



# Rail Incident Investigation Report

Docket No: TR-  Report Date:   
Railroad Owning Track:  Railroad Operating on Track:   
FRA Investigation: Yes  No  Inspector:

## 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:  Time:   
USDOT Crossing No.:  UTC Crossing No.:   
Railroad Milepost:  GPS Identifier: Lat:  Lon:   
Number of Tracks:  City:  County:   
Road name, yard name, bridge:

## 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   
Train Type: Freight  Passenger  Locomotive only  Cars only  Train Speed:   
Haz-Mat on Train: Yes  No  N/A  Remote Control: Yes  No  N/A   
Type of Haz-Mat:

## IV. Pedestrian, Driver, or Passenger Fatalities

Does this section apply? Yes  No

Number of Fatalities:  of a vehicle accident, number of passengers:   
Name:   
Driver:  Passenger  Pedestrian  Age:  Gender: Male  Female  non-binary   
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:

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**V. Pedestrian, Driver, or Passenger Injuries**

Does this section apply? Yes  No

Number of people injured:

If a vehicle accident, number of passengers:

Name:

Driver: Passenger: Pedestrian: Age: Gender: Male Female non-binary

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 (not at a Crossing)**

Does this section apply? Yes  No

Obvious signs of consistent pedestrian trespass? Yes  No

If yes, describe: Well worn foot path from N 1st Ave to railroad tracks

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

If yes, describe: There is a pedestrian/bike path across tracks from N 1st Ave

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

If yes, describe: Several BNSF No Trespassing signs posted along railroad right-of-way

Previous collisions at or near site? Yes  No

If yes, describe: There have been previous fatalities at this location with obvious signs of trespassing

**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 (fatalities, injuries, property damage)

Last inspection date?

Defects? Yes No If yes, describe:

**VIII. Attachments**

Railroad incident report? Yes  No

Local law enforcement report? Yes  No

Coroner/medical examiner report? Yes  No

Pictures? Yes  No

Death Certificate? Yes  No

Copy of most current inventory? Yes  No

Other (describe):

Empty text box for additional information.

**IX. Comments**

**Event Summary:**

On June 3, 2017, a 52 year old female was struck by a northbound BNSF freight train at approximately 9:30 p.m. as she attempted to cross the railroad tracks. She was not at a crossing.

**Site Description:**

There is adequate sight distance in both directions, provided there is not a train stopped on one of the tracks. This area is prone to trespass issues as there is a pedestrian/bike path across the tracks from North 1st Avenue.

**Inspector Recommendations:**

I recommend a trespass abatement analysis be performed of the location of the incident.

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**Rail Safety Supervisor Comments/Sign Off:**

Minor grammatical errors adjusted. Added Bridge name in section II. Support staff recommendation for trespass abatement analysis which has been completed as of December 2019, fencing to be expanded in the area. - EE 2/21/2020

**Director of Transportation Safety Comments/Sign Off:**

Support staff recommendation for trespass abatement analysis.

Approved to close - KH 3/4/2020



DANGER  
TRESPASSING ON  
RAILWAY PROPERTY  
IS ILLEGAL  
OFFENDERS WILL  
BE PROSECUTED  
BNSF POLICE  
1-800-832-0432

No Trespassing  
Sign



West Approach No Trespassing sign



Approximate  
Location of Incident



Approximate  
location of accident





Site Distance North



SHUNT

Sight Distance  
North



Sight Distance  
South



Sight Distance  
South



N 5  
LA WAY CO

NO  
TRESPASSING  
BNSF RAILWAY CO

DANGER  
BNSF RAILWAY CO  
RAILWAY PROPERTY  
IS LEGAL  
OFFENDERS WILL  
BE PROSECUTED  
BNSF POLICE  
(800) 421-5422

Trespass Trail and  
Signs



East approach trail-not trespassing signs



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TRESPASSING ON  
RAILWAY PROPERTY  
IS ILLEGAL  
  
OFFENDERS WILL  
BE PROSECUTED  
**BNSF POLICE**  
1-800-832-5452

West Approach  
End of Fence



**DANGER**  
TRESPASSING ON  
RAILWAY PROPERTY  
IS ILLEGAL



OFFENDERS WILL  
BE PROSECUTED  
**BNSF POLICE**  
1-800-832-5452

End of Fence Bike/  
Ped Path Side of  
Tracks



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15400

**Halstead, Lori (UTC)**

**From:** Service, Interruption Desk <ServiceInterruptionDesk@BNSF.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 04, 2017 12:16 AM  
**To:** Ruby Jr, Jan E; Hackney, Roland D; Wootton, Jared T; Moyer, Jason; Surina, Mike I; Wessler, Richard W; Noel, Tamara T; Melonas, Gus S; Wallace, Courtney; Hill, Sean P; Halstead, Lori (UTC); Byrns-davis, Megan; OPR DL (SI Desk Use ONLY) Cargorelated  
**Cc:** OPR DL (SI Desk Use ONLY) North Region Incident  
**Subject:** 060317 XKAHWMI903 struck a trespasser on Seattle Sub.doc

060317 XKAHWMI903 struck a trespasser on Seattle Sub

**BNSF Fort Worth – Network Operations Center – INCIDENT REPORT**

				<b>D-Code:</b>	176028
<b>Date:</b>	060317	<b>Time:</b>	2328CT	<b>MP:</b>	97.1
				<b>Divn:</b>	Northwest
<b>Time &amp; Date Last Revised:</b>					
<b>Subdivision:</b>	Seattle	<b>State:</b>	WA	<b>County:</b>	Cowlitz
<b>Line Segment:</b>			52		
<b>Nearest Station:</b>			Kelso, WA		
<b>Nearest Major Terminal (distance/direction):</b>			Vancouver (39 miles/South)		
<b>Weather Conditions (Temp, wind, precipitation):</b> 56 degrees, Wind at 10 MPH, 0% Precipitation					

<b>Injuries or Fatalities?</b>	01 trespasser fatally injured	<b>Employee?</b>	No
<b>Name:</b>		<b>Craft:</b>	

<b>Symbol:</b>	X KAHWMI9 03	<b>If Yard Job, is it Remote Control Operation (RCO)?</b>			
<b>Lead Locos:</b>	BNSF 7992, BNSF 6632	<b>L-E-T-F:</b>	0-112-3472-6730		
<b>DP Locos:</b>		<b>Direction:</b>	North		
<b>Did Lead locomotive have Ditch Lites?</b>		<b>Were Ditch Lite's operating?</b>			
<b>Speed:</b>	28MPH	<b>Maximum Authorized Speed:</b>	45MPH		
<b>Train Crew's Origin / Destination:</b>		Tacoma, WA/Auburn, WA			
<b>Conductor:</b>	MS Reed	<b>Engineer:</b>	B Phelps		
<b>Prior Rest</b>		<b>Prior Rest</b>			
<b>On Duty Time/Date:</b>	1730CT/03	<b>On Duty Location:</b>	Tacoma, WA		
<b>Crew Interviewed by:</b>	RFE Dwight Lathim				
<b>Event Recorder/Camera:</b>	RFE Lathim will handle downloads				

Locomotives video equipped?											
Lead Locos	Y/N		Y/N		Y/N		Y/N		Y/N		Y/N
BNSF 7992	Y	BNSF 6632	Y								

<b>Crossing Name:</b>	Not at a crossing	<b>DOT Number:</b>	
<b>Equipped with:</b>		<b>Functioning?</b>	
<b>Vehicle Direction:</b>		<b>Vehicle Description:</b>	
<b>Law Enforcement Agency:</b>	Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office Kelso P.D.	<b>Citations ?</b>	

<b>Haz Material ?</b>		<b>Release (Y/N):</b>		<b># Cars, Amount:</b>	
<b>Commodity:</b>					

<b>Derailed Locomotives / Cars:</b>					
<b>Init. Number:</b>	<b>Line:</b>	<b>Position (upright?):</b>	<b>Contents:</b>	<b>Disposition:</b>	

<b>Heavy equipment ordered:</b>					
<b>Equip. ETA:</b>		<b>Equipment Arrived:</b>		<b>Equipment Released:</b>	
<b>Main Blocked?</b>	Yes, MT1 and MT2	<b>Estimated Reopen:</b>	MT2: 0130CT/04 MT1: 0330CT/04	<b>Actual Reopen:</b>	MT2: 0135CT/04 MT1: 0135CT/04

<b>Estimated Damages and Costs:</b>			
\$		<b>Track</b>	Track, Track Structures, and Roadbed Damages.
\$		<b>Signal</b>	
\$		<b>"Other"</b>	Adjacent buildings, other private property, etc.
\$		<b>Car Damages</b>	Car damage, incl. flat cars but excluding their trailers/containers and contents.
\$		<b>Locomotive Damages</b>	
\$	0	<b>FRA Reportable Subtotal</b>	2017 FRA Reportable \$10,700

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

<b>Cause Code:</b>	M505	<b>Description:</b>	Cause under investigation
<b>Cause: Which Car / Locomotive, etc.?</b>			
<b>Brief Narrative of Incident:</b>			
XKAHWM1903 struck a trespasser at MP 97.0, not at a crossing. No crew injuries. Trespasser fatally injured.			
0135CT update: Local authorities are clear of the tracks and traffic has resumed on MT2.			
XKAHWM1903 is tied down MT1, relief crew is en route to get on train and continue movement.			

<b>Post Accident Testing (FRA):</b>			
<b>Did this incident meet FRA Post Accident Testing criteria?</b>	No		
<b>If the incident analysis indicates the need for FRA Testing, Contact MEH Dept</b> 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.			
<b>Did the AGST agree with the above analysis?</b>	Yes		
<b>Was the Mgr. Dispatching Practices and Rules notified?</b>			
<b>Was the Shipping Box checked prior to use/shipment?</b>			
<b>Were the vials checked to insure they have not expired?</b>			
<b>Was the train crew tested?</b>		<b>Which BNSF Mgr took crew for test?</b>	
<b>Was the Dispatcher tested?</b>		<b>Which BNSF Mgr took Dispr for test?</b>	

<b>Notifications:</b>			
<b>Time:</b>	<b>Entity:</b>	<b>Person Notified:</b>	<b>Reminders:</b>
2328CT	<b>Service Interruption:</b>	JG by DS 86	<b>Include who notified SID.</b>
2329CT	<b>Resource Operations:</b>	Rachel Martinez	
	<b>Outlook Mail: OPR DL Cargorelated</b>	Page and copy of this report	<b>Notify them of all derailments, collisions, or shipment damages.</b>
2336CT 2344CT	<b>Trainmaster:</b>	Jason Sas - LVM Luke Otteson - Notified	<b>Get ETA, check Cell number.</b>
2334CT	<b>Road Foreman Engines:</b>	Dwight Lathim - Notified	
2338CT	<b>Signal Desk: 593 - 5998</b>	Tyson Flatt	<b>Signal Logs, TWD Logs.</b>

	M/W Desk: 593-6823/1 Mechanical Desk:		Last track insp, last B-9 insp. Emergency car desk 593-9128
	Corridor Supt:	JE Ruby Jr - Copy of this report	
2330CT	GST/AGST:	Darren Whitten	
	Divn Supt Operations:	RD Hackney - Copy of this report	
	Divn General Manager:	JT Wootton - Copy of this report	
	Divn GDT:	JH Moyer - Copy of this report	
0008CT	Manager Dispatching Practices & Rules: 352-1312	Wayne Giddings	Tape recordings, including SID and ROC, when appropriate.
	Superintendent Operating Practices (All have Blackberry)	MI Surina - Copy of this report	California, L.A. Chicago Red River Kansas Montana Heartland Northwest Powder River North Powder River South Southwest Twin Cities Coleman, Herbert T Wazny, William A Cleveland, Scott M Valencia, Randy J Mizelle, Nicholas O Musgrove, Chris E Surina, Mike I Erickson, Tony A Percival, Everett E Remington, John R. Lund, Michael E
	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. <i>If California, notify CUPA.</i>		Page for all Hazardous Incidents: Pat Brady, Piper, Justin, Reid, Clay D, Howard Horn, David C Clark, John D. Lovenburg, Allen Stegman, Laura Fiffick
	ChemTrec (USA) 800-424-9300  CanuTec (Canada) 1-888-226-8832 or 613-996-6666		Call whenever Haz Matl car involved in derailment or damaged; whether leaking or not.  Run TSS: WBCOPY & HAZ & EXCR
0011CT/04	NRC: (#1) 800 - 424 - 8802 (Initial SID Analysis) Reasons for notifying them now include for significant violence or threats of violence against people or property (02-07-01). NRC: (#2) 800 - 424 - 8802	Nick Report # 1180200	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>
0003CT/04	State:	Washington Emergency Operations - Beth Rand: # 17-1993.  Copy of this report to: LHalstea@utc.wa.gov	
	California - CUPA		
	Foreign Railroad:		

	<b>"Go Team"</b> 1. Alpha Page Mark Schulze. 2. Alpha Page team on duty.		<b>Contact the "Team" that's on duty. If approp., also notify Mark Schulze.</b> <i>(To see Team on duty, go to n/SID/SIDBOTH/GOTEAM).</i>
2339CT	<b>Passenger Svcs: 352-2606</b>	Desic Young  Wessler and Noel - Copy of this report	If Incident Involves passenger train route, email copy of report to <b>Rich Wessler, Tamora Noel.</b>
	<b>State Corporate Relations:</b>	Melonas and Wallace - Page and copy of this report	<b>Notify of all significant Incidents:</b> <b>Gus Melonas and Courtney Wallace:</b> BC, ID, OR, WA <b>Ross Richard Lane:</b> MT, WY <b>Matt Jones:</b> MT, ID <b>Joe Faust:</b> AL, AR, LA, MS, TN, TX <b>Lena Kent:</b> AZ, CA <b>Amy McBeth:</b> MB, MN, ND, SD, WI <b>Andy Williams:</b> KS, MO, NE, IL, KY, IA <b>Joe Sloan:</b> CO, OK, NM, UT, NV
	<b>Energy Desk:</b>		Notify Energy desk of any crude oil train derailments: <b>OPR DL Energy Desk managers or call 817-8670021</b>
	<b>Director Transportation Support – Sean Hill</b>	Page and copy of this report	Page for all main track derailments, crossing and trespasser accidents, and anything else affecting main track velocity.

## Halstead, Lori (UTC)

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**From:** State Emergency Operations Officer (MIL)  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 03, 2017 10:24 PM  
**To:** ECY DL SWRO ERTS COORDINATOR; 'Cowlitz County'; Diamant, John (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  
**Subject:** NRC#1180200, BNSF Train vs. Trespasser | 17-1993

Reporting Party Name & Position: Jose Granados, Service Interruption Manager, (817)352-2832 Name of Railroad(s) involved: BNSF Date/Time of Event: 6/3/17 @ 2128 PDT (2328 CDT) Time Reported to State EOC: 2203h on 3 Jun 17 Milepost and/or Address of Event: Seattle Subdivision 97.0 in Kelso on main track Type of Rail Car Involved: Under investigation Number of Injuries/Fatalities: Unknown subject Type and Amount Of HAZMAT Spilled: Circumstances of the Incident: Trespassing Name and Phone of Local Contact: Luke Otteson (360) 768-7964 Railroad Incident Number: none State EOC Incident Number: 17-1993

At 2203h this date, Jose Granados, BNSF Railway Service Interruption Manager (817) 352-2832, phoned the WAEOC to report a train versus 'trespasser' incident that occurred at 2128h PDT in which there was a single fatality in Kelso, WA at milepost 97.0 on the main track. The number of the train involved is XKAHWM1903. It was initially reported that the Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office had responded and was on scene, but it was determined that the Kelso Police Department is the responding law enforcement agency. Their case number is B1701698 and Sergeant Kirk Wiper is the supervisor. There was no HAZMAT release.

The state incident number for this event is 17-1993. Attached below is the NRC report regarding the incident.

Elizabeth Byrd-Rand  
State Emergency Operations Officer  
Washington State Emergency Management Division Building 20, MS: TA-20 Camp Murray, WA 98430-5122  
1-800-258-5990

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

From: HQS-PF-flidr-NRC@uscg.mil [mailto:HQS-PF-flidr-NRC@uscg.mil]  
Sent: Saturday, June 3, 2017 10:18 PM  
To: State Emergency Operations Officer (MIL) <Dutyofficer@mil.wa.gov>; State Emergency Operations Officer (MIL) <Dutyofficer@mil.wa.gov>; State Emergency Operations Officer (MIL) <Dutyofficer@mil.wa.gov>  
Subject: NRC#1180200

NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER 1-800-424-8802

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Information released to a third party shall comply with any applicable federal and/or state Freedom of Information and Privacy Laws

Incident Report # 1180200

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

\*Report taken by: CIV NICHOLAUS THREATT at 01:12 on 04-JUN-17  
Incident Type: RAILROAD NON-RELEASE  
Incident Cause: TRESPASSER

Affected Area:

Incident was discovered on 03-JUN-17 at 23:28 local incident time.

Affected Medium: RAIL REPORT (N/A)

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REPORTING PARTY

Name: JOSE GRANADOS  
Organization: BNSF RAILWAY  
Address: 2200 LOU MENK DRIVE  
FORT WORTH, TX 76131

PRIMARY Phone: (817)3522832  
Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

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SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Name: UNKNOWN

Type of Organization: UNKNOWN

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INCIDENT LOCATION

County: COWLITZ  
City: KELSO State: WA  
MILE[PST]: 97.0

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RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

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DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

TRESPASSER FATALITY INVOLVED WITH A FREIGHT TRAIN.

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SENSITIVE INFORMATION

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INCIDENT DETAILS

Grade Crossing: NO  
Location Subdivision: SEATTLE  
Railroad Milepost: 97.0  
Type of Vehicle Involved:  
Crossing Device Type:  
Device Operational: YES  
DOT Crossing Number:  
Date and Time Service was/will be Restored:  
Brake Failure: UNKNOWN  
Federal Post-Accident 219.201 Sub Part C Testing Required: NO  
Passenger Train Route: YES  
Passenger Train Delay Expected: NO  
Passenger Train Delay Handling:  
---RAILROAD INFORMATION---  
Railroad Involved: BNSF RAILWAY  
Train Number: XKAHWM1903

Train Type: FREIGHT Train Direction:  
Train Speed: Track Speed:  
Locomotives: Cars: Derailed:  
Suspected DOT Regulation Non Compliance: UNKNOWN  
DERAILED CARS:  
Pos. Car number Type Cargo

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IMPACT

Fire Involved: NO Fire Extinguished: UNKNOWN

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

Damages: NO

Closure Type	Description of Closure	Hours Closed	Direction of Closure
N			
Air:			
N			Major
Road:			Artery:N
N			
Waterway:			
Y MAIN LINE			E/W
Track:			

Environmental Impact: UNKNOWN  
Media Interest: UNKNOWN Community Impact due to Material:

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REMEDIAL ACTIONS

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

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WEATHER

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ADDITIONAL AGENCIES NOTIFIED

Federal:  
State/Local: STATE EMERGENCY  
State/Local On Scene:  
State Agency Number: 17-1993

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NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (GRASP)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (770)4887100  
CGIS D13 FIELD OFFICE (CGIS D13 COMMAND CENTER)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (206)2207141  
COWLITZ DEPT OF EMERGENCY MGMT (COMMAND CENTER)

04-JUN-17 01:17 (360)5773130  
DHS DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY (CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL TECHNOLOGI  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (703)7673477  
NATIONAL COORDINATING CTR FOR COMMS (NCC COMM-ISAC)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (703)2355626  
DOT CRISIS MANAGEMENT CENTER (MAIN OFFICE)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (202)3661863  
FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMIN. (MAIN OFFICE)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (202)4936212  
FEMA REGION 10 (MAIN OFFICE)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (425)4874704  
NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE COORD CTR (MAIN OFFICE)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (202)2829201  
NOAA RPTS FOR WA (MAIN OFFICE)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (206)5264911  
NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER HQ (AUTOMATIC REPORTS)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (202)2671136  
NTSB RAIL (MAIN OFFICE)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (202)3146293  
HOMELAND SEC COORDINATION CENTER (MAIN OFFICE)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (202)2828300  
OREGON DEQ (EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAM)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (503)2296391  
OREGON TITAN FUSION CENTER (FUSION COMMAND CENTER)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (877)6204702  
SECTOR COLUMBIA RIVER (DETACHED IMD)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (503)2409370  
WA STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (MAIN OFFICE)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (800)2585990  
TSA SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY (TWIC ENFORCEMENT)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (206)3875236  
WASHINGTON STATE FUSION CENTER (FUSION COMMAND CENTER)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (877)8439522  
WASHINGTON STATE NATIONAL GUARD (COMMAND CENTER)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (253)5128159

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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\*\*\* END INCIDENT REPORT #1180200 \*\*\*

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





# KELSO POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Detail Report for Incident 17-1698

**Incident No.:** 17-1698

**Partition:** KEPD

**Nature:** Death Invest

**Address:** N 1ST AVE/ALLEN ST

**Location:**

KE WA 98626

**Offense Codes:** Death Investigation

**Received By:** DRAKOS A

**How Received:** 911 Line

**Agency:** KEPD

**Responding Officers:** BROWN DAVIDSON T DRAKOS A SLAVEN R TUCKER D WIPER

**Responsible Officer:** DRAKOS A

**Disposition:** Closed Case 06/03/17

**When Reported:** 21:33:25 06/03/17

**Occurred Between:** 21:33:25 06/03/17 and 00:31:33 06/04/17

**Assigned To:**

**Detail:**

**Date Assigned:** \*\*/\*\*/\*\*

**Status:**

**Status Date:** \*\*/\*\*/\*\*

**Due Date:** \*\*/\*\*/\*\*

### INVOLVEMENT LIST:

Type:	Record #:	Description:	Date:	Relationship:
VH	120731	0 TRAIN	06/03/17	TRAIN
NM	32685	STONE, KATHLEEN LYNN	06/03/17	VICTIM
NM	240636	REED, MICHAEL SEAN	06/03/17	WITNESS
NM	240664	PHELPS, BRYAN KBITH JR	06/04/17	WITNESS
NM	240665	LATHIM, DWIGHT DEAN	06/04/17	WITNESS
CA	KE1707469	**,**,** **/**/**	06/03/17	Initiating Call

### CIRCUMSTANCES:

RR Rail Road Tracks

DEATH Death

NIGHT Night (6 p.m. - 6 a.m.)

### VICTIMS:

**Name:** STONE, KATHLEEN L.      **Name Number:** 32685      **Relationship:** VICTIM  
**Race:** W      **Sex:** F      **DOB:** 01/01/65      **Hght:** 5'05"      **Weight:** 120      **Hair:** BRO      **Eyes:** BLU

**Address:** TRANSIENT, Longview, WA 98632

**Home Phone:** ( ) -

**Work Phone:** ( ) -

**Employer:**

**Emp. Phone:**

**Comments:**

### WITNESSES:

**Name:** REED, MICHAEL S.      **Name Number:** 240636      **Relationship:** WITNESS

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Race: W      Sex: M      DOB: 02/21/84      Hght: 5'10"      Weight: 165      Hair:      Eyes: BLU

Address: 15815 88TH AVE, PUYALLUP, WA 98375  
Home Phone: (425)445-43221      Work Phone: () -  
Employer:      Emp. Phone:  
Comments:

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Name: PHELPS, BRYAN K. JR      Name Number: 240664      Relationship: WITNESS  
Race: W      Sex: M      DOB: 06/12/91      Hght: 5'10"      Weight: 155      Hair: BRO      Eyes: GRN

Address: 7540 178TH ST, PUYALLUP, WA 98375  
Home Phone: (219)406-0854      Work Phone: () -  
Employer:      Emp. Phone:  
Comments:

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Name: LATHIM, DWIGHT D.      Name Number: 240665      Relationship: WITNESS  
Race: W      Sex: M      DOB: 10/01/62      Hght: 5'11"      Weight: 160      Hair:      Eyes: BRO

Address: 11308 103RD ST NE, Vancouver, WA 98662  
Home Phone: () -      Work Phone: () -  
Employer:      Emp. Phone:  
Comments:

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**VEHICLE INFORMATION:**

Owner: 2818 BURLINGTON NORTHERN 115 INDUSTRIAL WY, Kelso, WA 98626  
(360)578-2360

Relationship: TRAIN  
Vehicle Number: 120731      License Plate: 7992  
VIN:      State:      Expires: \*\*/\*\*/\*\*  
Year: 0      /Make:      Model: TRAIN      Type:      Color: /      Doors: 0  
Value: 0      Characteristics:  
Comments:

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**NARRATIVE:**

Narrative of Officer Drakos

On 6/4/2017, at 2133 hours, I was dispatched to a train versus a pedestrian under the Cowlitz Way Bridge. I arrived on scene 2134 hours and observed a BNSF train #7992 stopped just north of the Cowlitz Way Bridge. The impression of the initial report from dispatch was the subject was unable to be located because the reporting party did not see where they went. While searching for the victim I made my way north along the east side of the tracks to the 2 lead engines of the 112 car train. I spoke to a locomotive engineer Michael Reed who was climbing down from the lead engine.

Reed told me he believed the train struck a woman who was on the tracks and she was dead. He described the collision occurring south of the overpass but could not tell which overpass. Nearby is the Cowlitz Way Bridge overpass and south approximately .2 miles is the Allen St Bridge. Officer Brown and I searched the surrounding area of the north section of the train before I headed southbound on foot towards the Allen St Bridge. I updated dispatch of the possible location and to start medical to that location. I observed what I believed to be a female body laying a few feet from the tracks just north of the Allen St. Bridge overpass. Dispatched advised all train traffic had been stopped.

As I approached the body, Cowlitz 2 Fire and Rescue Joe Tone was making his way to the body and checked her pulse. Tone advised the female subject was deceased. I observed a locomotive engineer nearby and identified him from his BNSF ID card as Bryan Phelps. I asked Phelps what happened. Phelps advised he was in the lead engine of the train with Reed. While planning for an upcoming red light stop he and Reed did not see the female crossing the tracks from east to west. When Phelps first recognized someone in front of the train he immediately sounded the train whistle and applied the air brakes. Phelps told me he heard the impact but did not see where she went. Phelps estimated the train was moving approximately 26 to 30 MPH at the time of impact. The train left from Kalama Washington and was traveling northbound to Auburn Washington. The train was stopped on the west main line tracks from the 500 block of N 1st to the last car in the 1500 block of S Pacific.

County Coroner was dispatched to the scene. I began photographing the scene and the female victim. Officer Brown was able to provide a positive identification of the female victim as Kathleen Lynn Stone from a previous contact. Stone is listed as a transient and was seen alone when crossing the tracks. Stone was found lying on her back with her body contorted, multiple abrasions and open wounds covered her body. Stone was bleeding from multiple locations on her face and the back of her head. A small black purse was found draped over Stone's shoulder. Her shoes were found south of her body approximately 50 feet. The southernmost shoe was located near a pathway where large conspicuous no trespassing signs were placed.

Coroners Tucker and Davidson arrived on scene and started their process of analyzing the scene. Phelps completed a written statement and returned to the engine car. BNSF field manager Dwight Lathim and BNSF Special Police Officer Oliver arrived to conduct an inquiry of what happened. Both parties were provided with the case number regarding this collision. Once the Coroners had possession of Stone's body they transported her to the Cowlitz County Coroner's Office. Tucker departed for the front engine of the train to document the impact area. Officer Slaven previously collected statements from Reed at the front engine car and photographs. It appeared Stone was struck by the stair casing on the west side of the train. Blood, hair and tissue were located on the railing. Railway traffic resumed once all departments cleared the scene.

Cowlitz County Coroner case number 15-317

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Case Closed.

Officer Signature:

A Drakos

Supervisor:

K. W. [Signature]

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**SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE :**

Supplement number: 1

Name: SLAVEN R

Date: 23:48:12 06/03/17

Officer R.W. Slaven:

Kelso Police Department

Uniform SUPPLEMENT Report Form

Incident: 17-1698

**Supplement:**

On 6/3/2017 at 2133 hours I was dispatched to a train versus pedestrian collision near the intersection of Allen Street/N 1st Ave. Dispatch advised it was unknown where the victim was currently located.

I arrived in the area and contacted the main engine which was stopped near the 500 block of N 1st Ave. I contacted witness Michael Reed who was in the main engine of Burlington Northern Train # 7992 during the time of the collision. He told me both him and the engineer were travelling north and when they came around a corner they spotted a female crouched down on the tracks approximately 150-250 feet in front of the train that was travelling north. Reed told me both him and the engineer blew the horn and applied emergency braking. Reed told me the female tried to walk west off the track at the last second but she was clipped by the west facing side of the train.

I collected a written and signed statement from Reed and photographed blood spatter and fatty tissue on the front west facing side of the engine. I then responded to the victim location near the intersection of N 1st Avenue/Allen Street. While in this area I photographed the victims shoes that were near the collision area. The collision area I noted was approximately 25 feet away from clearly posted "No Trespassing" signs.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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KELSO POLICE DEPARTMENT  
STATEMENT

REED, MICHAEL SEAN  
Name (Last, First, Middle)

02/21/84  
Date of Birth

17-1698  
Incident Report Number

15815 88<sup>TH</sup> AVE E PUYALLUP, WA 98375  
Address

6-3-17 / 2155  
Date Time

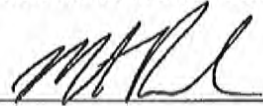
425-445-4322 /  
Home Phone Work Phone

500 BLOCK NORTH 1<sup>ST</sup> ON TRACKS  
Location of statement

I MICHAEL REED voluntarily make this statement in connection with a criminal investigation. I certify under penalty of perjury that the facts contained herein are true.

WHILE TRAVELING NORTH BOUND ON ENGINE BNSF 7992 THROUGH KELSO, AFTER COMING AROUND A CORNER, BOTH THE ENGINEER AND I SAW A FEMALE CROUCHED ON THE TRACKS APPROXIMATELY 150-250 FT IN FRONT OF THE TRAIN. WE BOTH BLEW THE HORN AND APPLIED EMERGENCY BRAKING. THE INDIVIDUAL TRIED TO WALK OFF OF THE TRACKS AT THE LAST SECOND, BUT WAS CLIPPED BY THE CORNER.

I have read the foregoing statement and certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing statement is true and correct. (RCW 9A.72.085.)

  
Signature

  
Witness

KELSO POLICE DEPARTMENT  
STATEMENT

Phelps, Bryan, Keith Jr 06/12/91  
Name (Last, First, Middle) Date of Birth  
7540 178<sup>th</sup> St Ct E Puyallup, WA 98375  
Address  
2194060854 / \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone Work Phone

17-1698  
Incident Report Number  
6-3-17 / 1 2150  
Date Time  
N 1st / Allen St  
Location of statement

I Bryan Phelps voluntarily make this statement in connection with a criminal investigation. I certify under penalty of perjury that the facts contained herein are true.

We were travelling Northbound on main track #1. We observed a pedestrian crossing the tracks. We blew the whistle to notify her. It was too late. We struck her on the river side of the train. I dumped the air and came to a stop. I walked back to check on her and she was deceased. She was crossing East to West across the tracks. She attempted to move. She was alone. No one else in the area. Phone number 2194060854

I have read the foregoing statement and certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing statement is true and correct. (RCW 9A.72.085.)

[Signature]  
Signature

[Signature]  
Witness

17-1993

NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER 1-800-424-8802

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Information released to a third party shall comply with any applicable federal and/or state Freedom of Information and Privacy Laws

Incident Report # 1180200

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

\*Report taken by: CIV NICHOLAUS THREATT at 01:12 on 04-JUN-17  
Incident Type: RAILROAD NON-RELEASE  
Incident Cause: TRESPASSER  
Affected Area:  
Incident was discovered on 03-JUN-17 at 23:28 local incident time.  
Affected Medium: RAIL REPORT (N/A)

REPORTING PARTY

Name: JOSE GRANADOS  
Organization: BNSF RAILWAY  
Address: 2200 LOU MENK DRIVE  
FORT WORTH, TX 76131

PRIMARY Phone: (817)3622832  
Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Name: UNKNOWN

Type of Organization: UNKNOWN

INCIDENT LOCATION

County: COWLITZ  
City: KELS0 State: WA  
MILE[PST]: 97.0

RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

TRESPASSER FATALITY INVOLVED WITH A FREIGHT TRAIN.

SENSITIVE INFORMATION

INCIDENT DETAILS

Grade Crossing: NO  
Location Subdivision: SEATTLE  
Railroad Milepost: 97.0  
Type of Vehicle Involved:  
Crossing Device Type:  
Device Operational: YES  
DOT Crossing Number:  
Date and Time Service was/will be Restored:  
Brake Failure: UNKNOWN  
Federal Post-Accident 210, 201 Sub Part C Testing Required: NO  
Passenger Train Route: YES  
Passenger Train Delay Expected: NO  
Passenger Train Delay Handling:  
---RAILROAD INFORMATION---  
Railroad Involved: BNSF RAILWAY  
Train Number: XKAHWM180



Train Type: FREIGHT Train Direction:  
Train Speed: Track Speed:  
Locomotives: Cars: Derailed:  
Suspected DOT Regulation Non Compliance: UNKNOWN  
DERAILED CARS:  
Pos. Car number Type Cargo

IMPACT

Fire Involved: NO Fire Extinguished: UNKNOWN

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

Damages: NO

Closure Type	Description of Closure	Hours Closed	Direction of Closure
Air:	N		
Road:	N		Major Artery: N
Waterway:	N		
Track:	Y MAIN LINE		E/W

Environmental Impact: UNKNOWN  
Media Interest: UNKNOWN Community Impact due to Material:

REMEDIAL ACTIONS

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

WEATHER

ADDITIONAL AGENCIES NOTIFIED

Federal:  
State/Local: STATE EMERGENCY  
State/Local On Scene:  
State Agency Number: 17-1993

NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (GRASP)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (770)4887100  
CGIS D13 FIELD OFFICE (CGIS D13 COMMAND CENTER)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (206)2207141  
COWLITZ DEPT OF EMERGENCY MGMT (COMMAND CENTER)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (360)5773190  
DHS DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY (CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL TECHNOLOGI  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (703)7673477  
NATIONAL COORDINATING CTR FOR COMMS (NCC COMM-ISAC)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (703)2955826  
DOT CRISIS MANAGEMENT CENTER (MAIN OFFICE)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (202)3661883  
FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMIN. (MAIN OFFICE)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (202)4938212  
FEMA REGION 10 (MAIN OFFICE)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (425)4874704  
NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE COORD CTR (MAIN OFFICE)

04-JUN-17 01:17 (202)2829201  
NOAA RPTS FOR WA (MAIN OFFICE)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (206)5264911  
NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER HQ (AUTOMATIC REPORTS)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (202)2871136  
NTSB RAIL (MAIN OFFICE)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (202)3148293  
HOMELAND SEC COORDINATION CENTER (MAIN OFFICE)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (202)2828300  
OREGON DEQ (EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAM)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (503)2296391  
OREGON TITAN FUSION CENTER (FUSION COMMAND CENTER)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (877)8204702  
SECTOR COLUMBIA RIVER (DETACHED IMD)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (503)2408970  
WA STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (MAIN OFFICE)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (800)2885980  
TSA SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY (TWIC ENFORCEMENT)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (206)9875238  
WASHINGTON STATE FUSION CENTER (FUSION COMMAND CENTER)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (877)8499622  
WASHINGTON STATE NATIONAL GUARD (COMMAND CENTER)  
04-JUN-17 01:17 (253)5128159

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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\*\*\* END INCIDENT REPORT #1180200 \*\*\*  
Report any problems by calling 1-800-424-8802  
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil>

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STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



CERTIFICATE OF DEATH



CERTIFICATE NUMBER: 2017-025270

LOCAL FILE NUMBER: 521

DATE ISSUED: 09/11/2017

FEE NUMBER: 70297044

FIRST AND MIDDLE NAME(S): KATHLEEN LYNN  
LAST NAME(S): STONE

COUNTY OF DEATH: COWLITZ  
DATE OF DEATH: JUNE 03, 2017  
HOUR OF DEATH: 09:30 PM PRESUMED  
SEX: FEMALE AGE: 52 YEARS  
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: (4b)

HISPANIC ORIGIN: NO, NOT SPANISH/HISPANIC/LATINO  
RACE: WHITE

BIRTH DATE: JANUARY 01, 1965  
BIRTHPLACE: SPOKANE, SPOKANE COUNTY, WA

MARITAL STATUS: DIVORCED  
SPOUSE: UNKNOWN

OCCUPATION: REGISTERED NURSE  
INDUSTRY: NURSING  
EDUCATION: ASSOCIATE DEGREE  
US ARMED FORCES: NO

INFORMANT: BO STONE  
RELATIONSHIP: SON  
ADDRESS: 2851 DOUGLAS ST. LONGVIEW, WA 98632

CAUSE OF DEATH:  
A: FULL BODY TRAUMATIC BLUNT FORCE INJURIES  
INTERVAL: IMMEDIATE  
B:  
INTERVAL:  
C:  
INTERVAL:  
D:  
INTERVAL:

OTHER CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH:

DATE OF INJURY: JUNE 03, 2017  
HOUR OF INJURY: 09:30 PM PRESUMED  
INJURY AT WORK: NO  
PLACE OF INJURY: INDUSTRIAL AREA - RAILROAD EASMENT

LOCATION OF INJURY: RAILROAD TRACKS ADJACENT TO 100 BLK OF N.

CITY, STATE, ZIP: KELSO, WASHINGTON 98626  
COUNTY: COWLITZ

DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED: DECEDENT STRUCK BY MOVING  
TRAIN WHILE WALKING ON OR NEAR RAILROAD TRACKS

IF TRANSPORTATION INJURY, SPECIFY: PEDESTRIAN

PLACE OF DEATH: OTHER PLACE  
FACILITY OR ADDRESS: INDUSTRIAL AREA - RAILROAD EASEMENT  
CITY, STATE, ZIP: KELSO, WASHINGTON 98626

RESIDENCE STREET: 1605 8TH AVE.  
CITY, STATE, ZIP: LONGVIEW, WASHINGTON 98632  
INSIDE CITY LIMITS: YES COUNTY: COWLITZ  
TRIBAL RESERVATION: NOT APPLICABLE

FATHER/PARENT: ROBERT MAXWELL SR  
MOTHER/PARENT: JANICE GREEK

METHOD OF DISPOSITION: CREMATION  
PLACE OF DISPOSITION: PORTLAND CREMATION CENTER

CITY, STATE: PORTLAND, OREGON  
DISPOSITION DATE: JUNE 07, 2017

FUNERAL FACILITY: COLUMBIA FUNERAL SERVICE

ADDRESS: 1105 MAPLE STREET  
CITY, STATE, ZIP: LONGVIEW, WASHINGTON 98632  
FUNERAL DIRECTOR: NORMAN K. NISBET, III

MANNER OF DEATH: ACCIDENT  
AUTOPSY: NO  
WERE AUTOPSY FINDINGS AVAILABLE TO COMPLETE  
CAUSE OF DEATH: NOT APPLICABLE  
DID TOBACCO USE CONTRIBUTE TO DEATH: NO  
PREGNANCY STATUS IF FEMALE: UNKNOWN IF PREGNANT WITHIN THE  
PAST YEAR

CERTIFIER NAME: TIMOTHY J. DAVIDSON  
TITLE: CORONER/ME  
CERTIFIER ADDRESS: 1946-B 3RD AVENUE  
CITY, STATE, ZIP: LONGVIEW, WA 98632  
DATE SIGNED: JUNE 06, 2017

CASE REFERRED TO ME/CORONER: YES  
FILE NUMBER: 17-317  
ATTENDING PHYSICIAN: NOT APPLICABLE

LOCAL DEPUTY REGISTRAR: RACHEL A. PATTERSON  
DATE RECEIVED: JUNE 07, 2017



# Affidavit for Correction

Mail to: Center for Health Statistics  
P.O. Box 47814  
Olympia, WA 98504-7814  
360-236-4300

This is a legal document. Complete in ink and do not alter.

### STATE OFFICE USE ONLY

State File Number	Fee Number	Initials	Date	Affidavit Number
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<b>Required</b>	Required information must match current information on record			
	Record Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Birth <input type="checkbox"/> Death <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage <input type="checkbox"/> Dissolution (Divorce)			
	1. Name on Record:		2. Date of Event:	3. Place of Event:
	4. Father/Parent Full Legal Name (Spouse A for Marriage or Dissolution)		5. Mother/Parent Full Birth Name (Spouse B for Marriage or Dissolution)	

6. Name of Person Requesting Correction: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Person on Record:  Self  Guardian  Informant  Hospital  Parent(s)  Funeral Director  Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

7. Return Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Use the section below for requesting any changes on the record. The record is incorrect or incomplete as follows:**

8. The record now shows:	9. The true fact is:
10.	11.
12.	13.
14.	15.

**I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the forgoing is true and correct**

16a. Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ 16b. Signature of 2<sup>nd</sup> parent (if required): \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS – go to [www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov) for more information**  
**Driver's license, Social Security card or hospital decorative birth certificate cannot be used as proof**

Required documentary proof must be submitted with the affidavit and include full name and birth date. Examples of documentary proof include:

- Birth/Marriage/Divorce record
- Military record (DD-214)
- School transcripts
- Social Security Numident Report
- Certificate of Naturalization
- Hospital/medical record
- Passport
- Green/Permanent Resident card (I-551)

**Birth Certificates**

1. Only a parent(s), legal guardian (if the child is under 18), or the named individual (if 18 or older) may change the birth certificate.
2. The proof(s) must match the asserted fact(s). For example, if the affidavit says the name should be Mary Ann Doe, the proof must show the name to be Mary Ann Doe.
3. Documentary proof must be five or more years old or established within five years of birth.

<p><b>Child under 18</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If legal guardian(s), include certified court order proving guardianship</li> <li>• Up to age one, last name can be changed once to either parents' name on certificate (can be any combination of the first, middle or last names)*</li> <li>• After age one, a court order is required to change the last name</li> <li>• No proof is required to change the first or middle name*</li> <li>• To correct parent's information, one documentary proof is required.</li> <li>• To correct the sex of the child, one documentary proof from a medical provider is required</li> </ul>	<p><b>Adult (18 years or older)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only the adult can change his or her birth certificate</li> <li>• If the first or middle name is missing, three pieces of documentary proof are required</li> <li>• If the first, middle and/or last name is misspelled, or date of birth is incorrect, two pieces of documentary proof are required</li> <li>• To correct parent's birth date, place of birth, or name, one documentary proof is required</li> </ul>
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\*To change any part of the name of a child, signatures from both parents listed on the certificate are required. If one parent is deceased, submit a death certificate with request.  
 This affidavit cannot be used to add a father to a birth certificate (use paternity acknowledgment form DOH 422-032)

**Death Certificates**

1. Only the informant, the funeral director, or executors/administrators (if evidence confirming such position is presented) may change the non-medical information. Proof is required to make changes if requested by a family member not listed as the informant on the certificate (family members are spouse or registered domestic partner, parent, sibling or adult child or stepchild). The informant may change marital status with proof. Marital status requires a certified copy of a court order if someone other than the informant is requesting the change.
2. The medical information (cause of death) may be changed only by the certifying physician or the coroner/medical examiner.

**Marriage/Dissolution (Divorce) Certificates**

1. Personal facts (minor spelling changes in name, date or place of birth or residence) may be changed by the person with one piece of documentary proof.
2. To change the date or place of marriage or dissolution, the officiant (marriage) or clerk of court (dissolution) must complete and submit the affidavit.

DOH 422-034 October 2015

This is a true and exact certification of the record officially registered and on file with the Washington State Department of Health, issued under the authority of Chapter 70.58 RCW, and at the direction of Christie Spice, State Registrar.

*Christie Spice*



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