

Rail Accident Inspection Form

Docket No: TR-161220

Current Date: 7-12-2017

Railroad Owning Track: BNSF

Railroad Operating on Track: Amtrak

FRA Investigation: Yes No

Inspector: Russ Pitner

Approved:
Continue investigating
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I. Type of Accident

Public Crossing Private Crossing Trestle Pedestrian at Crossing
 Pedestrian Not at Crossing Other (explain) On Mainline Track

II. Time and Location of Accident

Date 11-16-2016 Time 2005
 USDOT Crossing No. 084758W WUTC Crossing No. 2B68.83
 Railroad Milepost 68.5 GPS Identifier: Lat: 48.4303000 Long: -122.3353500
 Number of Tracks: 1 City: Mt. Vernon
 Road name, yard name, bridge identifier: Riverside Drive County: Skagit
 Company responsible for track maintenance: BNSF
 Other railroad involved in train accident/incident: Amtrak

III. Conditions Surrounding the Accident

Weather: Clear to cloudy Fog Rain Snow
 Road Condition: Dry Wet Snow Ice
 Visibility Due to Weather: Daylight Darkness Unknown
 Adequate Sight Distance: Yes No N/A Train Speed: 50
 Describe: _____
 Train Type: Freight Passenger Locomotive only Cars only Tilt train
 Remote Control: Yes No N/A Haz-Mat on Train: Yes No N/A
 Type of Haz-Mat: _____

IV. Pedestrian, Driver, or Passenger Fatalities Does this section apply? Yes No

Number of people killed 1 If a vehicle accident, number of passengers _____
 Name: Danny Lee Brown Jr.
 Driver: Passenger Pedestrian Age 23 Gender: Male Female
 Pedestrian trying to get on/off train? Yes No Suicide: Yes No Undetermined
 Alcohol: Yes No Undetermined Information supplied by: _____
 Drugs: Yes No Undetermined Information supplied by: Certificate of Death
 Names of additional fatalities: _____

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V. Pedestrian, Driver, or Passenger Injuries

Does this section apply? Yes No

Number of people injured _____

If a vehicle accident, number of passengers _____

Name: _____

Driver: Passenger Pedestrian

Age _____ Gender: Male Female

Pedestrian trying to get on/off train? Yes No

Drugs: Yes No Undetermined

Alcohol: Yes No Undetermined

Names of additional injured persons:

VI. Pedestrian Access

Does this section apply? Yes No

Obvious signs of consistent pedestrian trespass? Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

Pedestrian (not at a crossing) information: Accessing public area? Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

Deterrents at site, e.g. fence, signs, etc? Yes No

If yes, describe: "No Trespassing" signs posted

Previous collisions at or near site? Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

VII. Crossing History

Does this section apply? Yes No

Prior accidents at this crossing? Yes No

How many? 3

Dates of prior accidents: 09/06/2006, 8/30/2014 and 12/02/2014

Description of prior accidents (e.g., fatalities, injuries, property damage) One fatality and two injuries.

Last inspection date? 04/03/2017

Defects? Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

Required to attach most current inventory? Yes No

VIII. Attachments

Railroad incident report? Yes No

Local law enforcement report? Yes No

Coroner/medical examiner report? Yes No

Pictures? Yes No

Other (describe):

IX. Comments

On November 16, 2016, Danny L. Brown was struck and fatally injured by a southbound Amtrak passenger train at the Riverside Drive Crossing milepost 68.5 on the mainline in Mount Vernon.

The Mount Vernon Police Department investigated the scene. When they arrived, they found the train stopped on the single main track just south of the crossing. The tail end of the train was approximately 200 yards south of the crossing.

The locomotive engineer stated he was traveling southbound when he observed a male running across the main track and stumbled and fell in front of the train. The engineer stated that he put the train into emergency braking. The train was moving at 50 MPH when it struck the individual. Prior to occupying the crossing, the engineer sounded the whistle as required.

There are two "No Trespassing" at the location where the incident occurred. According to the witnesses the gates, bells and lights were activated during this incident.

The Certificate of Death notes the cause of death as accidental and the decedent tested positive for methamphetamine, amphetamine, and marijuana as possible contributing conditions.

