedent is **Kristopher J. Cheek** of Alaska. The cause and manner of death are pending further investigation.

For further information, please contact the Monroe Police Department.

March 31st, 2021

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 40-year-old male who was involved in a shooting and motor vehicle collision near the 1000 block of Pecks Drive in Everett, Washington on March 21st, 2021 and later died at a local hospital on March 24th, 2021. The decedent is **Wyatt E. Powell** of Everett, Washington. The cause of death is a gunshot wound. 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 38-year-old male who was involved in a single motorcycle collision near the 3900 block of Lowell Snohomish River Road in Everett, Washington on March 26th, 2021. The decedent is **Derek E. Cox** of Everett, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is 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 53-year-old male who was found along a riverbank of the Snohomish River near the 3000 block of 36th Street in Everett, Washington on March 27th, 2021. The decedent is **James P. Powers, IV** of Everett, Washington. The cause and manner of death are pending further investigation.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

March 23rd, 2021

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 39-year-old male who was involved in a single motor vehicle collision near Mile Post 187 on southbound Interstate-5 in Everett, Washington on March 21st, 2021. The decedent is **Christopher J. Peterson** of Arlington, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Washington State Patrol.

March 15th, 2021

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 32-year-old male who was assaulted near the 7500 block of Juniper Drive in Everett, Washington on March 7th, 2021. He later died at a local hospital on March 9th, 2021. The decedent is **Eric**

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M. Lisenbey of Everett, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries of the head. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

March 10th, 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 7th, 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 5th, 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.

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March 2nd, 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 28th, 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 25th, 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 22nd, 2021. The decedent is **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 23rd, 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 19th, 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 19th, 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 20th, 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 9th, 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 84th Street NE in Lake Stevens, Washington on February 7th, 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 220th Street NW in Stanwood, Washington on January 22nd, 2021 and died at a local hospital on February 5th, 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 27th, 2021

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 196th Street SW in Lynnwood, Washington on January 24th, 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 20th, 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 17th, 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 8th, 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 116th Street NE and 58th Avenue NE in Marysville, Washington on January 5th, 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 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.