

Rail Accident Inspection Form

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Docket No: TR-170080

Current Date: 10-10-2017

Railroad Owning Track: BNSF

Railroad Operating on Track: BNSF

FRA Investigation: Yes No

Inspector: John Martinsen

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 2-5-2017 Time 21:28
 USDOT Crossing No. _____ WUTC Crossing No. _____
 Railroad Milepost 31.4X GPS Identifier: Lat: 47.190988 Long: -122.286151
 Number of Tracks: 2 City: Puyallup
 Road name, yard name, bridge identifier: Main 2 line County: Pierce
 Company responsible for track maintenance: BNSF
 Other railroad involved in train accident/incident: N/A

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: 50-54mph
 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: Ronnie A. Stirgus
 Driver: Passenger Pedestrian Age 50 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 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: I observed several people crossing tracks to get to from the south side to the north side

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

If yes, describe: Pedestrian was on the tracks between the two road crossings

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

If yes, describe: "Stay Off Tracks" and "No Trespassing" signs along both sides of the track

Previous collisions at or near site? Yes No

If yes, describe: There have been seven fatalities and one injury from 2009 to June 2017 between milepost 29 and 33.4

VII. Crossing History

Does this section apply? Yes No

Prior accidents at this crossing? Yes No

How many?

Dates of prior accidents: _____

Description of prior accidents (e.g., fatalities, injuries, property damage) _____

Last inspection date? _____

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 February 5, 2017, Ronnie A. Stirus was crossing the railroad tracks in Puyallup, Washington when he was struck by a northbound BNSF freight train at milepost 31.4X.

The Puyallup Police Department investigated the accident. When they arrived, the train was stopped on the main track just north of a crossing.

The conductor stated that the train was northbound when he observed a man standing in between the tracks as the train was clearing a crossing. The conductor continued to blow the horn as the train proceeded through the crossing to warn the individual. The train struck the individual and the train was placed in emergency braking. The train was traveling at 45 to 50 miles per hour when it struck the individual. Witnesses reported that Mr. Stirus attempted to clear the tracks before he was struck by the train.

There are several "No Trespassing" and "Stay Off the Tracks" signs at the location where the incident occurred.

There have been eight incidents (seven fatalities and one injury) from 2009 to June 2017 between milepost 29 and 33.4. This area should be evaluated for potential trespass mitigation measures.

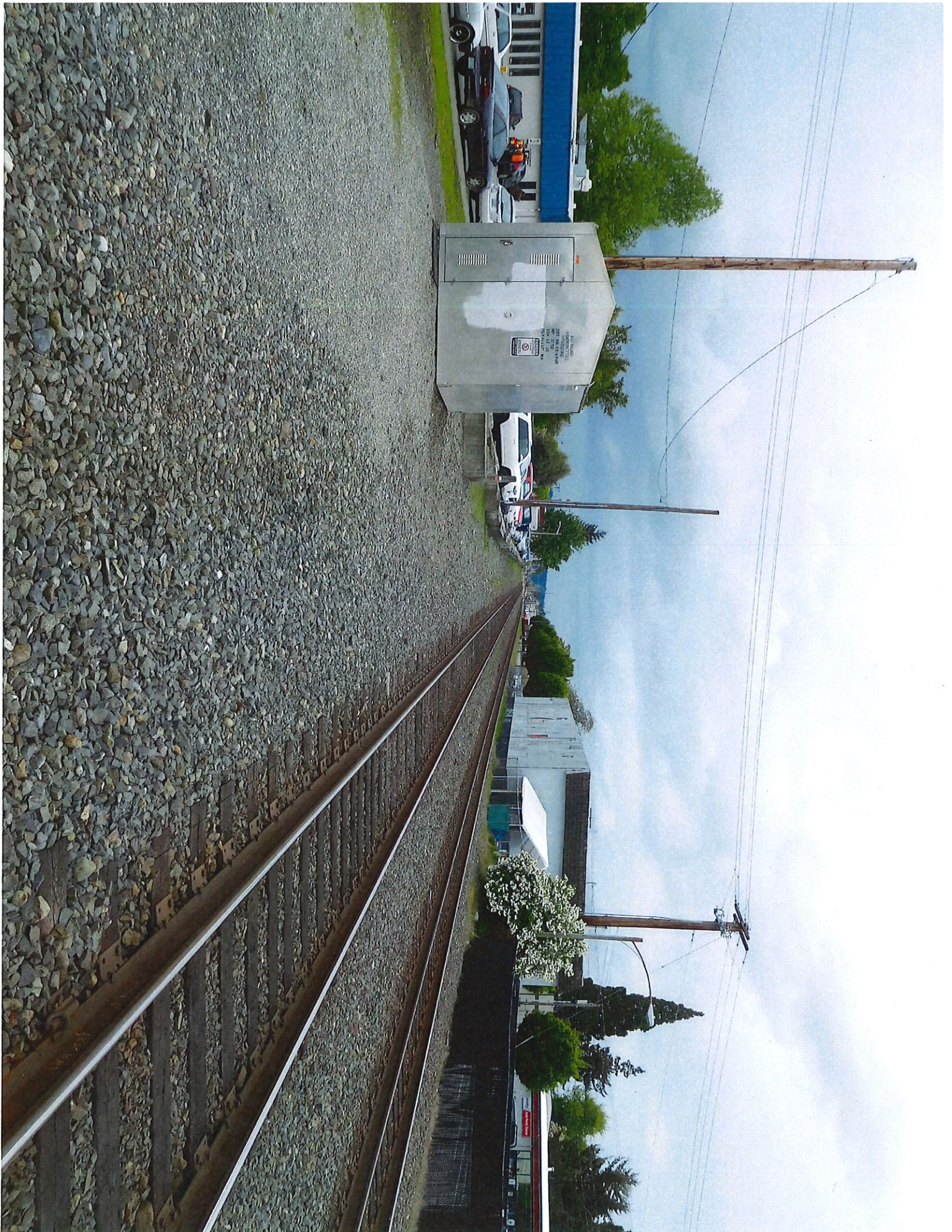


**MP 31.4 BNSF
Main two
Location of
accident**

Photo of Accident
Puyallup WA. BNSF Main two
Docket # TR-170080



Note: MP 31.4
Location of accident.
GPS.
Lat: 47.190988
Long: -122.28615





Halstead, Lori (UTC)

From: Larson, Robert A <Robert.Larson2@BNSF.com>
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2017 3:59 AM
To: OPR DL AGST North Lines; OPR DL (SI Desk Use ONLY) North Region Incident; Clark, Daniel P; Wootton, Jared T; Moyer, Jason; Surina, Mike I; Halstead, Lori (UTC)
Subject: 020517 - XKAHAND904H Struck Trespasser - Stewart, WA.doc

BNSF Fort Worth – Network Operations Center – INCIDENT REPORT

				D-Code:	172031
Date:	02-05-17	Time:	2328-CT	MP:	31.4X
Time & Date Last Revised:				Divn:	Northwest
Subdivision:	Seattle	State:	WA	County:	Pierce
Line Segment:			52		
Nearest Station:			Stewart, WA		
Nearest Major Terminal (distance/direction):			Tacoma, WA		
Weather Conditions (Temp, wind, precipitation):			27°F, Wind Speed: NNE 26 G 33 MPH, Light Snow		

Injuries or Fatalities?	1 Trespasser Fatality	Employee?	
Name:		Craft:	

Symbol:	XKAHAND904H	If Yard Job, is it Remote Control Operation (RCO)?	
Lead Locos:	BNSF 6532 - BNSF 6570 - BNSF 6674	L-E-T-F:	0-103-3191-6234
DP Locos:		Direction:	Northbound
Did Lead locomotive have Ditch Lites?	Yes	Were Ditch Lite's operating?	Yes
Speed:		Maximum Authorized Speed:	55 MPH
Train Crew's Origin / Destination:		Vancouver, WA / Tacoma, WA	
Conductor:	KM Henderson	Engineer:	JW Smith IV
Prior Rest		Prior Rest	
On Duty Time/Date:	1530-CT/05	On Duty Location:	Vancouver, WA
Crew Interviewed by:	Trainmaster Keith Quimby		
Event Recorder/Camera:	RFE Matt Tysdal		

Locomotives video equipped?									
Lead Locos	Y/N		Y/N		Y/N		Y/N		Y/N
BNSF 6532	Y	BNSF 6570	Y	BNSF 6674	Y				

Crossing Name:	Not at a crossing	DOT Number:	
Equipped with:		Functioning?	
Vehicle Direction:		Vehicle Description:	
Law Enforcement Agency:	Puyallup Police Department	Citations ?	

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

Derailed Locomotives / Cars:				
Init. Number:	Line:	Position (upright?):	Contents:	Disposition:
Heavy equipment ordered:				
Equip. ETA:		Equipment Arrived:		Equipment Released:

Main Blocked?	Main 2	Estimated Reopen:	Actual Reopen:	0318-CT/06
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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	2017 FRA Reportable \$10,700

\$	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 - Evita Murdock)
\$	0	Not FRA Reportable Subtotal	
\$	0	Estimated Grand Total	(FRA Reportable Subtotal + Not FRA Reportable Subtotal)

Cause Code:	M505	Description:	Under Investigation
Cause: Which Car / Locomotive, etc.?			

Brief Narrative of Incident:

On the Seattle SubDiv X KAHAND9 04 Northbound on MT #2 has struck a trespasser at MP 31.4X.

 0025-CT: Nathan in ROC confirmed trespasser fatality.

 0037-CT Update from AGST John Davidson: 2328CT, Seattle Sub: X KAHAND9 04 reported striking a trespasser at MP 31.40X on M2 (not at a crossing) resulting in fatal injuries to the trespasser. No injuries reported by crew. BNSF 6532 is the lead locomotive and is camera equipped. 05 trains currently being delayed.

 0318-CT Update from Chief Dispatcher Jeffrey Schubert: Train released from accident sight, a fatality has been confirmed.

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?	
Was the Mgr. Dispatching Practices and Rules notified?	
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:
2330-CT	Service Interruption:	DS 75 / DAW	Include who notified SID.
2332-CT	Resource Operations:	Nathan	
2349-CT	Cust. Solutions: 593-4670 Outlook Mail: Desk, CNS Cust. Support: 234-1135 Outlook Mail: CSESDesk	Outlook Email	Notify them of all derailments, collisions, or shipment damages. Cust Support works 5pm-5am on weekdays and all shifts weekends.
	Trainmaster:	Keith Quimby - Copy of this report.	Get ETA, check Cell number.

	Road Foreman Engines:	RFE Mathew Tysdal - Copy of this report.																							
	Signal Desk: 593 - 5998		Signal Logs, TWD Logs.																						
	M/W Desk: 593-6823/1		Last track inspn, last B-9 inspn.																						
	Mechanical Desk:		Emergency car desk 593-9128																						
	Corridor Supt:	Daniel Clark - Copy of this report.																							
2331-CT	GST/AGST:	John Davidson																							
	Divn Supt Operations:																								
	Divn General Manager:	Jared Wootton - Copy of this report.																							
	Divn GDT:	Jason Moyer - Copy of this report.																							
2350-CT	Manager Dispatching Practices & Rules: 352-1312	June	Tape recordings, including SID and ROC, when appropriate.																						
	Superintendent Operating Practices (All have Blackberry)	Mike Surina - 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>Remington, John R.</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	Remington, John R.	Twin Cities	Lund, Michael E
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	The following group list is for the following departments: Safety, Law, Rules, Transportation Support, Rules and field Support, Corporate Relations, Government Affairs, and Evidence Preservation Major event group page list (Not MIP) Also page Region VP. (It is located with the SID Locomotive group lists)		Page for the following events: 1. Major derailments or train collisions which are expected to exceed 16 hours or \$1,000,000 in damages. 2. Derailments or collisions with evacuations, explosions, or involving crude oil trains. 3. Major Hazardous Incidents 4. Employee Fatalities, life threatening injuries, or amputations.																						
	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. If California, notify CUPA.		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																						
	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).	Not Reportable	Obtain their Report Number and name of person who took the report. <i>This block is for the Initial SID analysis. If initially "not reportable" and later becomes "reportable," use next block.</i>																						
	NRC: (#2) 800 - 424 - 8802																								
0025-CT	State:	Beth - Washington Emergency Operations Report #17-0431 Email: LHalstea@utc.wa.gov																							
	California - CUPA																								

	Foreign Railroad:		
	"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).
2334-CT	Passenger Svcs: 352-2606	Desric Young	If incident involves passenger train route, email copy of report to Rich Wessler, Tamora Noel.
2349-CT	State Corporate Relations:	Gus Melonas and Courtney Wallace - Outlook Email.	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
0037-CT	Director Transportation Support – Sean Hill	Sean Hill - paged	Page for all main track derailments, crossing and trespasser accidents, and anything else affecting main track velocity.

Halstead, Lori (UTC)

From: State Emergency Operations Officer (MIL)
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2017 12:00 AM
To: Juneau, Connie (ECY); Mendoza, Sonia (ECY); Duerr, Miriam (ECY); 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
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Puyallup Police Department Sgt. Peel called the EOC to report the incident location as the 400 block of Spring Street between the rail crossing at 3rd and 5th. Their case number for the collision is 173601640. You can reach the east side comm center for South Sound 911 at (253) 841-5431.

Elizabeth Byrd-Rand

State Emergency Operations Officer
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1-800-258-5990
dutyofficer@mil.wa.gov

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Reporting Party Name & Position: Deborah Watson, BNSF Interruption Service Desk Manager (817) 352-2832
Name of Railroad(s) involved: BNSF
Date/Time of Event: 5 Feb 17; 2128h, per South Sound 911
Time Reported to State EOC: 5 Feb 17 at 2228h
Milepost and/or Address of Event: Milepost 31.4x within the Seattle Subdivision
Type of Rail Car Involved: Engine, #BNSF6532
Number of Injuries/Fatalities: One male fatality
Type and Amount Of HAZMAT Spilled: none
Circumstances of the Incident: Likely trespassing. Presently unconfirmed.
Name and Phone of Local Contact: Mike Surina, Superintendent of Operational Practice (360) 608-6439
Railroad Incident Number: none
State EOC Incident Number: 17-0431

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Puyallup Police Supplemental Incident No. 1703601640.4 Report

PDA:	No	Homeland Security:	No	Subject:	Death Investigation	Incident No. 1703601640.4
IBR Disposition:	Active	Case Management Disposition:				
Forensics:		Reporting By/Date:	PPD325 - Hedrick, Jeremy 2/8/2017 13:16:25			
Case Report Status:	Approved	Reviewed By/Date:	PPD302 - Young, Terry 2/8/2017 15:27:50			

Related Cases:

Case Report Number	Agency
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Non-Electronic Attachments

Attachment Type	Additional Distribution	Count
Location Address:	414 Spring St	Location Name: NEW HOPE CENTER
City, State, Zip:	Puyallup, WA 98372	Cross Street:
Contact Location:	400 blk Spring Street	City, State, Zip: Puyallup, WA 98372
Recovery Location:		City, State, Zip:
CB/Grid/RD:	713 - Puydpd Grid	District/Sector: PUYC - Puyallup - Central
Occurred From:	2/5/2017 21:20:00 Sunday	Occurred To:
Notes:		

Offense Details: 0803 - Accidental Death

Domestic Violence:	No	Child Abuse:		Gang Related:	No/Unknown	Juvenile:	
Completed:	Completed	Crime Against:		Hate/Bias:	None (No Bias)	Using:	
Criminal Activity:		Type of Security:		Tools:			
Location Type:	Railroad Tracks / Right of Way	Evidence Collected:	Other Human Body				
Total No. of Units Entered:							
Entrance Compromised:							
Entry Method:							
Suspect Description:							
Suspect Actions:							
Notes:							

Witness W6: Stengrim, Dori L

PDA: No

Aliases:									
DOB:	(4b)	Age:	46	Sex:	Female	Race:	White	Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic
Height:		Weight:		Hair Color:		Eye Color:	Blue		
Address:	(4b)	County:		Phone:	(4b)				

Call Source:	Dispatched	Assisted By:				
Phone Report:		Notified:				
Insurance Letter:		Entered By:	PPD325 - Hedrick, Jeremy			
Entered On:	2/6/2017 19:31:05	Approved By:	PPD26451 - Frelin, Ashley			
Approved On:	2/15/2017 08:45:36	Exceptional Clearance:				
Adult/ Juvenile Clearance:		Exceptional Clearance Date:				
Additional Distribution:	PPD - MCU	Other Distribution:				
Validation Processing	Distribution Date:	County Pros. Atty.	Juvenile	Other	CPS	Supervisor:
	By:	City Pros. Atty.	Military	DSHS	PreTrial	

Records has the authority to ensure correct agency, CB/Grid/RD, and District/Sector are incorporated in the report.

Printed: 2/15/2017 08:45:36
Printed By: PPD26451 - Frelin, Ashley

Reviewed By:		Reviewed Date:	
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Puyallup Police Supplemental Incident No. 1703601640.3 Report

PDA:	No	Homeland Security:		Subject:	Death Investigation	Incident No. 1703601640.3
IBR Disposition:	Active	Case Management Disposition:				
Forensics:		Reporting By/Date:	PPD266 - Bourbon, Don 2/8/2017 18:18:33			
Case Report Status:	Approved	Reviewed By/Date:	PPD287 - Obermiller, David 2/9/2017 11:02:47			

Related Cases:

Case Report Number	Agency
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City, State, Zip:	Puyallup, WA 98372	Cross Street:	
Contact Location:	400 Spring St	City, State, Zip:	Puyallup, WA 98372
Recovery Location:	400 Spring St	City, State, Zip:	Puyallup, WA 98372
CB/Grid/RD:	713 - Puydpd Grid	District/Sector:	PUYC - Puyallup - Central
Occurred From:	2/5/2017 21:20:00 Sunday	Occurred To:	
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Completed:	Completed	Crime Against:		Hate/Bias:	None (No Bias)	Using:	
Criminal Activity:		Type of Security:		Tools:			
Location Type:	Railroad Tracks / Right of Way	Evidence Collected:	Other Human Body				
Total No. of Units Entered:							
Entrance Compromised:							
Entry Method:							
Suspect Description:							
Suspect Actions:							
Notes:							

Property Item No. 1/1: 1406 - Clothing - Shoes

Other Common Item:		Photographed:	
Description:	white tennis shoes	Fingerprinted:	
Quantity:	2	Contents Sampled:	
Finding Location:		Owner:	

Call Source:	Dispatched	Assisted By:				
Phone Report:		Notified:				
Insurance Letter:		Entered By:	PPD266 - Bourbon, Don			
Entered On:	2/6/2017 21:58:06	Approved By:	PPD26451 - Frelin, Ashley			
Approved On:	2/15/2017 08:43:46	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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Status:	E - Evidence (Including Other Seized Property And Tools)	Value:	
Recovered Date:		Make/Brand:	
Recovered Value:		Model:	
Field Tested:		Serial No:	
Field Test Results:		OAN:	
Property Disposition:	Booked into Property	Insurance Company:	
Disposition Location:	Puyallup PD	Policy No:	
Vehicle Information:			
License:		Locked:	
License State:		Keys in Vehicle:	
License Country:		Delinquent Payment:	
Vehicle Year:		Victim Consent:	
Make:		Drivable:	
Model:		Estimated Damage:	
Vehicle Style:		Damage:	
Primary Vehicle Color:		Damaged Area:	
Secondary Vehicle Color:		Tow Company:	
VIN:		Tow Consent:	
Special Features:		Hold Requested By:	
Drug Information:			
Drug Type:		Drug Measure:	
Drug Quantity:		Drug Measure Type:	
Jewelry Information:			
Metal Color:		Total # of Stones:	
Metal Type:		Inscription:	
Stone Color:		Generally Worn By:	
Firearm Information:			
Caliber:		Length:	
Gauge:		Finish:	
Action:		Grips:	
Importer:		Stock:	
Property Notes:			

Enter	Date	Time	WACIC	LESA	Initial	Release Info.	Date	Time	Release No.	Release Authority
Clear						Owner Notified			Operators Name	

Investigative Information

Means:		Motive:	
Vehicle Activity:		Direction Vehicle Traveling:	

Synopsis:	
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Narrative:	<p>ORIGIN: On 2/6/17, I was dispatched to call a citizen in reference to a pile of intestines along the railroad tracks.</p> <p>FACTS: I drove to the location and noticed a pile of intestines that I had located and marked last night still lying on the ground. I also noticed a white shoe lying next to the area where the body came to rest and another white shoe that I had marked last night still there. I contacted CDO McDonald who requested I collect the shoes and send CID Captain Portmann an email.</p> <p>ACTION TAKEN: I collected the shoes and placed them into property as evidence.</p>
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Witness W5: Henderson, Kody M.

PDA:

Aliases:									
DOB:	(4b)	Age:	30	Sex:	Male	Race:	White	Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic
Height:	6' 4"	Weight:	290	Hair Color:	Brown	Eye Color:	Brown	Phone:	(4b)
Address:	(4b)			County:		Business Phone:		Other Phone:	
City, State Zip:	(4b)			Country:		Employer/School:	BNSF	Place Of Birth:	
Other Address:								Driver License State:	Washington
Resident:				Occupation/Grade:	Conductor	Driver License Country:	United States of America	Complexion:	
SSN:	(4b)			Driver License State:	Washington	Facial Hair:		Facial Shape:	
Driver License No:	(4b)			Driver License State:	Washington	Complexion:		Facial Shape:	
Attire:								Complexion:	
SMT:								Facial Hair:	
Testify:								Facial Shape:	
Witness Notes:									

Investigative Information

Means:		Motive:	
Vehicle Activity:		Direction Vehicle Traveling:	

Synopsis:	
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Narrative:	<p>On 2/5/17, at approximately 2128 hrs, I was dispatched to a possible train vs. pedestrian collision in the 400 block of Spring St. It was reported that the RP had seen a male standing on the tracks when an eastbound train collided with the male.</p> <p>Upon arrival on the scene, myself and Ofc. Hedrick located the deceased body of a male laying on the south side of the tracks. The train was stopped but I had not located the conductor or engineer. The male had severe lacerations to his face and had been disemboweled by the collision with the train. Ofc. Karuzas contacted the RP and other witnesses. The witnesses stated they had seen the male stumbling along the tracks. When they saw the oncoming train the group shouted at the man to get off the tracks. They stated that it appeared he may have been attempting to get off the tracks but was moving very slowly. The witnesses provided written statements on the incident.</p> <p>Another witness from the north side of the tracks reported also seeing the male before the collision. She reported that the male was standing on the tracks facing the oncoming train. He appeared to be deliberately attempting to be hit by the train. The witness states she also called to the male to get off the tracks, but he refused. This witness did not provide a written statement but provided contact information to be reached for a statement at a later time.</p> <p>I located a hospital bracelet on the deceased male's wrist that identified him as Ronnie A. Sturgus. I ran this name through various databases and confirmed that was indeed the identity of the deceased. The MCRT team was called to the scene.</p> <p>I contacted the conductor of the train, Kody M. Henderson. Henderson stated that at the time of the collision the train had been travelling approximately 50 mph. He had been sounding the horn as they were approaching a crossing, and all crossing lights were functional. Henderson states he saw an object ahead and quickly realized the object was a person standing on the tracks. Due to the speed with which the train was moving, he was unable to stop and the train collided with the man. He immediately engaged the emergency brake and began following emergency protocols. After stopping the train, while walking back to the point of impact, the conductor states he saw one set of foot prints that were consistent with a person walking westbound near the tracks. He stated the prints looked "staggered" as if someone had been stumbling or walking irregularly.</p> <p>Chaplain Boisture responded to the scene. Through hospital admission records and other databases we were able to locate the next of kin as Sturgis's mother, Darlene A. Wilson. The phone number provided</p>
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for Wilson on emergency contact paperwork was reported to be disconnected when contact was attempted. We located a recent address for Wilson at (4b) Ofc. Hedrick, Chaplain Boisture, and I drove to the address to attempt a notification of Ms. Wilson. Due to heavy snow accumulation we were unable to reach the address and therefore contact could not be made.

The MCRT members completed further investigation and met with the ME on scene. I had no further involvement in the incident. For further information, refer to the primary report on this case.

Reviewed By:

Reviewed Date:

Puyallup Police Supplemental Incident No. 1703601640.2 Report

PDA:	No	Homeland Security:		Subject:	Death Investigation	Incident No. 1703601640.2
IBR Disposition:	Active	Case Management Disposition:		Reporting By/Date:	PPD322 - Wicks, Jordan 2/8/2017 13:16:22	
Forensics:		Reviewed By/Date:			PPD302 - Young, Terry 2/8/2017 15:24:20	
Case Report Status:	Approved					

Related Cases:

Case Report Number	Agency
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Non-Electronic Attachments

Attachment Type	Additional Distribution	Count	
Location Address:	414 Spring St	Location Name:	NEW HOPE CENTER
City, State, Zip:	Puyallup, WA 98372	Cross Street:	
Contact Location:		City, State, Zip:	
Recovery Location:		City, State, Zip:	
CB/Grid/RD:	713 - Puyypd Grid	District/Sector:	PUYC - Puyallup - Central
Occurred From:	2/5/2017 21:20:00 Sunday	Occurred To:	
Notes:			

Offense Details: 0803 - Accidental Death

Domestic Violence:	No	Child Abuse:		Gang Related:	No/Unknown	Juvenile:	
Completed:	Completed	Crime Against:		Hate/Bias:	None (No Bias)	Using:	
Criminal Activity:		Type of Security:		Tools:			
Location Type:	Railroad Tracks / Right of Way	Evidence Collected:	Other Human Body				
Total No. of Units Entered:							
Entrance Compromised:							
Entry Method:							
Suspect Description:							
Suspect Actions:							
Notes:							

Call Source:	Dispatched	Assisted By:	PPD325 - Hedrick, Jeremy PPD329 - Kenyon, Zachary PPD265 - Pihl, Joe PPD287 - Obermiller, David PPD266 - Bourbon, Don				
Phone Report:		Notified:					
Insurance Letter:		Entered By:	PPD322 - Wicks, Jordan				
Entered On:	2/6/2017 02:47:22	Approved By:	PPD26451 - Frelin, Ashley				
Approved On:	2/15/2017 08:43:30	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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Investigative Information

Means:	Between 1800 and 0600 hours	Motive:	To satisfy personal need or desire
Vehicle Activity:		Direction Vehicle Traveling:	

Synopsis:

Narrative:

On the listed date and time, I was called via phone by Sgt Pihl regarding a callout for a train vs pedestrian. I advised Sgt Pihl I would be enroute. I arrived on scene and contacted Sgt Pihl and Officer Obermiller. Sgt Pihl provided me with a short run down of what possibly happened. Sgt Pihl advised me an individual later identified as Ronnie Stirgus appeared to be walking down the tracks WB. An approaching train was traveling EB and struck Ronnie in the listed location.

After speaking with Sgt Pihl, I contacted Officer Obermiller. Officer Obermiller showed me where they thought Ronnie was struck by the train. You could see there were foot prints in the snow which were walking directly down the middle of the tracks WB. I also noticed there were two shoes lying next to the tracks. It appeared that when Ronnie was struck, he was thrown out of his shoes. Officer Obermiller and I walked EB alongside the tracks toward the front of the train. As we approached the last five cars of the train I began snapping photos of the cars and the numbers of the cars. I reached the front of the train and conducted a thorough search of the front to see if there was any body matter from where the train struck Ronnie. I was unable to locate anything on the front of the train.

Officer Obermiller and I then contacted the engineer and conductor of the train. The engineer identified as John Smith appeared to be struggling with the incident. John was asked if this was his first collision with a pedestrian. John replied "yes." Officer Obermiller contacted the conductor who informed us he was doing just fine. We asked about how fast they were traveling, how many cars were attached and if all the lights were working as well as the horn. He showed us that the lights and horn were all working properly. He also advised they were traveling about 50-54 mph on the optimizer which is (cruise control) for a train. I was advised there was 100 cars attached which were empty prior to the collision. The images that were taken were later placed on case images.

On 2/7/17 Sgt Pihl and I responded to 605 Puyallup Ave were we contacted Rodney Hudnall. Rodney is the Claim Representative for BNSF Railway. Rodney brought up the video for Sgt Pihl and I to review. We reviewed the video several times which showed the train traveling EB and as it was passing all the crossings you could hear the horn blowing and appeared that all the lights were activated on the front of the train. As the train approached Ronnie's location, you could see that Ronnie was walking down the middle of the tracks and began taking a step over the tracks walking to the south as the train struck him. It appeared this was not a suicide attempt due to Ronnie trying to remove himself from the tracks prior to be struck.

After reviewing the video Sgt Pihl and I drove out Spanaway to try and contact his mother at what we believed was her last known address. We arrived at (4b) and contacted Kendra Selm, the homeowner. I asked Kendra if Darleen Wilson resided at the residence. Kendra informed me she no longer resided at the residence and was placed in a nursing home. Kendra did not have an address or phone number for Darleen. Kendra did inform me if she was able to locate a phone number or address she would provide me with a phone call. I provided Kendra with a business card and my work number in case she located the information I requested. For further information, see the other attached supplemental reports.

On 2/8/17 I called Dori (witness) via phone to try and obtain a statement from her regarding what she witnessed that evening of the train vs pedestrian. I was unable to contact Dori, however I left a voice mail for her to call me back. No returned call from Dori.

Reviewed By:	Reviewed Date:
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Puyallup Police Incident Report

Incident No. 1703601640.1

PDA:	No	Homeland Security:	No	Subject:	Death Investigation	Incident No. 1703601640.1
IBR Disposition:	Active	Case Management Disposition:				
Forensics:		Reporting By/Date:	PPD329 - Kenyon, Zachary 2/14/2017 10:43:22			
Case Report Status:	Approved	Reviewed By/Date:	PPD265 - Pihl, Joe 2/14/2017 13:12:42			

Related Cases:

Case Report Number	Agency
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Non-Electronic Attachments

Attachment Type	Additional Distribution	Count
STMT - Statement / Notes (copy/digital)		3

Location Address:	400 Spring St	Location Name:	
City, State, Zip:	Puyallup, WA 98372	Cross Street:	
Contact Location:	400 Spring St	City, State, Zip:	Puyallup, WA 98372
Recovery Location:		City, State, Zip:	
CB/Grid/RD:	713 - Puypd Grid	District/Sector:	PUYC - Puyallup - Central
Occurred From:	2/5/2017 21:20:00 Sunday	Occurred To:	
Notes:			

Offense Details: 0803 - Accidental Death

Domestic Violence:	No	Child Abuse:		Gang Related:	No/Unknown	Juvenile:	
Completed:	Completed	Crime Against:		Hate/Bias:	None (No Bias)	Using:	
Criminal Activity:		Type of Security:		Tools:			
Location Type:	Railroad Tracks / Right of Way	Evidence Collected:	Other Human Body				
Total No. of Units Entered:							
Entrance Compromised:							
Entry Method:							
Suspect Description:							
Suspect Actions:							
Notes:							

Victim V1: Stirgus, Ronnie A

PDA: No

Aliases:	
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Call Source:	Dispatched	Assisted By:					
Phone Report:		Notified:					
Insurance Letter:		Entered By:	PPD329 - Kenyon, Zachary				
Entered On:	2/8/2017 11:16:36	Approved By:	PPD26451 - Frelin, Ashley				
Approved On:	2/15/2017 08:43:16	Exceptional Clearance:					
Adult/ Juvenile Clearance:		Exceptional Clearance Date:					
Additional Distribution:	PPD - MCU	Other Distribution:					
Validation Processing	Distribution Date:	County Pros. Atty.	Juvenile	Other	CPS	Supervisor:	
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Incident No. 1703601640.1

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DOB:	(4b)	Age:	50	Sex:	Male	Race:	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic
Height:	5' 9"	Weight:	155	Hair Color:	Brown	Eye Color:	Brown		
Address:						County:			
City, State Zip:						Country:			
Other Address:						Business Phone:			
Resident:	Unknown		Occupation/Grade:	Homeless		Employer/School:			
SSN:						Place of Birth:			
Driver License No:						Driver License State:			
Attire:	Blue Jeans, Black Jacket					Complexion:			
SMT:						Facial Hair:	Beard - Short		
Victim Of:	0803 - Accidental Death					Facial Shape:	Oval		
Victim Type:	Deceased		Circumstances:			Weapon Used:			
Injury:						Testify:			
Type of Injury:						Reporting Statement Obtained:			
Hospital Taken To:						Medical Release Obtained:			
Attending Physician:						Hold Placed By:			
						Fire Dept Response:	yes		
						Taken By:	Medical Examiner		

Victim Offender Relationships

Offender:	Relationship:
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Law Enforcement Officer Killed or Assaulted Information	Type:		Justifiable Homicide Circumstances:
	Assignment:		
	Activity:		

Victim Notes:

Witness W2: Sewing, Ashlie Nichele-Lee

PDA: No

Aliases:									
DOB:	(4b)	Age:	21	Sex:	Female	Race:	White	Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic
Height:	5' 5"	Weight:	135	Hair Color:	Brown	Eye Color:	Blue		
Address:	(4b)					County:			
City, State Zip:	(4b)					Country:			
Other Address:						Business Phone:	(4b)		
Resident:	Full - Time Resident		Occupation/Grade:			Other Phone:			
SSN:	(4b)					Employer/School:			
Driver License No:	(4b)		Driver License State:	Washington		Place Of Birth:			
Attire:						Driver License Country:	United States of America		
SMT:						Complexion:			
Testify:	Yes					Facial Hair:			
Witness Notes:						Facial Shape:			

Witness W3: Fair, Amymaire Roseby

PDA: No

Aliases:									
DOB:	(4b)	Age:	27	Sex:	Female	Race:	White	Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic
Height:	5' 3"	Weight:	180	Hair Color:	Brown	Eye Color:	Brown		
Address:	(4b)					County:			
City, State Zip:	(4b)					Country:			
Other Address:						Phone:	(4b)		
						Business Phone:			
						Other Phone:			

Resident:	Full - Time Resident	Occupation/Grade:		Employer/School:	
SSN:	(4b)			Place Of Birth:	
Driver License No:	(4b)	Driver License State:	Washington	Driver License Country:	United States of America
Attire:				Complexion:	
SMT:				Facial Hair:	
Testify:	Yes			Facial Shape:	
Witness Notes:					

Witness W4: Stengrim, Dori Lynn

PDA: No

Aliases:						Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic
DOB:	(4b)	Age:	46	Sex:	Female	Race:	White
Height:	5' 6"	Weight:	165	Hair Color:	Brown	Eye Color:	Blue
Address:	(4b)	County:		Phone:	(4b)		
City, State Zip:	(4b)	Country:		Business Phone:			
Other Address:						Other Phone:	
Resident:	Full - Time Resident	Occupation/Grade:		Employer/School:			
SSN:	(4b)			Place Of Birth:			
Driver License No:	(4b)	Driver License State:	Washington	Driver License Country:	United States of America		
Attire:						Complexion:	
SMT:						Facial Hair:	
Testify:	Yes				Facial Shape:		
Witness Notes:							

Other Entity O1: Selm, Kendra Joelle S A

PDA: No

Aliases:						Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic
DOB:	(4b)	Age:	25	Sex:	Female	Race:	White
Height:	5' 6"	Weight:	180	Hair Color:	Brown	Eye Color:	Hazel
Address:	(4b)	County:		Phone:	(4b)		
City, State Zip:	(4b)	Country:		Business Phone:			
Other Address:						Other Phone:	
Resident:	Nonresident	Occupation/Grade:		Employer/School:			
SSN:	(4b)			Place Of Birth:			
Driver License No:	(4b)	Driver License State:	Washington	Driver License Country:	United States of America		
Attire:						Complexion:	
SMT:						Facial Hair:	
Entity Type:	Other Individual	Reporting Statement Obtained:		Facial Shape:			
Entity Notes:							

Other Entity O2: Henderson, Kody Marshall

PDA: No

Aliases:						Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic
DOB:	(4b)	Age:	30	Sex:	Male	Race:	White
Height:	6' 4"	Weight:	290	Hair Color:	Brown	Eye Color:	Brown
Address:	(4b)	County:		Phone:	(4b)		
City, State Zip:	(4b)	Country:		Business Phone:			
Other Address:						Other Phone:	
Resident:	Nonresident	Occupation/Grade:	Conductor	Employer/School:	BNSF		
SSN:	(4b)			Place Of Birth:			

Driver License No: (4b)	Driver License State: Washington	Driver License Country: United States of America
Attire:		Complexion:
SMT:		Facial Hair:
Entity Type: Other Individual	Reporting Statement Obtained:	Facial Shape:
Entity Notes:		

Property Item No. 3/1: 20514 - Evidence - Digital Image(s)

Other Common Item:		Photographed:	
Description: images		Fingerprinted:	
Quantity: 19		Contents Sampled:	
Finding Location:		Owner:	
Status: E - Evidence (Including Other Seized Property And Tools)		Value:	
Recovered Date:		Make/Brand:	
Recovered Value:		Model:	
Field Tested:		Serial No:	
Field Test Results:		OAN:	
Property Disposition: Transferred To Case Images		Insurance Company:	
Disposition Location:		Policy No:	
Vehicle Information:			
License:		Locked:	
License State:		Keys in Vehicle:	
License Country:		Delinquent Payment:	
Vehicle Year:		Victim Consent:	
Make:		Drivable:	
Model:		Estimated Damage:	
Vehicle Style:		Damage:	
Primary Vehicle Color:		Damaged Area:	
Secondary Vehicle Color:		Tow Company:	
VIN:		Tow Consent:	
Special Features:		Hold Requested By:	
Drug Information:			
Drug Type:		Drug Measure:	
Drug Quantity:		Drug Measure Type:	
Jewelry Information:			
Metal Color:		Total # of Stones:	
Metal Type:		Inscription:	
Stone Color:		Generally Worn By:	
Firearm Information:			
Caliber:		Length:	
Gauge:		Finish:	
Action:		Grips:	
Importer:		Stock:	
Property Notes:			

Enter	Date	Time	WACIC	LESA	Initial	Release Info.	Date	Time	Release No.	Release Authority
Clear						Owner Notified			Operators Name	

City, State Zip:	Puyallup, WA 98372	Country:		Business Phone:	
Other Address:				Other Phone:	
Resident:	Full - Time Resident	Occupation/Grade:		Employer/School:	
SSN:	(4b)			Place Of Birth:	
Driver License No:	(4b)	Driver License State:	Washington	Driver License Country:	United States of America
Attire:				Complexion:	
SMT:				Facial Hair:	
Testify:	Yes			Facial Shape:	
Witness Notes:					

Other Entity O3: Wilson, Darlene A

PDA: No

Aliases:									
DOB:	(4b)	Age:	73	Sex:	Female	Race:	Unknown	Ethnicity:	Unknown
Height:		Weight:		Hair Color:				Eye Color:	
Address:	(4b)					County:		Phone:	(4b)
City, State Zip:	(4b)					Country:		Business Phone:	
Other Address:								Other Phone:	
Resident:	Nonresident	Occupation/Grade:						Employer/School:	
SSN:	(4b)							Place Of Birth:	
Driver License No:	(4b)	Driver License State:	Washington					Driver License Country:	United States of America
Attire:								Complexion:	
SMT:								Facial Hair:	
Entity Type:	Parent		Reporting Statement Obtained:					Facial Shape:	
Entity Notes:									

Investigative Information

Means:		Motive:	
Vehicle Activity:		Direction Vehicle Traveling:	

Synopsis:	
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Narrative:	<p>On the listed date and time, Sergeant Bourbon, Officer Karuzas, Officer Wicks, and I were dispatched to a report of a collision involving a freight train and a pedestrian in the area of New Hope Center (414 Spring Street). As I came into the area, I noted that the train was completely stopped on the tracks. Heavy snow was falling and covering the ground and it was dark outside. We located a male on the south side of the railroad tracks laying on his back. The male was directly next to the railroad tracks, and could not be seen from Spring Street due to a cement pillar obstructing the view (the male was between the railroad tracks and the cement pillar). I noted that the location was almost in between New Hope Center and MultiCare Behavioral Health (325 E Pioneer).</p> <p>The male was clearly deceased, and I could see that he had extensive trauma to his body. The trauma included a large gash to his midsection, and I could see a portion of his intestines protruding from the opening. I also noted several feet to the west of the deceased male was a pile of what appeared to be more of his intestines on the ground. West of that were two shoes on the ground a distance away from each other. I had noted that the deceased male did not have shoes on his feet. Although there was extensive trauma to the male, his face was still recognizable. A paper medical bracelet was located on his right wrist. After searching the male's pockets for an identification unsuccessfully, I cut the medical bracelet from his wrist. The bracelet identified the male as Stirgus, Ronnie A., and I was able to locate multiple booking photos that confirmed that was who the deceased male was. Also found on Stirgus' person, as I was searching for an identification, was a small metal smoking pipe and a lighter found in his right jeans pocket.</p>
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Officer Karuzas was speaking with witnesses that had been near New Hope Center when the incident occurred, and Officer Wicks was speaking with the train conductor. Another witness on the north side of the train tracks spoke with me, but I was unable to give her a statement form due to the stopped train being between us. She identified herself as Stengrim, Dori L. and said that she had seen Stirgus (who she did not know) walking W/B on the railroad tracks toward the E/B traveling train. Stengrim said that she yelled at Stirgus, but it appeared to her as if Stirgus attempted to step in front of the train as he was struck.

I then contacted Tacoma General Hospital by phone, and was told that Stirgus had been admitted to their Emergency Room and had been discharged and released 1555 hours on 02/05/17. I was told that Stirgus had checked himself into the Emergency Room for a shoulder injury but had not been given or prescribed any narcotics. I was told that Stirgus had listed his mother as his emergency contact at the Emergency Room, and she was identified as Wilson, Darlene A.

I located multiple previous police contacts with Stirgus, although it appeared the majority of contacts had occurred in Pierce County and Tacoma. Chaplain Boisture, Officer Wicks, and I attempted to make contact with Wilson by phone and at her Spanaway address unsuccessfully (phone disconnected and unable to reach address due to snow). Upon reading a previous animal control report, it appeared that Wilson no longer resided at her Roy address either. We were unable to make contact with Wilson after multiple attempts.

Detectives and Traffic Investigators arrived on scene and took over the investigation.

Reviewed By:		Reviewed Date:	
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Puyallup Police Supplemental Incident No. 1703601640.5 Report

PDA:	No	Homeland Security:	No	Subject:	Death Investigation	Incident No. 1703601640.5
IBR Disposition:	Active	Case Management Disposition:	APMR - Active - Pending Medical Records			
Forensics:	LEO Performed	Reporting By/Date:	PPD265 - Pihl, Joe 2/9/2017 19:36:21			
Case Report Status:	Approved	Reviewed By/Date:	PPD292 - Melzo, Michael 2/9/2017 21:51:07			

Related Cases:

Case Report Number	Agency
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Non-Electronic Attachments

Attachment Type	Additional Distribution	Count
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Location Address:	400 Spring St	Location Name:	
City, State, Zip:	Puyallup, WA 98372	Cross Street:	
Contact Location:	400 Spring St	City, State, Zip:	Puyallup, WA 98372
Recovery Location:		City, State, Zip:	
CB/Grid/RD:	713 - Puydpd Grid	District/Sector:	PUYC - Puyallup - Central
Occurred From:	2/5/2017 21:20:00 Sunday	Occurred To:	
Notes:			

Offense Details: 0803 - Accidental Death

Domestic Violence:	No	Child Abuse:		Gang Related:	No/Unknown	Juvenile:	
Completed:	Completed	Crime Against:		Hate/Bias:	None (No Bias)	Using:	
Criminal Activity:		Type of Security:		Tools:			
Location Type:	Railroad Tracks / Right of Way	Evidence Collected:	Other Human Body				
Total No. of Units Entered:							
Entrance Compromised:							
Entry Method:							
Suspect Description:							
Suspect Actions:							
Notes:							

Victim V1: Stirgus, Ronnie Alicia

PDA: No

Aliases:	
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Call Source:	Dispatched	Assisted By:	PPD287 - Obermiller, David PPD329 - Kenyon, Zachary PPD266 - Bourbon, Don				
Phone Report:	No	Notified:					
Insurance Letter:	No	Entered By:	PPD265 - Pihl, Joe				
Entered On:	2/9/2017 16:47:14	Approved By:	PPD26451 - Frelin, Ashley				
Approved On:	2/15/2017 08:45:46	Exceptional Clearance:					
Adult/ Juvenile Clearance:		Exceptional Clearance Date:					
Additional Distribution:	PPD - MCU	Other Distribution:					
Validation Processing	Distribution Date:	County Pros. Atty.	Juvenile	Other	CPS	Supervisor:	
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Incident No. 1703601640.5

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DOB:	(4b)	Age:	50	Sex:	Male	Race:	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic
Height:	5' 9"	Weight:	155	Hair Color:	Brown	Eye Color:	Brown		
Address:	Unknown		County:			Phone:			
City, State Zip:			Country:	United States of America		Business Phone:			
Other Address:						Other Phone:			
Resident:	Unknown		Occupation/Grade:	Unknown		Employer/School:	Unknown		
SSN:						Place of Birth:	Unknown		
Driver License No:			Driver License State:			Driver License Country:			
Attire:	Jeans, Black coat					Complexion:	Light Brown		
SMT:	Unknown					Facial Hair:	Beard - Short		
Victim Of:	0803 - Accidental Death					Facial Shape:	Oval		
Victim Type:	Deceased		Circumstances:			Weapon Used:			
Injury:			Testify:	No		Reporting Statement Obtained:	Yes		
Type of Injury:	Fatal Impact injuries					Fire Dept Response:	yes		
Hospital Taken To:	No		Medical Release Obtained:	No		Taken By:	Medical Examiner		
Attending Physician:						Hold Placed By:			

Victim Offender Relationships

Offender:	Relationship:
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Law Enforcement Officer Killed or Assaulted Information	Type:		Justifiable Homicide Circumstances:
	Assignment:		
	Activity:		

Victim Notes:

Other Entity O4: Helter, Jesse

PDA: No

Aliases:									
DOB:		Age:	00	Sex:	Male	Race:	White	Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic
Height:		Weight:		Hair Color:	Brown	Eye Color:			
Address:	2454 Occidental Ave S #1-A		County:	King		Phone:			
City, State Zip:	Seattle, WA 98134		Country:	United States of America		Business Phone:	206-625-6293		
Other Address:						Other Phone:			
Resident:	Nonresident		Occupation/Grade:	Claim Representative		Employer/School:	Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad		
SSN:						Place Of Birth:	Unknown		
Driver License No:			Driver License State:			Driver License Country:			
Attire:	Orange reflective vest, hard hat, jeans, boots					Complexion:	Light/Fair		
SMT:	Unknown					Facial Hair:			
Entity Type:	Other Individual		Reporting Statement Obtained:			Facial Shape:	Oval		
Entity Notes:									

Other Entity O5: Lombardi, Jill

PDA: No

Aliases:									
DOB:		Age:	00	Sex:	Female	Race:	White	Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic

Height:	Weight:	Hair Color:	Blonde/strawberry	Eye Color:	
Address:	3619 Pacific Ave		County:	Pierce	Phone:
City, State Zip:	Tacoma, WA 98418		Country:	United States of America	Business Phone:
Other Address:					253-798-6454
Resident:	Nonresident	Occupation/Grade:	Medical Investigator	Employer/School:	Pierce County Medical Examiner's Office
SSN:				Place Of Birth:	Unknown
Driver License No:		Driver License State:		Driver License Country:	
Attire:	Black cargo pants, boots, black coat ME Office			Complexion:	Light/Fair
SMT:	Unknown			Facial Hair:	
Entity Type:	Other Individual	Reporting Statement Obtained:		Facial Shape:	Round
Entity Notes:					

Property Item No. 2/1: 20514 - Evidence - Digital Image(s)

Other Common Item:		Photographed:	Yes
Description:	Photos of scene	Fingerprinted:	No
Quantity:	5	Contents Sampled:	
Finding Location:		Owner:	
Status:	E - Evidence (Including Other Seized Property And Tools)	Value:	
Recovered Date:		Make/Brand:	
Recovered Value:		Model:	
Field Tested:		Serial No:	
Field Test Results:		OAN:	
Property Disposition:	Transferred To Case Images	Insurance Company:	
Disposition Location:		Policy No:	
Vehicle Information:			
License:		Locked:	
License State:		Keys in Vehicle:	
License Country:		Delinquent Payment:	
Vehicle Year:		Victim Consent:	
Make:		Drivable:	
Model:		Estimated Damage:	
Vehicle Style:		Damage:	
Primary Vehicle Color:		Damaged Area:	
Secondary Vehicle Color:		Tow Company:	
VIN:		Tow Consent:	
Special Features:		Hold Requested By:	
Drug Information:			
Drug Type:		Drug Measure:	
Drug Quantity:		Drug Measure Type:	
Jewelry Information:			
Metal Color:		Total # of Stones:	
Metal Type:		Inscription:	
Stone Color:		Generally Worn By:	
Firearm Information:			
Caliber:		Length:	
Gauge:		Finish:	
Action:		Grips:	
Importer:		Stock:	

Property Notes:	
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Enter	Date	Time	WACIC	LESA	Initial	Release Info.	Date	Time	Release No.	Release Authority
Clear						Owner Notified			Operators Name	

Investigative Information

Means:	Between 1800 and 0600 hours	Motive:	
Vehicle Activity:	Direction Vehicle Traveling:		

Synopsis:	
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Narrative:	<p>On Sunday, February 5, 2017 at approximately 22:00 hours, I was called at home in reference to a train versus pedestrian fatal collision that just occurred in the 400 block of Spring Street. I was advised by Captain Engle that an MCRT call-out response would be necessary to investigate the circumstances. I was informed the pedestrian involved was already pronounced as deceased by Central Pierce Fire and Rescue. Therefore, I contacted Officer Obermiller and Officer Kenyon from the MCRT team to accompany me for this investigation.</p> <p>I arrived first from our team and contacted Sergeant Bourbon and Officer Hendricks with Officer Wicks (a two-officer unit) already on scene for more information. PPD Chaplain Boisture was also on location and accompanying this group. After being briefed on the details known up to that point, I was contacted by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Claims Representative Rodney L. Hudnall who also arrived at the scene. He advised me a BNSF Officer was also en route to assist, but was quite a distance away from arriving due to the weather conditions. The weather during this time frame was actively snowing heavily, and there was at least 6-inches of fresh snow on the ground and still snowing at this time. During the course of this investigation, it snowed approximately 3 more inches.</p> <p>I was informed that the deceased subject was positively identified as "Ronnie Alicia Sturgus" from a plastic hospital band the subject had on his wrist. From this information, Officer Hedrick advised he used law enforcement resources to locate several previous reports and history involving this subject. I looked up one of these reports from PCSO which occurred on 1/18/17 and involved Sturgus. In this report, Sturgus was involuntarily committed to the Recovery Response Center after he was found in a condition of being extremely intoxicated and unable to care for himself in Pierce County near Graham. In that report, the deputy mentioned that Sturgus was not living at an exact address, but was believed to be homeless. The Pierce County case number for this incident in January 2017 was #1701800285.</p> <p>I asked Officer Hedrick to call local hospitals regarding the plastic wrist band, and attempt to determine if the deceased had been discharged from a local facility earlier. We learned that Sturgus has been seen in the emergency room of Multi-care's Tacoma General Hospital earlier in the afternoon at approximately 16:00 hours for "shoulder pain", but doctors could not find anything wrong with him. They advised Sturgus was discharged. According to the medical examiner's office, who also contacted Tacoma General Hospital prior to responding to our scene, the hospital reportedly provided Sturgis with shelter resource information. I cannot be confirmed how Sturgus arrived in Puyallup after this visit to the Tacoma General Hospital.</p> <p>However, it is very standard practice for hospitals to provide subjects cab fair or other means of transportation to centers like the New Hope Center in Puyallup, a homeless center which provides overnight shelter and neighboring churches, for such clients when Tacoma shelters are full, which they typically are full during the winter months. It should be noted this collision with the train occurred just one block away from the New Hope Center at 414 Spring St. Puyallup, WA. However, I cannot confirm that Sturgis was attempting to get in to New Home on this night prior to the collision.</p> <p>We attempted to locate any next of kin information for Sturgus, and located one name for a possible mother showing a Pierce County address in Spanaway, WA. I requested Officer Hendricks accompanied by Chaplain Boisture respond to this address, which was attempted to be confirmed through TLO for proper in-</p>
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person notification. Due to the severe winter weather, though, Officer Hendricks advised he was unable to reach the Spanaway address due to nearly becoming stuck on the side streets in the snow in rural Pierce County. Therefore, further attempts at notification were abandoned this night.

I remained at the scene while Officers Obermiller and Officer Kenyon investigated the scene further and conducted interviews with the train conductor and engineer who both witnessed the collision from the lead engine of the train. I was informed the train had been traveling eastbound on the South side set of railroad tracks (#1 set of tracks) when the incident happened. When I arrived, the train was already fully stopped, and the lead engine reached approximately the 1300 block of East Pioneer after it was put into emergency braking mode following the impact with Sturgus. I was informed the train consisted of "grain" carrying containers as a cargo, but all were empty at this time. I later learned through Burlington Northern officials that the train weighed approximately 3398 tons even when unloaded with engines attached. The train was extremely long and spanned from the 1300 block of East Pioneer past the 1000 block of West Stewart Ave at the end and contained 100 cars and engines from front to back.

While on scene, I took five digital images of the area where the body of Sturgus landed. I noticed the body was on its back and his legs and arms were folded underneath him. It appeared the impact with the train occurred to the right side of the body since there was noticeable damage and a gaping hole in the lower torso area near his stomach. Next to the body, I was told by Sergeant Bourbon there was also a small area of intestines on the ground, but his area was covered up with snow already. I noted while officers were searching the deceased's pockets for identification, a small metal pipe commonly used to smoke cannabis was located and placed on top of his pants pocket area. I photographed this pipe and it was collected by the medical examiner. It is unknown if Sturgis had been smoking from the pipe tonight, and results will need to wait from toxicology for this to be researched.

I secured the scene until Officer Obermiller and Officer Kenyon were finished with their interviews and the train was released and left the area. Once gone, I looked at the area of the first set of tracks (South set of tracks) where the subject had been walking prior to the impact. I observed one set of footprints walking with normal pace indented in the snow from East to West. The footprints then change course, and I observed one individual foot print on the South side of this track. This footprint was not, however, a significant distance away from the track in consideration that locomotive engines span the entire width of a set of tracks and usually at least one to two feet beyond the outside of the track itself. There was a disturbance in the snow, or sweeping mark observed and one white tennis shoe still in the snow. I used my issued department issued Lidar to measure an approximate distance from the location where the last footprint was observed in the snow to the location of the body. I received a measurement of approximately 81 feet Sturgus was thrown by the impact.

I called for the Pierce County Medical Examiner's Office to the scene, and Medical Investigator Jill Lombardi responded and made contact with us. Officers provided Lombardi with all the information we had up to that point, and assisted her in removal of the body from the scene. I requested that a medical record of the autopsy including toxicology please be sent Puyallup PD upon completion by the medical examiner. This ended my involvement for the night and I cleared the scene.

The next work shift on 2/7/17 at approximately 15:00 hours, Officer Kenyon and I met with BNSF Rodney L. Hudnall regarding the case at their main office in Tacoma. Hudnall advised us he had the video footage taken from the front of the train from that night. Hudnall showed us the video from his desk computer screen, and then again from another laptop equipped with sound speakers.

The video depicted the view from the front of the engine and showed the front light on the train was fully functioning out the front of the train. Visibility was poor outside as snow could be seen coming down hard in the video. I could also hear the train's loud whistle blowing in the background, and carried on through both through the crossings at 4th St and West Stewart then again at South Meridian and further eastbound sounding with blasts again at 2nd St NE and East Main Ave. The video shows a dark figure of a person walking westbound and come into view walking down the middle of the first set of tracks (the tracks this train was rolling on), The video then depicts the male subject look up with about one length of the engine distance ahead then turn slightly to the left and step off with his left foot over the edge of the tracks. The male then goes out of view. Immediately, I could hear the sound of the conductor/engineer applying the emergency brakes on the train and a metal on metal sound was heard on the video. The train then comes to a stop and this ended the video clip.

Officer Kenyon and I finished our meeting and responded back out to a Spanaway address looking for the next-of-kin (mother) for the deceased. Originally, Officer Hendrick researched this information of the mother's name via Tacoma General Hospital the night of the collision. He learned the female was listed on Sturgis' hospital information as a family contact. We used law enforcement research tools to locate a phone number and most current. However, we were unsuccessful in reaching the mother and learned she had moved from the address five months prior. No forwarding address or current phone number was known for Sturgis' mother. Therefore, no family notification could be made for the deceased at this time.

This ended my involvement with this case, and it was assigned to Traffic Officer Kenyon for further investigation.

Reviewed By:

Reviewed Date:



HANDWRITTEN STATEMENT FORM

PUYALLUP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Date _____ Time _____

My name is Annmarie R. Fair My Date of birth is: **(4b)**

I reside at **(4b)** Home telephone _____
Message telephone **(4b)** Work telephone _____

I am employed at N/A

My narrative of facts:

I was ~~walk~~ walking on Spring St. Noticed a man on the tracks. Heard a train coming and tried getting the man's attention and telling him get off the tracks a train is coming. He was walking head on ~~with~~ towards the train. The guy tried getting off the tracks but ~~wasn't~~ didn't have enough time.

Cit#
Case#
1703601646
Def.

The above is a true and correct statement to the best of my knowledge. No threats or promises have been made to me nor any duress used against me. I make this statement under penalty of perjury.

[Signature]
Signature

WITNESSES:

--If you need additional space use other side--



HANDWRITTEN STATEMENT FORM

PUYALLUP POLICE DEPARTMENT

No. SEWING Date 2/5/17 Time 9:39

My name is Ashlie Sewing My Date of birth is: **(4b)**

I reside at **(4b)** Home telephone **(4b)**

Message telephone ~~1234~~

Work telephone _____

I am employed at _____

My narrative of facts:

we, my friend and i, were walking towards Hill on Spring St. when we noticed a ~~man~~ man walking on the tracks, headbound, same as the train. I yelled at him to move out of the way! that the train was coming. He just said "HUH" and tried to hobble off the tracks out of the way. But the train hit him, he went flying

that's when I called 911.

The above is a true and correct statement to the best of my knowledge. No threats or promises have been made to me nor any duress used against me. I make this statement under penalty of perjury.

Ashlie Sewing
Signature

WITNESSES:

-If you need additional space use other side-

Cit#
Case#
1703601646

Def.



HANDWRITTEN STATEMENT FORM

PUYALLUP POLICE DEPARTMENT

(conductor)

Date 2/5/17 Time _____

My name is Thad M Henderson

My Date of birth is: (4b)

I reside at _____

(4b)

Home telephone _____

(4b)

Message telephone _____

Work telephone _____

I am employed at Burlington Northern Santa Fe

My narrative of facts:

Going Northbound on Main track two, after going through the second to last crossing in Puyallup, there was something between the tracks I could see through the snow. We were going track speed approx. 45-50 mph. I continued the horn after the engineer cleared the crossing as I discovered the object between the track was a man. We hit the man and immediately put the train into emergency brake application and followed emergency protocol. Walking back to the scene I discovered what appeared to be foot prints consistent with where the man may have been walking prior to the accident.

Cit# _____
 Case# 170360164b

Def. _____

The above is a true and correct statement to the best of my knowledge. No threats or promises have been made to me nor any duress used against me. I make this statement under penalty of perjury.

[Signature]
 Signature

WITNESSES: 322

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Puyallup Police Incident Report

Incident No. 1703601640.1

PDA:	No	Homeland Security:	No	Subject:	Death Investigation	Incident No. 1703601640.1
IBR Disposition:	Active	Case Management Disposition:				
Forensics:		Reporting By/Date:	PPD329 - Kenyon, Zachary 2/14/2017 10:43:22			
Case Report Status:	Approved	Reviewed By/Date:	PPD265 - Pihl, Joe 2/14/2017 13:12:42			

Related Cases:

Case Report Number	Agency
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Non-Electronic Attachments

Attachment Type	Additional Distribution	Count
STMT - Statement / Notes (copy/digital)		3

Location Address:	400 Spring St	Location Name:	
City, State, Zip:	Puyallup, WA 98372	Cross Street:	
Contact Location:	400 Spring St	City, State, Zip:	Puyallup, WA 98372
Recovery Location:		City, State, Zip:	
CB/Grid/RD:	713 - Puyupd Grid	District/Sector:	PUYC - Puyallup - Central
Occurred From:	2/5/2017 21:20:00 Sunday	Occurred To:	
Notes:			

Offense Details: 0803 - Accidental Death

Domestic Violence:	No	Child Abuse:		Gang Related:	No/Unknown	Juvenile:	
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:	Other Human Body				
Total No. of Units Entered:							
Entrance Compromised:							
Entry Method:							
Suspect Description:							
Suspect Actions:							
Notes:							

Victim V1: Stirgus, Ronnie A

PDA: No

Aliases:	
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Call Source:	Dispatched	Assisted By:				
Phone Report:		Notified:				
Insurance Letter:		Entered By:	PPD329 - Kenyon, Zachary			
Entered On:	2/8/2017 11:16:36	Approved By:	PPD26451 - Frelin, Ashley			
Approved On:	2/15/2017 08:43:16	Exceptional Clearance:				
Adult/ Juvenile Clearance:		Exceptional Clearance Date:				
Additional Distribution:	PPD - MCU	Other Distribution:				
Validation Processing	Distribution Date:	County Pros. Atty.	Juvenile	Other	CPS	Supervisor:
	By:	City Pros. Atty.	Military	DSHS	PreTrial	
Records has the authority to ensure correct agency, CB/Grid/RD, and District/Sector are incorporated in the report.						Printed: 2/15/2017 08:43:16 Printed By: PPD26451 - Frelin, Ashley

Puyallup Police Incident Report

Incident No. 1703601640.1

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DOB:	(4b)	Age:	50	Sex:	Male	Race:	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic
Height:	5' 9"	Weight:	155	Hair Color:	Brown	Eye Color:	Brown		
Address:					County:			Phone:	
City, State Zip:					Country:			Business Phone:	
Other Address:							Other Phone:		
Resident:	Unknown		Occupation/Grade:	Homeless		Employer/School:			
SSN:					Place of Birth:				
Driver License No:					Driver License State:			Driver License Country:	
Attire:	Blue Jeans, Black Jacket				Complexion:				
SMT:					Facial Hair:	Beard - Short			
Victim Of:	0803 - Accidental Death				Facial Shape:	Oval			
Victim Type:	Deceased		Circumstances:			Weapon Used:			
Injury:			Testify:			Reporting Statement Obtained:			
Type of Injury:					Fire Dept Response:	yes			
Hospital Taken To:			Medical Release Obtained:			Taken By:	Medical Examiner		
Attending Physician:					Hold Placed By:				

Victim Offender Relationships

Offender:	Relationship:
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Law Enforcement Officer Killed or Assaulted Information	Type:		Justifiable Homicide Circumstances:
	Assignment:		
	Activity:		

Victim Notes:

Witness W2: Sewing, Ashlie Nichele-Lee

PDA: No

Aliases:									
DOB:	(4b)	Age:	21	Sex:	Female	Race:	White	Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic
Height:	5' 5"	Weight:	135	Hair Color:	Brown	Eye Color:	Blue		
Address:	414 Spring St				County:			Phone:	(4b)
City, State Zip:	Puyallup, WA 98372				Country:			Business Phone:	
Other Address:							Other Phone:		
Resident:	Full - Time Resident		Occupation/Grade:			Employer/School:			
SSN:	615-84-3514				Place Of Birth:				
Driver License No:	(4b)		Driver License State:	Washington		Driver License Country:	United States of America		
Attire:					Complexion:				
SMT:					Facial Hair:				
Testify:	Yes				Facial Shape:				
Witness Notes:									

Witness W3: Fair, Aymaire Roseby

PDA: No

Aliases:									
DOB:	(4b)	Age:	27	Sex:	Female	Race:	White	Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic
Height:	5' 3"	Weight:	180	Hair Color:	Brown	Eye Color:	Brown		
Address:	(4b)				County:			Phone:	(4b)
City, State Zip:					Country:			Business Phone:	
Other Address:							Other Phone:		

Resident:	Full - Time Resident	Occupation/Grade:		Employer/School:	
SSN:	(4b)			Place Of Birth:	
Driver License No:	(4b)	Driver License State:	Washington	Driver License Country:	United States of America
Attire:				Complexion:	
SMT:				Facial Hair:	
Testify:	Yes			Facial Shape:	
Witness Notes:					

Witness W4: Stengrim, Dori Lynn

PDA: No

Aliases:									
DOB:	(4b)	Age:	46	Sex:	Female	Race:	White	Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic
Height:	5' 6"	Weight:	165	Hair Color:	Brown	Eye Color:	Blue	Phone:	(4b)
Address:	(4b)	County:		Country:		Business Phone:		Other Phone:	
City, State Zip:	(4b)	Country:				Other Phone:			
Other Address:									
Resident:	Full - Time Resident	Occupation/Grade:		Employer/School:					
SSN:	(4b)			Place Of Birth:					
Driver License No:	(4b)	Driver License State:	Washington	Driver License Country:	United States of America				
Attire:				Complexion:					
SMT:				Facial Hair:					
Testify:	Yes			Facial Shape:					
Witness Notes:									

Other Entity O1: Selm, Kendra Joelle S A

PDA: No

Aliases:									
DOB:	(4b)	Age:	25	Sex:	Female	Race:	White	Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic
Height:	5' 6"	Weight:	180	Hair Color:	Brown	Eye Color:	Hazel	Phone:	(4b)
Address:	(4b)	County:		Country:		Business Phone:		Other Phone:	
City, State Zip:	(4b)	Country:				Other Phone:			
Other Address:									
Resident:	Nonresident	Occupation/Grade:		Employer/School:					
SSN:	(4b)			Place Of Birth:					
Driver License No:	(4b)	Driver License State:	Washington	Driver License Country:	United States of America				
Attire:				Complexion:					
SMT:				Facial Hair:					
Entity Type:	Other Individual	Reporting Statement Obtained:		Facial Shape:					
Entity Notes:									

Other Entity O2: Henderson, Kody Marshall

PDA: No

Aliases:									
DOB:	(4b)	Age:	30	Sex:	Male	Race:	White	Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic
Height:	6' 4"	Weight:	290	Hair Color:	Brown	Eye Color:	Brown	Phone:	(4b)
Address:	(4b)	County:		Country:		Business Phone:		Other Phone:	
City, State Zip:	(4b)	Country:				Other Phone:			
Other Address:									
Resident:	Nonresident	Occupation/Grade:	Conductor	Employer/School:	BNSF				
SSN:	(4b)			Place Of Birth:					

Driver License No:	(4b)	Driver License State:	Washington	Driver License Country:	United States of America
Altire:				Complexion:	
SMT:				Facial Hair:	
Entity Type:	Other Individual	Reporting Statement Obtained:		Facial Shape:	
Entity Notes:					

Property Item No. 3/1: 20514 - Evidence - Digital Image(s)

Other Common Item:	Photographed:
Description:	images
Quantity:	19
Finding Location:	Fingerprinted:
Status:	E - Evidence (Including Other Seized Property And Tools)
Recovered Date:	Contents Sampled:
Recovered Value:	Owner:
Field Tested:	Value:
Field Test Results:	Make/Brand:
Property Disposition:	Model:
Disposition Location:	Serial No:
	OAN:
	Insurance Company:
	Policy No:
Vehicle Information:	
License:	Locked:
License State:	Keys in Vehicle:
License Country:	Delinquent Payment:
Vehicle Year:	Victim Consent:
Make:	Drivable:
Model:	Estimated Damage:
Vehicle Style:	Damage:
Primary Vehicle Color:	Damaged Area:
Secondary Vehicle Color:	Tow Company:
VIN:	Tow Consent:
Special Features:	Hold Requested By:
Drug Information:	
Drug Type:	Drug Measure:
Drug Quantity:	Drug Measure Type:
Jewelry Information:	
Metal Color:	Total # of Stones:
Metal Type:	Inscription:
Stone Color:	Generally Worn By:
Firearm Information:	
Caliber:	Length:
Gauge:	Finish:
Action:	Grips:
Importer:	Stock:
Property Notes:	

Enter	Date	Time	WACIC	LESA	Initial	Release Info.	Date	Time	Release No.	Release Authority
Clear						Owner Notified			Operators Name	

Investigative Information

Means:	Between 1800 and 0600 hours	Motive:	To satisfy personal need or desire
Vehicle Activity:		Direction Vehicle Traveling:	

Synopsis:	
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Narrative:	<p>On the listed date and time, I was called via phone by Sgt Pihl regarding a callout for a train vs pedestrian. I advised Sgt Pihl I would be enroute. I arrived on scene and contacted Sgt Pihl and Officer Obermiller. Sgt Pihl provided me with a short run down of what possibly happened. Sgt Pihl advised me an individual later identified as Ronnie Stirgus appeared to be walking down the tracks WB. An approaching train was traveling EB and struck Ronnie in the listed location.</p> <p>After speaking with Sgt Pihl, I contacted Officer Obermiller. Officer Obermiller showed me where they thought Ronnie was struck by the train. You could see there were foot prints in the snow which were walking directly down the middle of the tracks WB. I also noticed there were two shoes lying next to the tracks. It appeared that when Ronnie was struck, he was thrown out of his shoes. Officer Obermiller and I walked EB alongside the tracks toward the front of the train. As we approached the last five cars of the train I began snapping photos of the cars and the numbers of the cars. I reached the front of the train and conducted a thorough search of the front to see if there was any body matter from where the train struck Ronnie. I was unable to locate anything on the front of the train.</p> <p>Officer Obermiller and I then contacted the engineer and conductor of the train. The engineer identified as John Smith appeared to be struggling with the incident. John was asked if this was his first collision with a pedestrian. John replied "yes." Officer Obermiller contacted the conductor who informed us he was doing just fine. We asked about how fast they were traveling, how many cars were attached and if all the lights were working as well as the horn. He showed us that the lights and horn were all working properly. He also advised they were traveling about 50-54 mph on the optimizer which is (cruise control) for a train. I was advised there was 100 cars attached which were empty prior to the collision. The images that were taken were later placed on case images.</p> <p>On 2/7/17 Sgt Pihl and I responded to 605 Puyallup Ave where we contacted Rodney Hudnall. Rodney is the Claim Representative for BNSF Railway. Rodney brought up the video for Sgt Pihl and I to review. We reviewed the video several times which showed the train traveling EB and as it was passing all the crossings you could hear the horn blowing and appeared that all the lights were activated on the front of the train. As the train approached Ronnie's location, you could see that Ronnie was walking down the middle of the tracks and began taking a step over the tracks walking to the south as the train struck him. It appeared this was not a suicide attempt due to Ronnie trying to remove himself from the tracks prior to be struck.</p> <p>After reviewing the video Sgt Pihl and I drove out Spanaway to try and contact his mother at what we believed was her last known address. We arrived at (4b) and contacted Kendra Selm, the homeowner. I asked Kendra if Darleen Wilson resided at the residence. Kendra informed me she no longer resided at the residence and was placed in a nursing home. Kendra did not have an address or phone number for Darleen. Kendra did inform me if she was able to locate a phone number or address she would provide me with a phone call. I provided Kendra with a business card and my work number in case she located the information I requested. For further information, see the other attached supplemental reports.</p> <p>On 2/8/17 I called Dori (witness) via phone to try and obtain a statement from her regarding what she witnessed that evening of the train vs pedestrian. I was unable to contact Dori, however I left a voice mail for her to call me back. No returned call from Dori.</p>
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Puyallup Police Supplemental Incident No. 1703601640.2 Report

PDA:	No	Homeland Security:		Subject:	Death Investigation	Incident No. 1703601640.2
IBR Disposition:	Active	Case Management Disposition:				
Forensics:		Reporting By/Date:	PPD322 - Wicks, Jordan 2/8/2017 13:16:22			
Case Report Status:	Approved	Reviewed By/Date:	PPD302 - Young, Terry 2/8/2017 15:24:20			

Related Cases:

Case Report Number	Agency
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Non-Electronic Attachments

Attachment Type	Additional Distribution	Count
Location Address:	414 Spring St	Location Name: NEW HOPE CENTER
City, State, Zip:	Puyallup, WA 98372	Cross Street:
Contact Location:		City, State, Zip:
Recovery Location:		City, State, Zip:
CB/Grid/RD:	713 - Puyypd Grid	District/Sector: PUYC - Puyallup - Central
Occurred From:	2/5/2017 21:20:00 Sunday	Occurred To:
Notes:		

Offense Details: 0803 - Accidental Death

Domestic Violence:	No	Child Abuse:		Gang Related:	No/Unknown	Juvenile:	
Completed:	Completed	Crime Against:		Hate/Bias:	None (No Bias)		
Criminal Activity:		Type of Security:		Using:			
Location Type:	Railroad Tracks / Right of Way	Evidence Collected:	Other Human Body	Tools:			
Total No. of Units Entered:							
Entrance Compromised:							
Entry Method:							
Suspect Description:							
Suspect Actions:							
Notes:							

Call Source:	Dispatched	Assisted By:	PPD325 - Hedrick, Jeremy PPD329 - Kenyon, Zachary PPD265 - Pihl, Joe PPD287 - Obermiller, David PPD266 - Bourbon, Don				
Phone Report:		Notified:					
Insurance Letter:		Entered By:	PPD322 - Wicks, Jordan				
Entered On:	2/6/2017 02:47:22	Approved By:	PPD26451 - Frelin, Ashley				
Approved On:	2/15/2017 08:43:30	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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Witness W5: Henderson, Kody M.

PDA:

Aliases:									
DOB:	(4b)	Age:	30	Sex:	Male	Race:	White	Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic
Height:	6' 4"	Weight:	290	Hair Color:	Brown	Eye Color:	Brown		
Address:	(4b)			County:			Phone:	(4b)	
City, State Zip:	(4b)			Country:			Business Phone:		
Other Address:								Other Phone:	
Resident:				Occupation/Grade:	Conductor		Employer/School:	BNSF	
SSN:	(4b)			Place Of Birth:					
Driver License No:	(4b)			Driver License State:	Washington		Driver License Country:	United States of America	
Attire:								Complexion:	
SMT:								Facial Hair:	
Testify:								Facial Shape:	
Witness Notes:									

Investigative Information

Means:			Motive:		
Vehicle Activity:			Direction Vehicle Traveling:		

Synopsis:	
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Narrative:	<p>On 2/5/17, at approximately 2128 hrs, I was dispatched to a possible train vs. pedestrian collision in the 400 block of Spring St. It was reported that the RP had seen a male standing on the tracks when an eastbound train collided with the male.</p> <p>Upon arrival on the scene, myself and Ofc. Hedrick located the deceased body of a male laying on the south side of the tracks. The train was stopped but I had not located the conductor or engineer. The male had severe lacerations to his face and had been disemboweled by the collision with the train. Ofc. Karuzas contacted the RP and other witnesses. The witnesses stated they had seen the male stumbling along the tracks. When they saw the oncoming train the group shouted at the man to get off the tracks. They stated that it appeared he may have been attempting to get off the tracks but was moving very slowly. The witnesses provided written statements on the incident.</p> <p>Another witness from the north side of the tracks reported also seeing the male before the collision. She reported that the male was standing on the tracks facing the oncoming train. He appeared to be deliberately attempting to be hit by the train. The witness states she also called to the male to get off the tracks, but he refused. This witness did not provide a written statement but provided contact information to be reached for a statement at a later time.</p> <p>I located a hospital bracelet on the deceased male's wrist that identified him as Ronnie A. Sturgis. I ran this name through various databases and confirmed that was indeed the identity of the deceased. The MCRT team was called to the scene.</p> <p>I contacted the conductor of the train, Kody M. Henderson. Henderson stated that at the time of the collision the train had been travelling approximately 50 mph. He had been sounding the horn as they were approaching a crossing, and all crossing lights were functional. Henderson states he saw an object ahead and quickly realized the object was a person standing on the tracks. Due to the speed with which the train was moving, he was unable to stop and the train collided with the man. He immediately engaged the emergency brake and began following emergency protocols. After stopping the train, while walking back to the point of impact, the conductor states he saw one set of foot prints that were consistent with a person walking westbound near the tracks. He stated the prints looked "staggered" as if someone had been stumbling or walking irregularly.</p> <p>Chaplain Boisture responded to the scene. Through hospital admission records and other databases we were able to locate the next of kin as Sturgis's mother, Darlene A. Wilson. The phone number provided</p>
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for Wilson on emergency contact paperwork was reported to be disconnected when contact was attempted. We located a recent address for Wilson at (4b) Ofc. Hedrick, Chaplain Boisture, and I drove to the address to attempt a notification of Ms. Wilson. Due to heavy snow accumulation we were unable to reach the address and therefore contact could not be made.

The MCRT members completed further investigation and met with the ME on scene. I had no further involvement in the incident. For further information, refer to the primary report on this case.

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Puyallup Police Supplemental Incident No. 1703601640.3 Report

PDA:	No	Homeland Security:		Subject:	Death Investigation	Incident No. 1703601640.3
IBR Disposition:	Active	Case Management Disposition:				
Forensics:		Reporting By/Date:	PPD266 - Bourbon, Don 2/8/2017 18:18:33			
Case Report Status:	Approved	Reviewed By/Date:	PPD287 - Obermiller, David 2/9/2017 11:02:47			

Related Cases:

Case Report Number	Agency
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Non-Electronic Attachments

Attachment Type	Additional Distribution	Count
Location Address:	414 Spring St	Location Name: NEW HOPE CENTER
City, State, Zip:	Puyallup, WA 98372	Cross Street:
Contact Location:	400 Spring St	City, State, Zip: Puyallup, WA 98372
Recovery Location:	400 Spring St	City, State, Zip: Puyallup, WA 98372
CB/Grid/RD:	713 - Puyypd Grid	District/Sector: PUYC - Puyallup - Central
Occurred From:	2/5/2017 21:20:00 Sunday	Occurred To:
Notes:		

Offense Details: 0803 - Accidental Death

Domestic Violence:	No	Child Abuse:		Gang Related:	No/Unknown	Juvenile:	
Completed:	Completed	Crime Against:		Hate/Bias:	None (No Bias)	Using:	
Criminal Activity:		Type of Security:		Tools:			
Location Type:	Railroad Tracks / Right of Way	Evidence Collected:	Other Human Body				
Total No. of Units Entered:							
Entrance Compromised:							
Entry Method:							
Suspect Description:							
Suspect Actions:							
Notes:							

Property Item No. 1/1: 1406 - Clothing - Shoes

Other Common Item:		Photographed:	
Description:	white tennis shoes	Fingerprinted:	
Quantity:	2	Contents Sampled:	
Finding Location:		Owner:	

Call Source:	Dispatched	Assisted By:				
Phone Report:		Notified:				
Insurance Letter:		Entered By:	PPD266 - Bourbon, Don			
Entered On:	2/6/2017 21:58:06	Approved By:	PPD26451 - Frelin, Ashley			
Approved On:	2/15/2017 08:43:46	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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Status:	E - Evidence (Including Other Seized Property And Tools)	Value:	
Recovered Date:		Make/Brand:	
Recovered Value:		Model:	
Field Tested:		Serial No:	
Field Test Results:		OAN:	
Property Disposition:	Booked into Property	Insurance Company:	
Disposition Location:	Puyallup PD	Policy No:	
Vehicle Information:			
License:		Locked:	
License State:		Keys in Vehicle:	
License Country:		Delinquent Payment:	
Vehicle Year:		Victim Consent:	
Make:		Drivable:	
Model:		Estimated Damage:	
Vehicle Style:		Damage:	
Primary Vehicle Color:		Damaged Area:	
Secondary Vehicle Color:		Tow Company:	
VIN:		Tow Consent:	
Special Features:		Hold Requested By:	
Drug Information:			
Drug Type:		Drug Measure:	
Drug Quantity:		Drug Measure Type:	
Jewelry Information:			
Metal Color:		Total # of Stones:	
Metal Type:		Inscription:	
Stone Color:		Generally Worn By:	
Firearm Information:			
Caliber:		Length:	
Gauge:		Finish:	
Action:		Grips:	
Importer:		Stock:	
Property Notes:			

Enter	Date	Time	WACIC	LESA	Initial	Release Info.	Date	Time	Release No.	Release Authority
Clear						Owner Notified			Operators Name	

Investigative Information

Means:		Motive:	
Vehicle Activity:		Direction Vehicle Traveling:	

Synopsis:	
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Narrative:	<p>ORIGIN: On 2/6/17, I was dispatched to call a citizen in reference to a pile of intestines along the railroad tracks.</p> <p>FACTS: I drove to the location and noticed a pile of intestines that I had located and marked last night still lying on the ground. I also noticed a white shoe lying next to the area where the body came to rest and another white shoe that I had marked last night still there. I contacted CDO McDonald who requested I collect the shoes and send CID Captain Portmann an email.</p> <p>ACTION TAKEN: I collected the shoes and placed them into property as evidence.</p>
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Puyallup Police Supplemental Incident No. 1703601640.4 Report

PDA:	No	Homeland Security:	No	Subject:	Death Investigation	Incident No. 1703601640.4
IBR Disposition:	Active	Case Management Disposition:				
Forensics:		Reporting By/Date:	PPD325 - Hedrick, Jeremy 2/8/2017 13:16:25			
Case Report Status:	Approved	Reviewed By/Date:	PPD302 - Young, Terry 2/8/2017 15:27:50			

Related Cases:

Case Report Number	Agency
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Non-Electronic Attachments

Attachment Type	Additional Distribution	Count	
Location Address:	414 Spring St	Location Name:	NEW HOPE CENTER
City, State, Zip:	Puyallup, WA 98372	Cross Street:	
Contact Location:	400 blk Spring Street	City, State, Zip:	Puyallup, WA 98372
Recovery Location:		City, State, Zip:	
CB/Grid/RD:	713 - Puyypd Grid	District/Sector:	PUYC - Puyallup - Central
Occurred From:	2/5/2017 21:20:00 Sunday	Occurred To:	
Notes:			

Offense Details: 0803 - Accidental Death

Domestic Violence:	No	Child Abuse:		Gang Related:	No/Unknown	Juvenile:	
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:	Other Human Body				
Total No. of Units Entered:							
Entrance Compromised:							
Entry Method:							
Suspect Description:							
Suspect Actions:							
Notes:							

Witness W6: Stengrim, Dori L

PDA: No

Aliases:									
DOB:	(4b)	Age:	46	Sex:	Female	Race:	White	Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic
Height:		Weight:		Hair Color:		Eye Color:	Blue		
Address:	(4b)	County:		Phone:	(4b)				

Call Source:	Dispatched	Assisted By:				
Phone Report:		Notified:				
Insurance Letter:		Entered By:	PPD325 - Hedrick, Jeremy			
Entered On:	2/6/2017 19:31:05	Approved By:	PPD26451 - Frelin, Ashley			
Approved On:	2/15/2017 08:45:36	Exceptional Clearance:				
Adult/ Juvenile Clearance:		Exceptional Clearance Date:				
Additional Distribution:	PPD - MCU	Other Distribution:				
Validation Processing	Distribution Date:	County Pros. Atty.	Juvenile	Other	CPS	Supervisor:
	By:	City Pros. Atty.	Military	DSHS	PreTrial	
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City, State Zip:	Puyallup, WA 98372	Country:		Business Phone:	
Other Address:				Other Phone:	
Resident:	Full - Time Resident	Occupation/Grade:		Employer/School:	
SSN:	(4b)			Place Of Birth:	
Driver License No:	(4b)	Driver License State:	Washington	Driver License Country:	United States of America
Attire:				Complexion:	
SMT:				Facial Hair:	
Testify:	Yes			Facial Shape:	
Witness Notes:					

Other Entity O3: Wilson, Darlene A

PDA: No

Aliases:						Ethnicity:	Unknown
DOB:	(4b)	Age:	73	Sex:	Female	Race:	Unknown
Height:		Weight:		Hair Color:		Eye Color:	
Address:	(4b)					County:	
City, State Zip:	(4b)					Country:	
Other Address:						Phone:	(4b)
Resident:	Nonresident	Occupation/Grade:				Business Phone:	
SSN:	(4b)					Other Phone:	
Driver License No:	(4b)	Driver License State:	Washington	Employer/School:			
Attire:						Place Of Birth:	
SMT:						Driver License Country:	United States of America
Entity Type:	Parent	Reporting Statement Obtained:				Complexion:	
Entity Notes:							

Investigative Information

Means:		Motive:	
Vehicle Activity:		Direction Vehicle Traveling:	

Synopsis:	
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Narrative:	<p>On the listed date and time, Sergeant Bourbon, Officer Karuzas, Officer Wicks, and I were dispatched to a report of a collision involving a freight train and a pedestrian in the area of New Hope Center (414 Spring Street). As I came into the area, I noted that the train was completely stopped on the tracks. Heavy snow was falling and covering the ground and it was dark outside. We located a male on the south side of the railroad tracks laying on his back. The male was directly next to the railroad tracks, and could not be seen from Spring Street due to a cement pillar obstructing the view (the male was between the railroad tracks and the cement pillar). I noted that the location was almost in between New Hope Center and MultiCare Behavioral Health (325 E Pioneer).</p> <p>The male was clearly deceased, and I could see that he had extensive trauma to his body. The trauma included a large gash to his midsection, and I could see a portion of his intestines protruding from the opening. I also noted several feet to the west of the deceased male was a pile of what appeared to be more of his intestines on the ground. West of that were two shoes on the ground a distance away from each other. I had noted that the deceased male did not have shoes on his feet. Although there was extensive trauma to the male, his face was still recognizable. A paper medical bracelet was located on his right wrist. After searching the male's pockets for an identification unsuccessfully, I cut the medical bracelet from his wrist. The bracelet identified the male as Sturgus, Ronnie A., and I was able to locate multiple booking photos that confirmed that was who the deceased male was. Also found on Sturgus' person, as I was searching for an identification, was a small metal smoking pipe and a lighter found in his right jeans pocket.</p>
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Officer Karuzas was speaking with witnesses that had been near New Hope Center when the incident occurred, and Officer Wicks was speaking with the train conductor. Another witness on the north side of the train tracks spoke with me, but I was unable to give her a statement form due to the stopped train being between us. She identified herself as Stengrim, Dori L. and said that she had seen Stirgus (who she did not know) walking W/B on the railroad tracks toward the E/B traveling train. Stengrim said that she yelled at Stirgus, but it appeared to her as if Stirgus attempted to step in front of the train as he was struck.

I then contacted Tacoma General Hospital by phone, and was told that Stirgus had been admitted to their Emergency Room and had been discharged and released 1555 hours on 02/05/17. I was told that Stirgus had checked himself into the Emergency Room for a shoulder injury but had not been given or prescribed any narcotics. I was told that Stirgus had listed his mother as his emergency contact at the Emergency Room, and she was identified as Wilson, Darlene A.

I located multiple previous police contacts with Stirgus, although it appeared the majority of contacts had occurred in Pierce County and Tacoma. Chaplain Boisture, Officer Wicks, and I attempted to make contact with Wilson by phone and at her Spanaway address unsuccessfully (phone disconnected and unable to reach address due to snow). Upon reading a previous animal control report, it appeared that Wilson no longer resided at her Roy address either. We were unable to make contact with Wilson after multiple attempts.

Detectives and Traffic Investigators arrived on scene and took over the investigation.

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Puyallup Police Supplemental Incident No. 1703601640.5 Report

PDA:	No	Homeland Security:	No	Subject:	Death Investigation	Incident No. 1703601640.5
IBR Disposition:	Active	Case Management Disposition:	APMR - Active - Pending Medical Records			
Forensics:	LEO Performed	Reporting By/Date:	PPD265 - Pihl, Joe 2/9/2017 19:36:21			
Case Report Status:	Approved	Reviewed By/Date:	PPD292 - Melzo, Michael 2/9/2017 21:51:07			

Related Cases:

Case Report Number	Agency
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Non-Electronic Attachments

Attachment Type	Additional Distribution	Count	
Location Address:	400 Spring St	Location Name:	
City, State, Zip:	Puyallup, WA 98372	Cross Street:	
Contact Location:	400 Spring St	City, State, Zip:	Puyallup, WA 98372
Recovery Location:		City, State, Zip:	
CB/Grid/RD:	713 - Puyupd Grid	District/Sector:	PUYC - Puyallup - Central
Occurred From:	2/5/2017 21:20:00 Sunday	Occurred To:	
Notes:			

Offense Details: 0803 - Accidental Death

Domestic Violence:	No	Child Abuse:		Gang Related:	No/Unknown	Juvenile:	
Completed:	Completed	Crime Against:		Hate/Bias:	None (No Bias)	Using:	
Criminal Activity:		Type of Security:		Tools:			
Location Type:	Railroad Tracks / Right of Way	Evidence Collected:	Other Human Body				
Total No. of Units Entered:							
Entrance Compromised:							
Entry Method:							
Suspect Description:							
Suspect Actions:							
Notes:							

Victim V1: Stirgus, Ronnie Alicia

PDA: No

Aliases:

Call Source:	Dispatched	Assisted By:	PPD287 - Obermiller, David PPD329 - Kenyon, Zachary PPD266 - Bourbon, Don				
Phone Report:	No	Notified:					
Insurance Letter:	No	Entered By:	PPD265 - Pihl, Joe				
Entered On:	2/9/2017 16:47:14	Approved By:	PPD26451 - Frelin, Ashley				
Approved On:	2/15/2017 08:45:46	Exceptional Clearance:					
Adult/ Juvenile Clearance:		Exceptional Clearance Date:					
Additional Distribution:	PPD - MCU	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: 50	Sex: Male	Race: American Indian/Alaskan Native	Ethnicity: Non-Hispanic
Height: 5' 9"	Weight: 155	Hair Color: Brown		Eye Color: Brown
Address: Unknown		County:		Phone:
City, State Zip:		Country: United States of America		Business Phone:
Other Address:				Other Phone:
Resident: Unknown	Occupation/Grade: Unknown		Employer/School: Unknown	Place of Birth: Unknown
SSN:	Driver License State:		Driver License Country:	Complexion: Light Brown
Driver License No:	Driver License State:		Facial Hair: Beard - Short	Facial Shape: Oval
Attire: Jeans, Black coat	Circumstances:		Weapon Used:	Reporting Statement Obtained: Yes
SMT: Unknown	Testify: No		Fire Dept Response: yes	Taken By: Medical Examiner
Victim Of: 0803 - Accidental Death	Type of Injury: Fatal Impact injuries		Taken By: Medical Examiner	
Victim Type: Deceased	Hospital Taken To: No		Medical Release Obtained: No	Hold Placed By:
Injury:	Attending Physician:		Hold Placed By:	

Victim Offender Relationships

Offender:	Relationship:
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Law Enforcement Officer Killed or Assaulted Information	Type:	Justifiable Homicide Circumstances:
	Assignment:	
	Activity:	

Victim Notes:

Other Entity O4: Helter, Jesse **PDA: No**

Aliases:	DOB:	Age: 00	Sex: Male	Race: White	Ethnicity: Non-Hispanic
Height:	Weight:	Hair Color: Brown		Eye Color:	
Address: 2454 Occidental Ave S #1-A		County: King		Phone:	
City, State Zip: Seattle, WA 98134		Country: United States of America		Business Phone: 206-625-6293	
Other Address:				Other Phone:	
Resident: Nonresident	Occupation/Grade: Claim Representative		Employer/School: Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad		
SSN:	Driver License State:		Place Of Birth: Unknown		
Driver License No:	Driver License State:		Driver License Country:		
Attire: Orange reflective vest, hard hat, jeans, boots	Reporting Statement Obtained:		Complexion: Light/Fair		
SMT: Unknown	Entity Type: Other Individual		Facial Hair:		
Entity Notes:			Facial Shape: Oval		

Other Entity O5: Lombardi, Jill **PDA: No**

Aliases:	DOB:	Age: 00	Sex: Female	Race: White	Ethnicity: Non-Hispanic
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Height:	Weight:	Hair Color:	Blonde/strawberry	Eye Color:	
Address:	3619 Pacific Ave		County:	Pierce	Phone:
City, State Zip:	Tacoma, WA 98418		Country:	United States of America	Business Phone:
Other Address:					253-798-6454
Resident:	Nonresident	Occupation/Grade:	Medical Investigator	Other Phone:	
SSN:				Employer/School:	Pierce County Medical Examiner's Office
Driver License No:		Driver License State:		Place Of Birth:	Unknown
Attire:	Black cargo pants, boots, black coat ME Office			Driver License Country:	
SMT:	Unknown			Complexion:	Light/Fair
Entity Type:	Other Individual	Reporting Statement Obtained:		Facial Hair:	
Entity Notes:				Facial Shape:	Round

Property Item No. 2/1: 20514 - Evidence - Digital Image(s)

Other Common Item:		Photographed:	Yes
Description:	Photos of scene	Fingerprinted:	No
Quantity:	5	Contents Sampled:	
Finding Location:		Owner:	
Status:	E - Evidence (Including Other Seized Property And Tools)	Value:	
Recovered Date:		Make/Brand:	
Recovered Value:		Model:	
Field Tested:		Serial No:	
Field Test Results:		OAN:	
Property Disposition:	Transferred To Case Images	Insurance Company:	
Disposition Location:		Policy No:	

Vehicle Information:

License:		Locked:	
License State:		Keys in Vehicle:	
License Country:		Delinquent Payment:	
Vehicle Year:		Victim Consent:	
Make:		Drivable:	
Model:		Estimated Damage:	
Vehicle Style:		Damage:	
Primary Vehicle Color:		Damaged Area:	
Secondary Vehicle Color:		Tow Company:	
VIN:		Tow Consent:	
Special Features:		Hold Requested By:	

Drug Information:

Drug Type:		Drug Measure:	
Drug Quantity:		Drug Measure Type:	

Jewelry Information:

Metal Color:		Total # of Stones:	
Metal Type:		Inscription:	
Stone Color:		Generally Worn By:	

Firearm Information:

Caliber:		Length:	
Gauge:		Finish:	
Action:		Grips:	
Importer:		Stock:	

Property Notes:	
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Enter	Date	Time	WACIC	LESA	Initial	Release Info.	Date	Time	Release No.	Release Authority
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Investigative Information

Means:	Between 1800 and 0600 hours	Motive:	
Vehicle Activity:		Direction Vehicle Traveling:	

Synopsis:	
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Narrative:	<p>On Sunday, February 5, 2017 at approximately 22:00 hours, I was called at home in reference to a train versus pedestrian fatal collision that just occurred in the 400 block of Spring Street. I was advised by Captain Engle that an MCRT call-out response would be necessary to investigate the circumstances. I was informed the pedestrian involved was already pronounced as deceased by Central Pierce Fire and Rescue. Therefore, I contacted Officer Obermiller and Officer Kenyon from the MCRT team to accompany me for this investigation.</p> <p>I arrived first from our team and contacted Sergeant Bourbon and Officer Hendricks with Officer Wicks (a two-officer unit) already on scene for more information. PPD Chaplain Boisture was also on location and accompanying this group. After being briefed on the details known up to that point, I was contacted by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Claims Representative Rodney L. Hudnall who also arrived at the scene. He advised me a BNSF Officer was also en route to assist, but was quite a distance away from arriving due to the weather conditions. The weather during this time frame was actively snowing heavily, and there was at least 6-inches of fresh snow on the ground and still snowing at this time. During the course of this investigation, it snowed approximately 3 more inches.</p> <p>I was informed that the deceased subject was positively identified as "Ronnie Alicia Sturgus" from a plastic hospital band the subject had on his wrist. From this information, Officer Hedrick advised he used law enforcement resources to locate several previous reports and history involving this subject. I looked up one of these reports from PCSO which occurred on 1/18/17 and involved Sturgus. In this report, Sturgus was involuntarily committed to the Recovery Response Center after he was found in a condition of being extremely intoxicated and unable to care for himself in Pierce County near Graham. In that report, the deputy mentioned that Sturgus was not living at an exact address, but was believed to be homeless. The Pierce County case number for this incident in January 2017 was #1701800285.</p> <p>I asked Officer Hedrick to call local hospitals regarding the plastic wrist band, and attempt to determine if the deceased had been discharged from a local facility earlier. We learned that Sturgus has been seen in the emergency room of Multi-care's Tacoma General Hospital earlier in the afternoon at approximately 16:00 hours for "shoulder pain", but doctors could not find anything wrong with him. They advised Sturgus was discharged. According to the medical examiner's office, who also contacted Tacoma General Hospital prior to responding to our scene, the hospital reportedly provided Sturgis with shelter resource information. I cannot be confirmed how Sturgus arrived in Puyallup after this visit to the Tacoma General Hospital.</p> <p>However, it is very standard practice for hospitals to provide subjects cab fair or other means of transportation to centers like the New Hope Center in Puyallup, a homeless center which provides overnight shelter and neighboring churches, for such clients when Tacoma shelters are full, which they typically are full during the winter months. It should be noted this collision with the train occurred just one block away from the New Hope Center at 414 Spring St. Puyallup, WA. However, I cannot confirm that Sturgis was attempting to get in to New Home on this night prior to the collision.</p> <p>We attempted to locate any next of kin information for Sturgus, and located one name for a possible mother showing a Pierce County address in Spanaway, WA. I requested Officer Hendricks accompanied by Chaplain Boisture respond to this address, which was attempted to be confirmed through TLO for proper in-</p>
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person notification. Due to the severe winter weather, though, Officer Hendricks advised he was unable to reach the Spanaway address due to nearly becoming stuck on the side streets in the snow in rural Pierce County. Therefore, further attempts at notification were abandoned this night.

I remained at the scene while Officers Obermiller and Officer Kenyon investigated the scene further and conducted interviews with the train conductor and engineer who both witnessed the collision from the lead engine of the train. I was informed the train had been traveling eastbound on the South side set of railroad tracks (#1 set of tracks) when the incident happened. When I arrived, the train was already fully stopped, and the lead engine reached approximately the 1300 block of East Pioneer after it was put into emergency braking mode following the impact with Sturgus. I was informed the train consisted of "grain" carrying containers as a cargo, but all were empty at this time. I later learned through Burlington Northern officials that the train weighed approximately 3398 tons even when unloaded with engines attached. The train was extremely long and spanned from the 1300 block of East Pioneer past the 1000 block of West Stewart Ave at the end and contained 100 cars and engines from front to back.

While on scene, I took five digital images of the area where the body of Sturgus landed. I noticed the body was on its back and his legs and arms were folded underneath him. It appeared the impact with the train occurred to the right side of the body since there was noticeable damage and a gaping hole in the lower torso area near his stomach. Next to the body, I was told by Sergeant Bourbon there was also a small area of intestines on the ground, but his area was covered up with snow already. I noted while officers were searching the deceased's pockets for identification, a small metal pipe commonly used to smoke cannabis was located and placed on top of his pants pocket area. I photographed this pipe and it was collected by the medical examiner. It is unknown if Sturgis had been smoking from the pipe tonight, and results will need to wait from toxicology for this to be researched.

I secured the scene until Officer Obermiller and Officer Kenyon were finished with their interviews and the train was released and left the area. Once gone, I looked at the area of the first set of tracks (South set of tracks) where the subject had been walking prior to the impact. I observed one set of footprints walking with normal pace indented in the snow from East to West. The footprints then change course, and I observed one individual foot print on the South side of this track. This footprint was not, however, a significant distance away from the track in consideration that locomotive engines span the entire width of a set of tracks and usually at least one to two feet beyond the outside of the track itself. There was a disturbance in the snow, or sweeping mark observed and one white tennis shoe still in the snow. I used my issued department issued Lidar to measure an approximate distance from the location where the last footprint was observed in the snow to the location of the body. I received a measurement of approximately 81 feet Sturgus was thrown by the impact.

I called for the Pierce County Medical Examiner's Office to the scene, and Medical Investigator Jill Lombardi responded and made contact with us. Officers provided Lombardi with all the information we had up to that point, and assisted her in removal of the body from the scene. I requested that a medical record of the autopsy including toxicology please be sent Puyallup PD upon completion by the medical examiner. This ended my involvement for the night and I cleared the scene.

The next work shift on 2/7/17 at approximately 15:00 hours, Officer Kenyon and I met with BNSF Rodney L. Hudnall regarding the case at their main office in Tacoma. Hudnall advised us he had the video footage taken from the front of the train from that night. Hudnall showed us the video from his desk computer screen, and then again from another laptop equipped with sound speakers.

The video depicted the view from the front of the engine and showed the front light on the train was fully functioning out the front of the train. Visibility was poor outside as snow could be seen coming down hard in the video. I could also hear the train's loud whistle blowing in the background, and carried on through both through the crossings at 4th St and West Stewart then again at South Meridian and further eastbound sounding with blasts again at 2nd St NE and East Main Ave. The video shows a dark figure of a person walking westbound and come into view walking down the middle of the first set of tracks (the tracks this train was rolling on), The video then depicts the male subject look up with about one length of the engine distance ahead then turn slightly to the left and step off with his left foot over the edge of the tracks. The male then goes out of view. Immediately, I could hear the sound of the conductor/engineer applying the emergency brakes on the train and a metal on metal sound was heard on the video. The train then comes to a stop and this ended the video clip.

Officer Kenyon and I finished our meeting and responded back out to a Spanaway address looking for the next-of-kin (mother) for the deceased. Originally, Officer Hendrick researched this information of the mother's name via Tacoma General Hospital the night of the collision. He learned the female was listed on Sturgis' hospital information as a family contact. We used law enforcement research tools to locate a phone number and most current. However, we were unsuccessful in reaching the mother and learned she had moved from the address five months prior. No forwarding address or current phone number was known for Sturgis' mother. Therefore, no family notification could be made for the deceased at this time.

This ended my involvement with this case, and it was assigned to Traffic Officer Kenyon for further investigation.

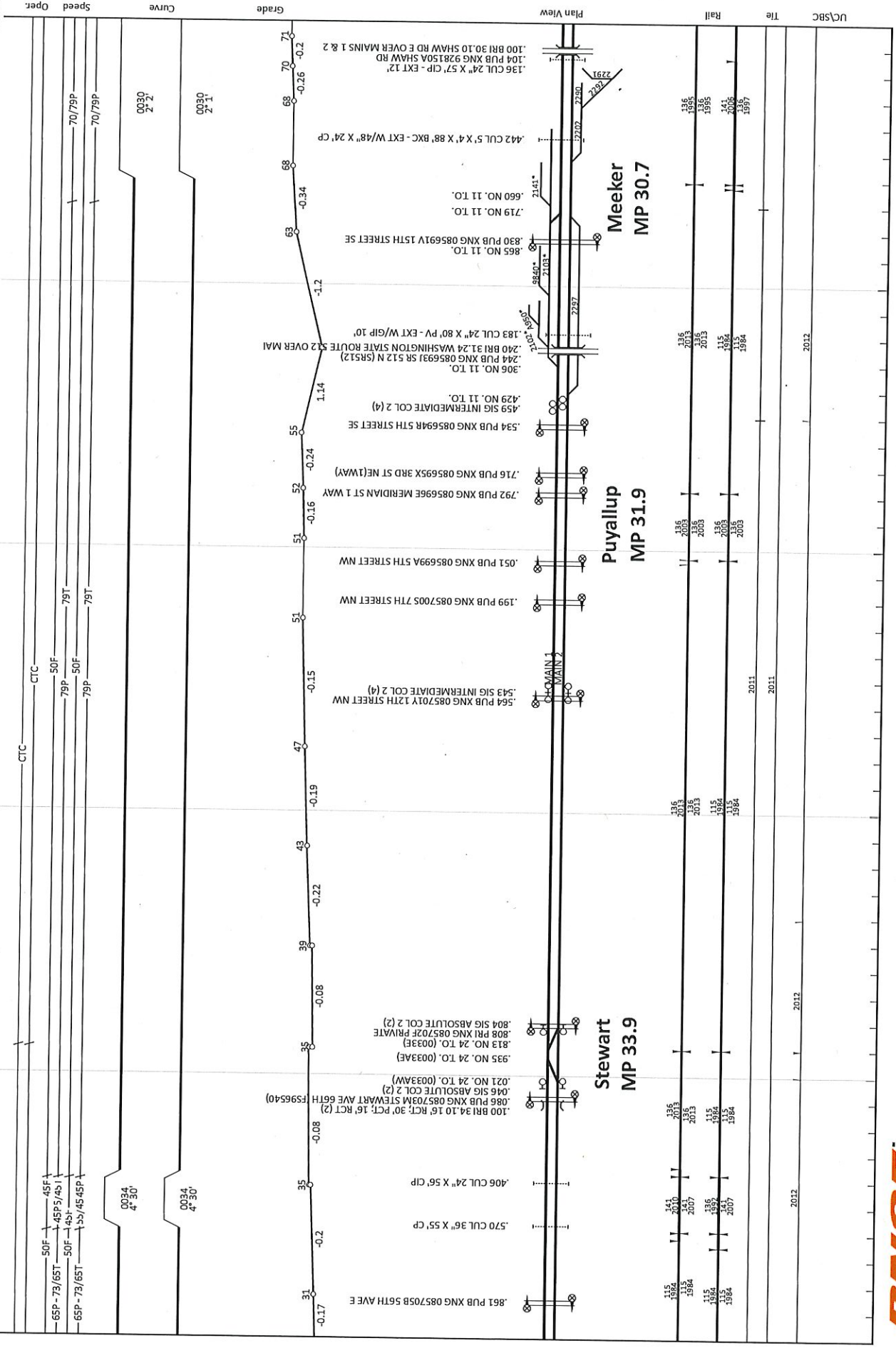
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