

Media Release

February 21st, 2023

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 15000 block of 116th Street NE in Arlington, Washington on February 7th, 2023. The decedent is **Austin J. Hoerner**, of Arlington, Washington. The cause of death is gunshot wound. 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 69-year-old male who was involved in a single motor vehicle collision near westbound State Route 2, west of Mile Post 36 in Index, Washington on February 8th, 2023. The decedent is **Rick Shepardson** of Skykomish, Washington. The cause of death is related to natural disease. The manner of death is Natural.

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 23-year-old female who was involved in a single motor vehicle collision near the intersection of Kackman Road and 20th Avenue NE in Arlington, Washington on February 7th, 2023. The decedent is **Snow B. Sam** of Sedro-Woolley, 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 53-year-old female who was found deceased after an RV fire near the 13100 block of 41st Avenue NE in Marysville, Washington on January 29th, 2023. The decedent is **Jackie L. Stecher** of Marysville, Washington. The cause of death is fire-related injuries. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Marysville Police Department.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 28-year-old

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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 for Medical Examiner death certification purposes 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 defined for Medical Examiner death certification purposes 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 defined for Medical Examiner death certification purposes as 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.

male who was shot near the 600 block of Riverside Road in Everett, Washington on January 24th, 2023. The decedent is **Steven Valadez, Jr.** of Santa Cruz, California. The cause of death is 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 31-year-old male who was found deceased near the 400 block of 14th Street in Everett, Washington on January 24th, 2023. The decedent is not being named here out of respect for the family. The manner of death is Suicide.

For further information, please contact the Everett 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.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 30-year-old male who was part of an officer-involved-shooting near the intersection of 97th Avenue SE and 20th Street SE in Lake Stevens, Washington on January 13th, 2023. The decedent is not being named here out of respect for the family. The cause of death is gunshot wound. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Snohomish County S.M.A.R.T. Team.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 65-year-old female who was found deceased December 28th, 2022 in an apartment building that had caught fire on December 25th, 2022 near the 9800 block of 3rd Avenue SE in Everett, Washington. The decedent is **Jane H. Kim** of Everett, Washington. The cause of death is fire-related 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 28-year-old male who was found deceased December 26th, 2022 in an apartment building that had caught fire on December 25th, 2022 near the 9800 block of 3rd Avenue SE in Everett, Washington. The decedent is **Jonathan I. Kim** of Everett, Washington. The cause of death is fire-related 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 20-year-old male who was involved in a single motor vehicle collision near the 21500 block of 108th Street NE in Snohomish, Washington on January 16th, 2023. He later died at a local hospital on January 21st, 2023. The decedent is **Szander C. Povv** 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.

January 19th, 2023

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 41-year-old male who was involved in a multiple vehicle collision and subsequently a pedestrian versus motor vehicle collision near Mile Post 27 on southbound Interstate-405 in Bothell, Washington on January 17th, 2023. The decedent is not being named here out of respect for the family. The cause of death is blunt force trauma. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Washington State Patrol.

January 9th, 2023

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office has completed the examination and confirmed the identification of the 37-year-old male who was shot near the 7200 block of 47th Avenue NE in Marysville, Washington on January 2nd, 2023. The decedent is **Stephen M. Collins** of Marysville, Washington. The cause of death is gunshot wound. The manner of death is Homicide.

For further information, please contact the Marysville 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 pedestrian versus motor vehicle collision near Evergreen Way and Ttereve Drive in Everett, Washington on December 30th, 2022. The decedent is **Daniel F. Martinez Gomez** of Everett, Washington. The cause of death is blunt force injuries. The manner of death is Undetermined.

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 57-year-old male who was involved in a single motor vehicle collision near the 12000 block of Marine View Drive in Tulalip, Washington on January 1st, 2023. The decedent is **Kenneth S. Leciejewski** of Tulalip, 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 22-year-old female who was found deceased in an apartment building that had caught fire on December 24th, 2022 near the 6700 block of 196th Street SW in Lynnwood, Washington. The decedent is **Hailey A. Kendall** of Marysville, Washington. The cause of death is fire-related injuries. The manner of death is Undetermined.

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 76-year-old female who was found deceased in a parked car in the Walmart parking lot near the 17200 block of Highway 99 in Lynnwood, Washington on December 21st, 2022. The decedent is **Jacqueline J. Buchan** of Lynnwood, Washington. The cause of death is environmental hypothermia. The manner of death is Accident.

For further information, please contact the Lynnwood Police Department.