

Rail Accident Inspection Form

*Reviewed
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 4-27-17
 KHunter*

Docket No: TR-161229

Current Date: 04/06/2017

Railroad Owning Track: BNSF

Railroad Operating on Track: Amtrak

FRA Investigation: Yes No

Inspector: Cory Caron

I. Type of Accident

Public Crossing Private Crossing Trestle Pedestrian at Crossing
 Pedestrian Not at Crossing Other (explain)

II. Time and Location of Accident

Date 11/18/2016 Time 3:23pm
 USDOT Crossing No. 085730J WUTC Crossing No. 1K2.69
 Railroad Milepost 2.69 GPS Identifier: Lat: 47.2755522 Long: -122.4652872
 Number of Tracks: 2 City: Tacoma
 Road name, yard name, bridge identifier: McCarver St. County: Pierce
 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: 38 mph
 Describe: At the time of the accident, sight distance was reduced by a slow moving grain train.
 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: Alexandria Lewis
 Driver: Passenger Pedestrian Age 28 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: _____
 Names of additional fatalities: _____

V. Pedestrian, Driver, or Passenger InjuriesDoes 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 Suicide: Yes No Undetermined Alcohol: Yes No Undetermined

Names of additional injured persons:

VI. Pedestrian AccessDoes 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: _____

Previous collisions at or near site? Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

VII. Crossing HistoryDoes this section apply? Yes No Prior accidents at this crossing? Yes No

How many? 13

Dates of prior accidents: 11/19/2015, 07/07/2015, 07/09/2014, 01/10/2014Description of prior accidents (e.g., fatalities, injuries, property damage) 1 fatality, several motor vehicle/trainLast inspection date? 02/25/2016Defects? Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

Required to attach most current inventory? Yes No **VIII. Comments**

Additional comments:

The victim began to walk across the railroad crossing after a slow moving grain train had cleared the crossing when she was struck and killed by an Amtrak train traveling on the other track. According to Tacoma Police reports, the crossing gates were down, the lights flashing, and the bell ringing at the time of the accident. According to the Pierce County Medical Examiner's Office, found in the police report, her cause of death was determined to be multiple traumatic injuries and the manner of death was accidental.

IX. AttachmentsRailroad incident report? Yes No Local law enforcement report? Yes No Coroner/medical examiner report? Yes No Pictures? Yes No

Other (describe):

**Tacoma Police Department
Incident Report**

Incident No. 1632301270.1

PDA:	Homeland Security: No	Subject: Death Investigation Train vs Pedestrian	Incident No. 1632301270.1
IBR Disposition: Active	Case Management Disposition:		
Forensics: Forensics Responded	Reporting By/Date: 209021 - Hayes, Angela 11/18/2016 20:27:50		
Case Report Status: Approved	Reviewed By/Date: T04654 - Jepson, Kevin 11/19/2016 05:04:08		

Related Cases:

Case Report Number 16-014516	Agency Amtrak
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Non-Electronic Attachments

Attachment Type	Additional Distribution	Count
STMT - Statement / Notes (copy/digital)		2

Location Address: Mccarver St/Ruston Wy	Location Name:
City, State, Zip: Tacoma, WA 98402	Cross Street:
Contact Location:	City, State, Zip:
Recovery Location:	City, State, Zip:
CB/Grid/RD: 151 - Tacoma	District/Sector: TA21 - Tacoma
Occurred From: 11/18/2016 15:15:00 Friday	Occurred To:
Notes:	

Offense Details: 0810 - Death Investigation

Domestic Violence: No	Child Abuse: No	Gang Related: No/Unknown	Juvenile: No
Completed: Completed	Crime Against:	Hate/Blas: None (No Bias)	Using:
Criminal Activity:	Location Type: Railroad Tracks / Right of Way	Type of Security:	Tools:
Total No. of Units Entered:	Evidence Collected:		
Entrance Compromised: Not Applicable			
Entry Method:			
Suspect Description:			
Suspect Actions:			
Notes:			

Other Entity O1: Lewis, Alexandria F

PDA:

Aliases:

Call Source: Dispatched	Assisted By:					
Phone Report: No	Notified:					
Insurance Letter:	Entered By: 209021 - Hayes, Angela					
Entered On: 11/18/2016 16:44:09	Approved By: E0237 - Holstien, Gidget					
Approved On: 11/19/2016 05:16:59	Exceptional Clearance:					
Adult/ Juvenile Clearance:	Exceptional Clearance Date:					
Additional Distribution:	Other Distribution:					
Validation Processing	Distribution Date:	County Pros. Atty.	Juvenile	Other	CPS	Supervisor:
	By:	City Pros. Atty.	Military	DSHS	PreTrial	
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DOB:	4b	Age:	28	Sex:	Female	Race:	Black	Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic
Height:	5' 3"	Weight:		Hair Color:	Black	Eye Color:	Brown	Phone:	
Address:	4b	County:		Country:		Business Phone:		Other Phone:	
City, State Zip:		Country:		Employer/School:		Place Of Birth:		Driver License Country:	
Other Address:		Occupation/Grade:		Complexion:		Facial Hair:		Facial Shape:	
Resident:	Full - Time Resident	Occupation/Grade:		Employer/School:		Place Of Birth:		Driver License Country:	
SSN:		Occupation/Grade:		Complexion:		Facial Hair:		Facial Shape:	
Driver License No:	4b	Driver License State:	Washington	Complexion:		Facial Hair:		Facial Shape:	
Attire:		Reporting Statement Obtained:		Complexion:		Facial Hair:		Facial Shape:	
SMT:		Reporting Statement Obtained:		Complexion:		Facial Hair:		Facial Shape:	
Entity Type:	Pedestrian	Reporting Statement Obtained:		Complexion:		Facial Hair:		Facial Shape:	
Entity Notes:									

Other Entity O2: Johnson, Lane Gordon

PDA:

Aliases:									
DOB:	4b	Age:	52	Sex:	Male	Race:	White	Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic
Height:	6' 2"	Weight:	240	Hair Color:		Eye Color:	Green	Phone:	4b
Address:	4b	County:		Country:		Business Phone:		Other Phone:	
City, State Zip:		County:		Country:		Business Phone:		Other Phone:	
Other Address:		Occupation/Grade:		Employer/School:		Place Of Birth:		Driver License Country:	
Resident:	Full - Time Resident	Occupation/Grade:		Complexion:		Facial Hair:		Facial Shape:	
SSN:	SSN	Occupation/Grade:		Complexion:		Facial Hair:		Facial Shape:	
Driver License No:		Driver License State:	Washington	Complexion:		Facial Hair:		Facial Shape:	
Attire:		Reporting Statement Obtained:		Complexion:		Facial Hair:		Facial Shape:	
SMT:		Reporting Statement Obtained:		Complexion:		Facial Hair:		Facial Shape:	
Entity Type:	Other Individual	Reporting Statement Obtained:		Complexion:		Facial Hair:		Facial Shape:	
Entity Notes:									

Other Entity O3: Vanderfange, Erik H

PDA:

Aliases:									
DOB:		Age:	00	Sex:	Unknown	Race:	Unknown	Ethnicity:	Unknown
Height:		Weight:		Hair Color:		Eye Color:		Phone:	4b
Address:		County:		Country:		Business Phone:		Other Phone:	
City, State Zip:		County:		Country:		Business Phone:		Other Phone:	
Other Address:		Occupation/Grade:		Employer/School:		Place Of Birth:		Driver License Country:	
Resident:	Nonresident	Occupation/Grade:		Complexion:		Facial Hair:		Facial Shape:	
SSN:		Occupation/Grade:		Complexion:		Facial Hair:		Facial Shape:	
Driver License No:		Driver License State:		Complexion:		Facial Hair:		Facial Shape:	
Attire:		Reporting Statement Obtained:		Complexion:		Facial Hair:		Facial Shape:	
SMT:		Reporting Statement Obtained:		Complexion:		Facial Hair:		Facial Shape:	
Entity Type:	Other Individual	Reporting Statement Obtained:		Complexion:		Facial Hair:		Facial Shape:	
Entity Notes:	Amtrak Police Detective								

Investigative Information

Means:		Motive:	
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Vehicle Activity:

Direction Vehicle Traveling:

Synopsis:

Narrative:

On November 18, 2016, at approximately 1520 hours, I was dispatched to a collision between a train and a pedestrian on the railroad tracks crossing at McCarver, just south of Ruston Way.

I arrived on scene and spoke with the Tacoma Fire Department (TFD) personnel. I observed what I know from my training and experience to be a deceased subject covered with a yellow blanket. TFD confirmed the subject was a female and she was deceased.

I spoke with multiple witnesses that all stated the female attempted to cross the railroad tracks while the crossing arms were down and the audible warnings were sounding. They said that one train traveling northbound had just finished crossing the track at a slow rate, and when the first train finished crossing, the woman began to cross the tracks. They said she was immediately struck by an "Amtrak" train that was traveling southbound on the tracks at a high rate of speed. PPO Martin took names and statements from these witnesses. See PPO Martin's report for witness information.

I walked south on the railroad tracks and contacted the "Amtrak" engineer who was not allowed by law to leave the engine. I contacted the engineer, (O) JOHNSON. He told me he was traveling southbound at approximately 50 miles per hour (MPH), and there was a Burlington Northern (BNSF) train traveling northbound. He told me the BNSF train was traveling at a very slow rate and had just cleared the railroad crossing. (O) JOHNSON told me at that time he observed the female, identified as a, (P) LEWIS come from the north side of the tracks right after the BNSF train had cleared. (O) JOHNSON told me (P) LEWIS saw his train at the last second and put her arms out, but was unable to stop herself from moving in front of it. (O) JOHNSON told me she almost was able to stop, but was struck by his right side bumper guard.

(O) JOHNSON told me the crossing warnings were operating properly and further explained how trains in the area are not to sound their horns, but the crossing indicators indicated the arms and signals were working properly and that is why he proceeded through the crossing as he is trained. He did say that when he saw (P) LEWIS, he immediately sounded his horn and hit the brakes, "but it was too late!"

I asked (O) JOHNSON if he was mentally and physically ok. He declined medical aid or to speak with anyone about the traumatic experience.

I spoke with "Amtrak" police detective, (O) VANDERFANGE. He gave me all of the information listed below about the train, its route, and passenger load. He also sent me still photos from the train at the time of the incident. (O) VANDERFANGE will also be forwarding video footage, but was unable to upload it at the time of this report.

Amtrak Police Case 16-014516

248 passengers
Train Identification is Amtrak Cascade Number 507(18) Lead Locomotive AMTK 90340 (Southbound Seattle to Eugene, OR)
Emergency Braked applied at 1509 hours PT with preliminary train speed at 38 mph.
Railroad Location: Milepost 2.88 Seattle Subdivision BNSF tracks

I stayed on scene and protected the scene until BNSF completed their safety testing on the railroad tracks and deemed it safe to reopen the roadway.

Medical Examiner #30 arrived and transported the deceased from the scene. ME case #16-2090.

Reviewed By:

Reviewed Date:

**Tacoma Police Department
Supplemental Report**

Incident No. 1632301270.2

PDA:	Homeland Security:	Subject:	Death Investigation	Incident No. 1632301270.2
IBR Disposition:	Active	Case Management Disposition:		
Forensics:		Reporting By/Date:	T201320 - Martin, Jacob 11/18/2016 20:40:11	
Case Report Status:	Approved	Reviewed By/Date:	T04654 - Jepson, Kevin 11/19/2016 04:57:07	

Related Cases:

Case Report Number	Agency
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Non-Electronic Attachments

Attachment Type	Additional Distribution	Count	
Location Address:	Mccarver St/Ruston Wy	Location Name:	
City, State, Zip:	Tacoma, WA 98402	Cross Street:	
Contact Location:		City, State, Zip:	
Recovery Location:		City, State, Zip:	
CB/Grid/RD:	151 - Tacoma	District/Sector:	TA21 - Tacoma
Occurred From:	11/18/2016 15:15:00 Friday	Occurred To:	
Notes:			

Offense Details: 0810 - Death Investigation

Domestic Violence:	No	Child Abuse:	No	Gang Related:	No/Unknown	Juvenile:	No
Completed:	Completed			Crime Against:		Hate/Bias:	None (No Bias)
Criminal Activity:				Type of Security:		Using:	
Location Type:	Railroad Tracks / Right of Way			Evidence Collected:		Tools:	
Total No. of Units Entered:							
Entrance Compromised:	Not Applicable						
Entry Method:							
Suspect Description:							
Suspect Actions:							
Notes:							

Witness W0: Ferrieri, John

PDA:

Aliases:									
DOB:	4b	Age:	69	Sex:	Male	Race:	White	Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic
Height:		Weight:		Hair Color:		Eye Color:			

Call Source:	Dispatched	Assisted By:	209021 - Hayes, Angela			
Phone Report:		Notified:				
Insurance Letter:		Entered By:	T201320 - Martin, Jacob			
Entered On:	11/18/2016 17:29:17	Approved By:	E0237 - Holstien, Gidget			
Approved On:	11/19/2016 05:19:14	Exceptional Clearance:				
Adult/ Juvenile Clearance:		Exceptional Clearance Date:				
Additional Distribution:		Other Distribution:				
Validation Processing	Distribution Date:	County Pros. Atty.	Juvenile	Other	CPS	Supervisor:
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Address:	4b	County:		Phone:	4b
City, State Zip:		Country:		Business Phone:	
Other Address:				Other Phone:	
Resident:		Occupation/Grade:		Employer/School:	
SSN:				Place Of Birth:	
Driver License No:		Driver License State:		Driver License Country:	
Attire:				Complexion:	
SMT:				Facial Hair:	
Testify:	Yes			Facial Shape:	
Witness Notes:	Near Ruston Way at the cross walk.				

Witness W1: Wingstrand, Becky A

PDA:

Aliases:					Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic	
DOB:	4b	Age:	73	Sex:	Female	Race:	White
Height:		Weight:		Hair Color:		Eye Color:	
Address:	4b	County:		Phone:	4b	Business Phone:	
City, State Zip:		Country:		Other Phone:		Employer/School:	
Other Address:				Place Of Birth:		Driver License Country:	
Resident:	Full - Time Resident	Occupation/Grade:		Complexion:		Facial Hair:	
SSN:				Facial Shape:			
Driver License No:		Driver License State:					
Attire:							
SMT:							
Testify:	Yes						
Witness Notes:	On Ruston Way at the traffic light.						

Witness W2: Adams, Hobert A.

PDA:

Aliases:					Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic	
DOB:	4b	Age:	52	Sex:	Female	Race:	White
Height:		Weight:		Hair Color:		Eye Color:	
Address:	4b	County:		Phone:		Business Phone:	
City, State Zip:		Country:		Other Phone:		Employer/School:	
Other Address:				Place Of Birth:		Driver License Country:	
Resident:	Full - Time Resident	Occupation/Grade:		Complexion:		Facial Hair:	
SSN:				Facial Shape:			
Driver License No:		Driver License State:					
Attire:							
SMT:							
Testify:	Yes						
Witness Notes:	Walking next to victim						

Witness W3: Geise, Gentry E

PDA:

Aliases:					Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic	
DOB:	4b	Age:	66	Sex:	Female	Race:	White
Height:		Weight:		Hair Color:		Eye Color:	
Address:	4b	County:		Phone:	4b	Business Phone:	
City, State Zip:		Country:		Other Phone:			
Other Address:							

Resident:	Occupation/Grade:	Employer/School:	
SSN:		Place Of Birth:	
Driver License No:	Driver License State:	Driver License Country:	
Attire:		Complexion:	
SMT:		Facial Hair:	
Testify: Yes		Facial Shape:	
Witness Notes: Walking on the sidewalk on the south side (N. 30th St. side) of the tracks.			

Witness W4: Chin-Purcell, Lia V

PDA:

Aliases:									
DOB:	4b	Age:	18	Sex:	Female	Race:	Black	Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic
Height:		Weight:		Hair Color:		Eye Color:		Phone:	4b
Address:	4b			County:		Business Phone:		Other Phone:	
City, State Zip:				Country:		Employer/School:		Place Of Birth:	
Other Address:				Occupation/Grade:		Driver License Country:		Complexion:	
Resident:				Driver License State:		Facial Hair:		Facial Shape:	
SSN:									
Driver License No:									
Attire:									
SMT:									
Testify: Yes									
Witness Notes: Walking on the sidewalk (south side / N 30th St. side) of the tracks.									

Investigative Information

Means:		Motive:	
Vehicle Activity:		Direction Vehicle Travelling:	

Synopsis:

Narrative:

On 11-18-16 I was dispatched to Railroad crossing near McCarver St. and Ruston Way reference a train vs. pedestrian collision.

Upon arrival TFD Squad 13 and Medic One M-4 where on scene. I observed an adult female, later identified as V/LEWIS, on the ground on the tracks. V/LEWIS had been covered with a yellow sheet. TFD had called the time of death at 1529 hours.

All traffic on McCarver St. was blocked and diverted.

I contacted W/FERRIERI and W/WINGSTRAND who related the following. W/FERRIERI and W/WINGSTRAND where on Ruston Way and had a clear view of the tracks. The RR crossing arms where down blocking traffic, the red warning lights were flashing and the horns were active. V/LEWIS was on foot attempting to cross the tracks, walking S/B toward N. 30th St. A cargo type train passed and V/LEWIS started to cross. V/LEWIS was struck by the Amtrak, which was traveling in the opposite direction of the cargo train.

I contacted W/GEISE and W/CHIN-PURCELL who related the following. W/GEISE and W/CHIN-PURCELL where on the crosswalk on the south side (N. 30th St. Side) of the train tracks. They both had a clear view of the RR crossing. The RR crossing warning lights, arm bar and horn were all activated. A cargo train passed and V/LEWIS started to cross. V/LEWIS was struck by the Amtrak, which was travelling in the opposite direction.

I contacted W/ADAMS who related the following. W/ADAMS was on foot walking his dog. W/ADAMS was walking near V/LEWIS. W/ADAMS and V/LEWIS were stopped waiting for the RR tracks to clear. W/ADAMS and V/LEWIS where intending to cross S/B over the tracks. The RR crossing warn lights, horn and arm bars where all activated. After the cargo type train passed V/LEWIS started to cross the tracks. V/LEWIS was struck by the Amtrak which was traveling in the opposite direction.

Sgt. Jepson (S197) responded to the scene and was advised.

Forensics Services responded and processed the scene for evidence.

I located V/LEWIS' wallet and North Carolina ID in her left jacket pocket. The wallet/ID was later released to ME23 (P. Glen.)

ME23 (P. Glen) arrived and took custody of V/LEWIS' body.

At the request of BNSF staff I observed them unlock the control shed near the RR crossing prior to their testing of the RR crossing signals.

Nothing further.

Reviewed By:

Reviewed Date:

**Tacoma Police Department
Supplemental Report**

Incident No. 1632301270.3

PDA:	Homeland Security:	Subject:	Death Investigation Autopsy Results & Case Clearance	Incident No. 1632301270.3
IBR Disposition:	Resolved	Case Management Disposition:	CERS - Cleared Exceptional - Resolved	
Forensics:		Reporting By/Date:	T04137 - Nist, Louise 12/27/2016 10:18:47	
Case Report Status:	Approved	Reviewed By/Date:	T03326 - Darland, Sean 12/30/2016 09:27:09	

Related Cases:

Case Report Number	Agency
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Contact Location:		City, State, Zip:	
Recovery Location:		City, State, Zip:	
CB/Grid/RD:	151 - Tacoma	District/Sector:	TA21 - Tacoma
Occurred From:	11/18/2016 15:15:00 Friday	Occurred To:	
Notes:			

Offense Details: 0810 - Death Investigation

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Completed:	Completed	Crime Against:		Hate/Bias:		Using:	None (No Bias)
Criminal Activity:		Type of Security:		Tools:			
Location Type:	Railroad Tracks / Right of Way	Evidence Collected:					
Total No. of Units Entered:							
Entrance Compromised:	Not Applicable						
Entry Method:							
Suspect Description:							
Suspect Actions:							
Notes:							

Other Entity O1: Lewis, Alexandria F

PDA:

Aliases:						Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic
DOB:	4b	Age:	28	Sex:	Female	Race:	Black
Height:	5' 3"	Weight:		Hair Color:	Black	Eye Color:	Brown

Call Source:	Dispatched	Assisted By:				
Phone Report:		Notified:				
Insurance Letter:		Entered By:	T04137 - Nist, Louise			
Entered On:	12/27/2016 10:12:29	Approved By:	E11644 - Speir, Michael			
Approved On:	12/30/2016 09:38:25	Exceptional Clearance:				
Adult/ Juvenile Clearance:		Exceptional Clearance Date:				
Additional Distribution:		Other Distribution:				
Validation Processing	Distribution Date:	County Pros. Atty.	Juvenile	Other	CPS	Supervisor:
	By:	City Pros. Atty.	Military	DSHS	PreTrial	
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Address:	4b	County:		Phone:	
City, State Zip:		Country:		Business Phone:	
Other Address:				Other Phone:	
Resident:	Full - Time Resident	Occupation/Grade:		Employer/School:	
SSN:				Place Of Birth:	
Driver License No:	4b	Driver License State:	Washington	Driver License Country:	
Allire:				Complexion:	
SMT:				Facial Hair:	
Entity Type:	Pedestrian	Reporting Statement Obtained:		Facial Shape:	
Entity Notes:					

Investigative Information

Means:		Motive:	
Vehicle Activity:		Direction Vehicle Traveling:	

Synopsis:	
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Narrative:	<p>On 11/21/16, I was assigned death investigation case #16-323-01270. On 11/18/16, Alexandria Lewis was struck by a train on Ruston Way and died as a result of her injuries. Refer to the previous reports for details.</p> <p>On 12/27/16, I contacted the Pierce County Medical Examiner's Office regarding Lewis' cause and manner of death. Her cause of death was determined to be multiple traumatic injuries and the manner of death was an accident.</p> <p>On 12/27/16, this case was Cleared Exceptional - Resolved.</p> <p>Nothing further.</p>
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Reviewed By:		Reviewed Date:	
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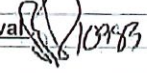
Tacoma Police Department

FORENSIC SPECIALIST REPORT

Crime	DEATH INVESTIGATION	Case No	1632301270	CB	151	District	21
Dispatch Date	11/18/2016	Time	15:35	Arrived	15:52	Cleared	16:57
Call Location	McCarver Street & Schuster Parkway						
Victim	LEWIS, Alexandria			Address			

Details

Latent Search Made	No	Results		
Evidence Recovered	<input type="checkbox"/>	Property Form	<input type="checkbox"/>	Diagram <input type="checkbox"/>
Photos Taken	Color <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B & W <input type="checkbox"/>	Video <input type="checkbox"/>	
Prints Found On				
Showing	Photo slate, street identification signs for McCarver Street and Schuster Parkway, overall views of railroad tracks running east and west across McCarver Street on the south side of Schuster Parkway, overall views of suspected point of impact on southernmost railroad track on the east side of McCarver Street, suspected blood transfer on McCarver Street and the northernmost railroad track, overall views of victim laying on the southernmost railroad track near the west side of McCarver Street, victim's cell phone, injuries to victim's face, head, and left leg, wallet with victim's North Carolina Driver License, views of apparent blood on area under the victim after removal of the victim.			
Narrative	I was notified via radio police dispatch to respond to the above location at the request of Sgt. K. Jepson, S-197, for a train versus pedestrian death investigation. I met Sgt. Jepson at the location where he showed me the victim and informed me that victim was struck by a passenger train traveling westbound on the southernmost railroad track after which I began taking the above listed photographs. Officer J. Martin, P-056, Officer S. Storwick, P-212, and others were also present at the location. Medical Examiner Investigators P. Glen and J. Lombardi responded to the scene to take custody of the victim. Medical Examiner Dr. Clark was also responded to the location.			

Date:	11/18/2016	Forensic Specialist:	D. VELEZ #90000	Approval:	
Distr Date:		By:		Microfilmed:	
Indexed:		By:		Copy To:	

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Halstead, Lori (UTC)

From: Service, Interruption Desk <ServiceInterruptionDesk@BNSF.com>
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 8:34 PM
To: OPR DL (SI Desk Use ONLY) North Region Incident; Hunn, Hana A; Clark, Daniel P; Huston, Scott T; Wootton, Jared T; Moyer, Jason; Surina, Mike I; Halstead, Lori (UTC); Melonas, Gus S; Wallace, Courtney
Subject: 111816 A507118A-Pedestrian, Tacoma WA

This is a pedestrian fatality at a crossing.

BNSF Fort Worth – Network Operations Center – INCIDENT REPORT

				D-Code:	16K162
Date:	111816	Time:	1723-CT	MP:	2.69
Time & Date Last Revised:				Divn:	Northwest
Subdivision:	Seattle	State:	Washington	County:	Pierce
Line Segment:	52				
Nearest Station:	Harbor, WA				
Nearest Major Terminal (distance/direction):	3 miles South of Tacoma, WA				
Weather Conditions (Temp, wind, precipitation):	51*, Cloudy, Winds East at 7mph				

Injuries or Fatalities?	1 Pedestrian Fatality	Employee?	No
Name:		Craft:	

Symbol:	A-507-1-18A	If Yard Job, is it Remote Control Operation (RCO)?	
Lead Locos:	AMTK 467	L-E-T-F:	14-0-312-737'
DP Locos:	No	Direction:	South
Did Lead locomotive have Ditch Lites?		Were Ditch Lite's operating?	
Speed:		Maximum Authorized Speed:	60MPH
Train Crew's Origin / Destination:	Seattle, WA / Portland, OR		
Conductor:	C HADS	Engineer:	LG Johnson
Prior Rest		Prior Rest	
On Duty Time/Date:	0920-CT/111816	On Duty Location:	Seattle, WA
Crew Interviewed by:	Amtrak Officer Eric		
Event Recorder/Camera:	Responsibility of Amtrak Officers		

Locomotives video equipped?									
Lead Locom	Y/N		Y/N		Y/N		Y/N		Y/N
AMTK 467	Y								

Crossing Name:	McCarver Street	DOT Number:	085730J
Equipped with:	Signs, Crossbuck, Gates, Flashers, Bells	Functioning?	Yes
Vehicle Direction:	N/A	Vehicle Description:	N/A
Law Enforcement Agency:	Tacoma, WA PD	Citations ?	

Haz Material ?	No	Release (Y/N):		# Cars, Amount:	
Commodity:					

Derailed Locomotives / Cars:				
Init. Number:	Line:	Position (upright?):	Contents:	Disposition:
None				
Heavy equipment ordered:				
No				

Equip. ETA:		Equipment Arrived:		Equipment Released:	
Main Blocked?	Yes	Estimated Reopen:		Actual Reopen:	2130-CT

Estimated Damages and Costs:

\$	0	Track	Track, Track Structures, and Roadbed Damages.
\$	0	Signal	
\$	0	"Other"	Adjacent buildings, other private property, etc.
\$	0	Car Damages	Car damage, incl. flat cars but excluding their trailers/containers and contents.
\$	0	Locomotive Damages	
\$	0	FRA Reportable Subtotal	2016 FRA Reportable \$10,500

\$	0	Contractor Expense	Rerailing & clearing expenses only. Do not include environmental cleanup, air monitoring, etc.
\$	0	Estimated Lading Recovery Costs	Source is usually Damage Prevention/LARS. This figure includes trucking charges and site remediation charges.
\$	0	Prelim. Lading Loss Estimates	Railcar/Trailer/Container Contents ONLY
	0	Trailer/Container Damages	Excludes contents. (Mktg-Equip Mtce Team – Evlta Murdock)
\$	0	Not FRA Reportable Subtotal	
\$	0	Estimated Grand Total	(FRA Reportable Subtotal + Not FRA Reportable Subtotal)

Cause Code:	M-505	Description:	Under active investigation
Cause: Which Car / Locomotive, etc.?			

Brief Narrative of Incident:

1732-CT Initial report from Chief DS William Henscheid: A507-18 struck trespasser at MP 2.69 main 2.
 ===
 1826-CT Update from AGST Mark Stevens: TM Hunn is on site, confirmed fatality.
 ===
 1829-CT Summary of Incident from AGST Mark Stevens:
 1720 CT NWE Div. Seattle sub at Tacoma A507-18 reported striking trespasser foul of track MP 2.69 on MT
 1743 CT confirmed fatality. Incident occurred at McCarver St. with flashers and gates across from grain train spotting elevator on MT. No current route around SI with Local Officers and Signal on site. A507-18 operating with Cab Car 90340 on point, camera equipped. AMTK will secure camera and locomotive down loads.

Post Accident Testing (FRA):

Did this incident meet FRA Post Accident Testing criteria?	No
If the incident analysis indicates the need for FRA Testing, Contact MEH Dept so they can work with the field officer in charge of the testing to insure proper process is followed. (817) 352-1648 during normal business hours. (817) 352-1613 After hours, weekends and holidays. If no answer, then page Dustin Foster or Chris Kowalkowski via Blackberry.	
Did the AGST agree with the above analysis?	Yes
Was the Mgr. Dispatching Practices and Rules notified?	Yes
Was the Shipping Box checked prior to use/shipment?	
Were the vials checked to insure they have not expired?	
Was the train crew tested?	Which BNSF Mgr took crew for test?
Was the Dispatcher tested?	Which BNSF Mgr took Dispr for test?

Notifications:

Time:	Entity:	Person Notified:	Reminders:
1723-CT	Service Interruption:	DDM-from DS 75	Include who notified SID.
1724-CT	Resource Operations:	NPB - Cisco	
N/A	Cust. Solutions: 593-4670 Outlook Mail: Desk, CNS Cust. Support: 234-1135 Outlook Mail: CSESDesk		Notify them of all derailments, collisions, or shipment damages. Cust Support works 5pm-5am on weekdays and all shifts weekends.

1735-CT	Trainmaster:	Hana Hunn. Outlook msg in copy of this report.	Get ETA, check Cell number.																						
	Road Foreman Engines:																								
1752-CT	Signal Desk: 593 - 5998	Donovan	Signal Logs, TWD Logs.																						
1740-CT	M/W Desk: 593-6823/1	Adam	Last track inspn, last B-9 inspn.																						
1740-CT	Mechanical Desk:	Flan	Emergency car desk 593-9128																						
1739-CT	Corridor Supt:	Daniel Clark. Outlook msg in copy of this report.																							
1725-CT	GST/AGST:	Mark Stevens. Outlook msg in copy of this report.																							
1735-CT	Divn Supt Operations:	Scott Huston. Outlook msg in copy of this report.																							
1739-CT	Divn General Manager:	Jared Wootton. Outlook msg in copy of this report.																							
1739-CT	Divn GDT:	Jason Moyer. Outlook msg in copy of this report.																							
1753-CT	Manager Dispatching Practices & Rules: 352-1312	Mike-voicemail	Tape recordings, including SID and ROC, when appropriate.																						
1739-CT	Superintendent Operating Practices (All have Blackberry)	Mike Surina. Outlook msg in copy of this report.	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>California, L.A.</td> <td>Coleman, Herbert T</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chicago</td> <td>Wazny, William A</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Red River</td> <td>Cleveland, Scott M</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kansas</td> <td>Valencia, Randy J</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Montana</td> <td>Mizelle, Nicholas O</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Heartland</td> <td>Musgrove, Chris E</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Northwest</td> <td>Surina, Mike I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Powder River North</td> <td>Erickson, Tony A</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Powder River South</td> <td>Percival, Everett E</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Southwest</td> <td>Strot, Ben K</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Twin Cities</td> <td>Lund, Michael E</td> </tr> </table>	California, L.A.	Coleman, Herbert T	Chicago	Wazny, William A	Red River	Cleveland, Scott M	Kansas	Valencia, Randy J	Montana	Mizelle, Nicholas O	Heartland	Musgrove, Chris E	Northwest	Surina, Mike I	Powder River North	Erickson, Tony A	Powder River South	Percival, Everett E	Southwest	Strot, Ben K	Twin Cities	Lund, Michael E
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	Conference Calls:		If Conf Call is being established: (1) Notify: NOC Mechanical Desk (2) Notify: NOC M/W Desk (3) Notify: ROC																						
	Hazardous Incidents: Contact East/West On-call mgrs. <i>If California, notify CUPA.</i>		Page for all Hazardous Incidents: Pat Brady, Piper, Justin, Reid, Clay D, Howard Horn, David C Clark, John D. Lovenburg, Allen Stegman, Laura Fiffick																						
	ChemTrec (USA) 800-424-9300 CanuTec (Canada) 1-888-226-8832 or 613-996-6666		Call whenever Haz Matl car involved in derailment or damaged; whether leaking or not. Run TSS: WBCOPY & HAZ & EXCR																						
1756-CT	NRC: (#1) 800 - 424 - 8802 (Initial SID Analysis) Reasons for notifying them now include for <i>significant</i> violence or threats of violence against people or property (02-07-01).	Hector Fuentes 1164482	Report # This block is for the Initial SID analysis. If initially "not reportable" and later becomes "reportable," use next block.																						

	NRC: (#2) 800 – 424 – 8802		
1740-CT 1745-CT 1830-CT	State:	Jim - WA Emergency Ops (WEO) Report # 16-4307 David Pratt - Voicemail. WA Utilities and Transportation Commission. Copy of this report to LHalstea@utc.wa.gov Ted - Updated WEO with status of pedestrian (fatality)	
	California - CUPA		
1733-CT	Foreign Railroad:	RFE Jason Denny stated that he will contact Amtrak.	
	"Go Team" 1. Alpha Page Mark Schulze. 2. Alpha Page team on duty.		Contact the "Team" that's on duty. If approp., also notify Mark Schulze. (To see Team on duty, go to n/SID/SIDBOTH/GOTEAM).
1737-CT	Passenger Svcs: 352-2606	Dana	If Incident involves passenger train route, email copy of report to Rich Wessler, Tamora Noel.
1740-CT	State Corporate Relations:	Melonas and Wallace. Outlook msg in copy of this report.	Notify of all significant Incidents: Gus Melonas and Courtney Wallace: BC, ID, OR, WA Ross Richard Lane: MT, WY Matt Jones: MT, ID Joe Faust: AL, AR, LA, MS, TN, TX Lena Kent: AZ, CA Amy McBeth: MB, MN, ND, SD, WI Andy Williams: KS, MO, NE, IL, KY, IA Joe Sloan: CO, OK, NM, UT, NV
	Energy Desk:		Notify Energy desk of any crude oil train derailments: OPR DL Energy Desk managers or call 817-8670021

Halstead, Lori (UTC)

From: State Emergency Operations Officer (MIL)
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 4:18 PM
To: Juneau, Connie (ECY); 'EM Duty Officer'; Banks, Daniel C (MIL); Elizabeth Klute; Kenneth W. Holgard; Mark Daniels (FRA); Stacey Thompson (Fed Railroad Association Reg 8); Steven Travers; UTC DL WUTC Rail Reporting
Subject: FW: NRC#1164482

Here's the NRC for the AMTRAK vs Pedestrian event in Tacoma.

Jim Kadrmas
State Emergency Operations Officer
Washington State Emergency Management Division Building 20, MS: TA-20 Camp Murray, WA 98430-5122
1-800-258-5990
dutyofficer@mil.wa.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: HQS-PF-flidr-NRC@uscg.mil [mailto:HQS-PF-flidr-NRC@uscg.mil]
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 4:11 PM
To: State Emergency Operations Officer (MIL); State Emergency Operations Officer (MIL); State Emergency Operations Officer (MIL)
Subject: NRC#1164482

NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER 1-800-424-8802

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Incident Report # 1164482

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken by: MST1 HECTOR FUENTES at 19:00 on 18-NOV-16
Incident Type: RAILROAD NON-RELEASE
Incident Cause: TRESPASSER
Affected Area:
Incident was discovered on 18-NOV-16 at 17:23 local incident time.
Affected Medium: RAIL REPORT (N/A)

REPORTING PARTY

Name: NICK BRAUCHT
Organization: BNSF RAILWAY
Address: 2600 LOU MENK DRIVE
FORT WORTH, TX 76106

PRIMARY Phone: (817)3522833
Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Name: UNKNOWN

Type of Organization: UNKNOWN

INCIDENT LOCATION

MILEPOST: 2.69 County: PIERCE
SUBDIVISION: SEATTLE
City: TACOMA State: WA
MCCARVER ST

RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

CALLER REPORTED THAT A TRAIN STRUCK A TRESPASSER AT GRADE CROSSING
RESULTING IN A FATALITY.

SENSITIVE INFORMATION

INCIDENT DETAILS

Grade Crossing: YES
Location Subdivision: SEATTLE
Railroad Milepost: 2.69
Type of Vehicle Involved:
Crossing Device Type: UNKNOWN
Device Operational: UNKNOWN
DOT Crossing Number: 085730J
Date and Time Service was/will be Restored:
Brake Failure: UNKNOWN
Federal Post-Accident 219.201 Sub Part C Testing Required:
UNKNOWN Passenger Train Route: YES
Passenger Train Delay Expected: UNK
Passenger Train Delay Handling:
---RAILROAD INFORMATION---
Railroad Involved: AMTRAK
Train Number: A507118A
Train Type: PASSENGER Train Direction:
Train Speed: Track Speed:
Locomotives: Cars: Derailed:
Suspected DOT Regulation Non Compliance: UNKNOWN
DERAILED CARS:
Pos. Car number Type Cargo

IMPACT

Fire Involved: NO Fire Extinguished: UNKNOWN

INJURIES: NO Hospitalized: Empl/Crew: Passenger:
FATALITIES: YES 1 Empl/Crew: Passenger: Occupant:
EVACUATIONS:NO Who Evacuated: Radius/Area:

Damages: NO

Closure Type	Description of Closure	Hours Closed	Direction of Closure
N			

Air:

N

Major

Road:

Artery:N

N

Waterway:

Track:

Environmental Impact: NO

Media Interest: UNKNOWN Community Impact due to Material:

REMEDIAL ACTIONS

INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY
Release Secured: UNKNOWN
Release Rate:
Estimated Release Duration:

WEATHER

Weather: UNKNOWN, °F

ADDITIONAL AGENCIES NOTIFIED

Federal:
State/Local: PD, FD, EMS
State/Local On Scene: PD, FD, EMS
State Agency Number:

NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (GRASP)
18-NOV-16 19:10 (770)4887100
CGIS D13 FIELD OFFICE (CGIS D13 COMMAND CENTER)
18-NOV-16 19:10 (206)2207141
NATIONAL COORDINATING CTR FOR COMMS (NCC COMM-ISAC)
18-NOV-16 19:10 (703)2355626
DOT CRISIS MANAGEMENT CENTER (MAIN OFFICE)
18-NOV-16 19:10 (202)3661863
FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMIN. (MAIN OFFICE)
(202)4936242
FEMA REGION 10 (MAIN OFFICE)
18-NOV-16 19:10 (425)4874704
NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE COORD CTR (MAIN OFFICE)
18-NOV-16 19:10 (202)2829201
NOAA RPTS FOR WA (MAIN OFFICE)

18-NOV-16 19:10 (206)5264911
NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER HQ (AUTOMATIC REPORTS)
18-NOV-16 19:10 (202)2671136
NTSB RAIL (MAIN OFFICE)
18-NOV-16 19:10 (202)3146293
OREGON TITAN FUSION CENTER (FUSION COMMAND CENTER)
18-NOV-16 19:10 (877)6204702
PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBE (NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT)
18-NOV-16 19:10 (360)2972646
WA STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (MAIN OFFICE)
18-NOV-16 19:10 (800)2585990
WASHINGTON STATE FUSION CENTER (FUSION COMMAND CENTER)
18-NOV-16 19:10 (877)8439522
WASHINGTON STATE NATIONAL GUARD (COMMAND CENTER)
18-NOV-16 19:10 (253)5128159

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

*** END INCIDENT REPORT #1164482 ***

Report any problems by calling 1-800-424-8802
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil>

Halstead, Lori (UTC)

From: State Emergency Operations Officer (MIL)
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 3:54 PM
To: Juneau, Connie (ECY); 'EM Duty Officer'; Banks, Daniel C (MIL); Elizabeth Klute; Kenneth W. Holgard; Mark Daniels (FRA); Stacey Thompson (Fed Railroad Association Reg 8); Steven Travers; UTC DL WUTC Rail Reporting
Subject: AMTRAK Train Vs Pedestrian

FYI... at 1541 hrs today, Nick Brought from BNSF # 817-352-2833, reported that at 1623 hrs today they were notified that AMTRAK train # A507118A struck a pedestrian at the McCarver St crossing in Tacoma at MP 2.69 on the Seattle Subdivision. Status of the pedestrian is unknown. There were no hazardous materials released.

Tacoma Disp was notified. Incident # 16-4307 assigned. Please confirm receipt.

Thanks,

Jim Kadrmas
State Emergency Operations Officer
Washington State Emergency Management Division
Building 20, MS: TA-20
Camp Murray, WA 98430-5122
1-800-258-5990
dutyofficer@mil.wa.gov

UTC Rail Safety Program - Crossing Inventory Record

USDOT #	085730J	Last Inspection Date	2/25/2016			
UTC #	1K2.69	Road Name	McCarver St			
Type of Crossing	Public	Section.Township.Range	30.21.03E			
County	Pierce	Latitude	47.2755522			
City/Nearest City	Tacoma	Longitude	-122.4652872			
In City Limits	Yes	Type of Development				
ROADWAY		Road Surface Grades	0	Grade Direction	North	
State Highway	No	Road Surface Grades	-10	Grade Direction	South	
Down a Street	No	AADT	5139	AADT Year		
Highway Milepost		% of Trucks Using Crossing	6			
Vehicle Speed	25	Number of School Bus Trips				
Road Surface	PAV	WSDOT Region	3			
Road Type	2W	Truck Pullout Lanes	No			
Number of Road Lanes	2	Intersecting Highway	0-75'	75-200'	200-500'	N/A
Road Width	30	Crossing Angle (degree)	0-29	30-59	60-90	
			NW	NE	SW	SE
Sight Distance - Take measurement 6' back from stop line. If no stop line, measure at 25'.			1500	200	200	200

PASSIVE PROTECTION

		N	S	E	W
Advance Warning Signs	Count		1		
Road Markings	Count		1		
Reflective Crossbucks	Count	1	1		
Reflective Posts (req. 1/2020)	Count				
Median Barriers	Count				
Stop Lines	Count		1		
Stop Lines	Distance		17		
ENS Signs (2 listed below)	Count				
Illuminaries (within 50 ft. of crossing)	2				

Miscellaneous	Device Count	Direction
Multiple Track R15-2	2	
Advance Warning W10-2	1	North
Do Not Stop on Tracks R8-8	1	South
Emergency Notification Sign	2	Both

ACTIVE PROTECTION

Protective Device	Direction	Device Count	Cantilever Length	Gate Length
Shldr Mntd - gates & 12" lens		2	0	18
Wayside Horn	Both	2	0	0

Four Quadrant Gates	No	# of Flashing Light Pairs	4
Power Off Indicator Light	Yes	Cantilever Lights Over All Traffic Lanes	No
# of Bells	2	Traffic Light Interconnection/Preemption	
TRAIN SPEEDS Freight	50	Passenger	75

CHARACTERISTICS

Crossing Structure		Wayside Horn	Yes
Crossing Surface	Concrete	Quiet Zone	No
Other Crossing Surface:		Bike Lane	No
# Main Tracks	2	USDOT # Posted	Yes
# Sidings / # Yard Tracks		Railroad Emergency # Posted	Yes # 1-800-832-5452
# Spurs	0	Crossing Width	64
Sidewalk	None	Sidewalk stops at crossing	Sidewalk

Halstead, Lori (UTC)

From: South Sound 911 <southsound911@mycusthelp.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 3:12 PM
To: Halstead, Lori (UTC)
Subject: South Sound 911 Records Request :: W043223-021417



Dear Lori Halstead:

Thank you for your interest in Public Records from South Sound 911 . Your request has been received and is being processed. Your request was given the reference number **W043223-021417** for tracking purposes.

Type of Record(s) Requested: Police/Incident Report

Type of Incident: Other/Unknown

Municipality: Tacoma Police Department

Case/Incident#

Incident Details: 11-18-2016 at 1523 hours a pedestrian was struck by an Amtrak passenger train at the McCarver Street railroad crossing. The USDOT number is 085730J. Alexandria Lewis sustained fatal injuries.

Your request will be forwarded to the relevant department(s) to locate the information you seek and to determine the volume and any costs associated with satisfying your request. You will be contacted within approximately thirty (30) days about the availability and/or provided with copies of the records in question.

You can monitor the progress of your request at the link below and you'll receive an email when your request has been completed.

South Sound 911 Public Records Center

To monitor the progress or update this request please log into the [Public Records Center](#).

Halstead, Lori (UTC)

From: Cupp, John (UTC) on behalf of Public Involvement (UTC)
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2016 3:14 PM
To: Halstead, Lori (UTC); Hunter, Kathy (UTC)
Subject: FW: Another pedestrian killed at the BNSF McCarver Street crossing in Tacoma

FYI

John Cupp
Regulatory Analyst
(360) 664-1113
jcupp@utc.wa.gov

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From: Richard [mailto:tubegeek@nventure.com]
Sent: Saturday, November 19, 2016 8:58 AM
To: Public Involvement (UTC) <PubInvolve@utc.wa.gov>; tubegeek@nventure.com
Subject: Another pedestrian killed at the BNSF McCarver Street crossing in Tacoma

To whom this may concern,

Yesterday afternoon I witnessed a worse-case scenario at the McCarver Street RR crossing in Tacoma, WA where a 31 year old woman was killed while walking across the tracks. I was looking out the second floor window in a professional building located just to the west and south of the crossing. Prior to the accident a long slow moving BNSF grain train was heading northbound along the tracks closest to Commencement Bay. The train had a pusher engine on the rear and the entire train continued to move slower to almost a crawl until it just cleared the intersection. The crossing gates remained down which, in retrospect would make sense with a second approaching train. The second approaching train was a fast moving (seemed like at least 60 MPH) Amtrak.

Although I heard the normal long-short-short-long horn blasts prior to the arrival of the Amtrak, from my vantage point it sounded like a distant freight train, although it could have been the Amtrak and the sound simply did not reach my viewpoint correctly. A split second prior to arrival of the Amtrak, a very loud steady horn blast occurred and continued as the Amtrak traveled through the intersection.

Just prior to the Amtrak reaching the intersection, I witnessed a group of people who appeared to run out from behind the nearly stopped grain train to cross the remaining tracks heading up hill towards Old Town Tacoma. A split second after they started running across the tracks the Amtrak went through the intersection. Fortunately I did not see the train hit the woman but a few minutes later police and aid vehicles arrived and it was clear that something happened.

I'm aware of another similar pedestrian fatality that happened about one year ago at the same location. I could

see it happening again with a slow moving or stopped train on one set of tracks blocking the view and folks assuming it was the reason the gates were still down. That's what I assumed until I saw the Amtrak arrive. In this day and age of amazing and inexpensive electronic devices, I believe there additional affordable measures that can be added at busy crossings to at least prevent more pedestrian injuries and deaths. In this case the gates served their purpose and the car drivers were not the issue. What about additional visual and audio detectors to make it clear to pedestrians that a second train is approaching intersections similar to McCarver Street?

I look forward to your reply,

Retired former Washington State environmental investigator,
Richard Heggen
Tacoma, WA.