

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 4th, 2022

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office and Othram have determined the identity of the 1980 cold case homicide victim known as Stanwood Bryant Doe. The decedent has been identified using investigative genetic genealogy as Ronald David Chambers, 28, of Rome, Georgia. He was last known alive on December 17, 1978, in SeaTac, Washington, and his skeletonized remains were discovered just north of the Stanwood Bryant Road in Arlington on August 3, 1980. The cause of death is a gunshot wound to the head. The manner of death is Homicide.

For more information, please see our website at <https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/6018/Ronald-David-Chambers>

March 1st, 2022

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 19-year-old male who was recovered from Lake Howard in Warm Beach, Washington on February 24th, 2022. The decedent went missing on the lake on January 29th, 2022. The decedent is **Alexander Q. Tennyson** of Lakewood, Washington. The cause of death is drowning. 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 21-year-old male who was recovered from Lake Howard in Warm Beach, Washington on February 24th, 2022. The decedent went missing on the lake on January 29th, 2022. The decedent is **Andrew R. Tennyson** of Tacoma, Washington. The cause of death is drowning. The manner of death is Accident.

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

February 24th, 2022

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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.

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 33rd Avenue NE in Tulalip, Washington on February 18th, 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 22nd, 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 41st Street in Everett, Washington on February 19th, 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 41st Street in Everett, Washington on February 19th, 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 15th, 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 8th, 2022. The decedent is **Jason G. Vogan** 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 9th, 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 60th Avenue West in Lynnwood, Washington on February 7th, 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 60th Avenue West in Lynnwood, Washington on February 7th, 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.

February 2nd, 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 28th, 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 31st, 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 28th, 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 21st, 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 204th Street NE in Arlington, Washington on January 20th, 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 204th Street NE in Arlington, Washington on January 20th, 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 19th, 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 27th, 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 10th, 2022

The postmortem report is confidential in the state of Washington ([RCW 68.50.105](http://www.wa.gov)). 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 11-month-old female who was shot near the 8600 block of State Route 92 in Granite Falls, Washington on December 4th, 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 7th, 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 7th, 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 88th Street NE in Marysville, Washington on January 4th, 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.