

# Media Release

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

## February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 57-year-old male who was involved in an altercation near the 6300 block of 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE in Tulalip, Washington on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The decedent is **Robert K. LeMasters** of Lynnwood, Washington. The cause and manner of death are pending further investigation.

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

## February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 65-year-old female who was involved in a multiple motor vehicle collision near southbound Interstate-5 south of 41<sup>st</sup> Street in Everett, Washington on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The decedent is **Mila I. Sarmiento** 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.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 67-year-old male who was involved in a multiple motor vehicle collision near southbound Interstate-5 south of 41<sup>st</sup> Street in Everett, Washington on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The decedent is **Wilfrido C. Sarmiento** 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.

## February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 45-year-old male who was involved in a motor vehicle vs. pedestrian collision near northbound Interstate-5 north of State Route 531 in Arlington, Washington on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The decedent is **Jason G. Vogan**

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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.

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.

### **February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 82-year-old male who was found deceased in his residence near the 18400 block of 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue West in Lynnwood, Washington on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The decedent is **William Prothero** of Lynnwood, Washington. The cause of death is gunshot wounds. The manner of death is homicide.

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 82-year-old female who was found deceased in her residence near the 18400 block of 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue West in Lynnwood, Washington on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The decedent is **Elna N. Prothero** of Lynnwood, Washington. The cause of death is a gunshot wound. The manner of death is suicide.

For further information, please contact the Lynnwood 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](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org).

### **February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 60-year-old male who was involved in a motor vehicle vs. pedestrian collision near the 38700 block of State Route 2 in Gold Bar, Washington on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The decedent is **Martin D. Milburn**. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Washington State Patrol.

### **January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 31-year-old male who was found deceased near the railroad by Wallace River and State Route 2 in Startup, Washington on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The decedent is **Tyler L. Biddle** of Sultan, Washington. The cause and manner of death are pending.

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

### **January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

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 motor vehicle vs. pedestrian collision near the intersection of State Route 9 and 204<sup>th</sup> Street NE in Arlington, Washington on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The decedent is **Tausha M. Schmidt** of Arlington, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

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 39-year-old male who was involved in a motor vehicle vs. pedestrian collision near the intersection of State Route 9 and 204<sup>th</sup> Street NE in Arlington, Washington on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The decedent is **Justin C. Wilkerson** of Arlington, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Arlington Police Department.

#### **January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 48-year-old male who was shot near California Street and Rockefeller Avenue in Everett, Washington on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The decedent is **Jerome L. Burnett** of Manhattan, KS. The cause of death is gunshot wound. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Everett Police Department.

#### **January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 11-month-old female who was shot near the 8600 block of State Route 92 in Granite Falls, Washington on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The cause of death is gunshot wound. The manner of death is 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 76-year-old male who was involved in a motor vehicle vs. pedestrian collision near the 2200 block of Everett Avenue in Everett, Washington on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The decedent is **Charles Willey** 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.

#### **January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 65-year-old male who was found deceased in his residence near the 5000 block of 88<sup>th</sup> Street NE in Marysville, Washington on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The decedent is **James S. Thrower** of Marysville, Washington. The cause of death is strangulation. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Marysville Police Department.

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