



Rail Incident Investigation Report

Docket No: TR- <input type="text" value="180857"/>	Report Date: <input type="text" value="07/22/2020"/>
Railroad Owning Track: <input type="text" value="BNSF Railway Co."/>	Railroad Operating on Track: <input type="text" value="Amtrak"/>
FRA Investigation: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Inspector: <input type="text" value="Richard Campos"/>
I. Type of Accident	
Public Crossing <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Crossing <input type="checkbox"/>
Trestle <input type="checkbox"/>	Pedestrian at Crossing <input type="checkbox"/>
Pedestrian Not at Crossing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (explain) <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>
II. Time and Location of Accident	
Date: <input type="text" value="10/14/2018"/>	Time: <input type="text" value="08:30"/>
USDOT Crossing No.: <input type="text" value="N/A"/>	UTC Crossing No.: <input type="text" value="N/A"/>
Railroad Milepost: <input type="text" value="14.2"/>	GPS Identifier: Lat: <input type="text" value="47.187375"/> Lon: <input type="text" value="-122.584087"/>
Number of Tracks: <input type="text" value="2"/>	City: <input type="text" value="Steilacoom"/> County: <input type="text" value="Pierce"/>
Road name, yard name, bridge: <input type="text" value="BNSF West Tacoma Bridge"/>	
III. Conditions Surrounding the Accident	
Weather: Clear to cloudy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fog <input type="checkbox"/> Rain <input type="checkbox"/> Snow <input type="checkbox"/>	
Road Condition: Dry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wet <input type="checkbox"/> Snow <input type="checkbox"/> Ice <input type="checkbox"/>	
Visibility Due to Weather: Daylight <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darkness <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>	
Train Type: Freight <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Locomotive only <input type="checkbox"/> Cars only <input type="checkbox"/>	Train Speed: <input type="text" value="40"/>
Haz-Mat on Train: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	Remote Control: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Type of Haz-Mat: <input type="text"/>	
IV. Pedestrian, Driver, or Passenger Fatalities Does this section apply? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Number of Fatalities: <input type="text" value="1"/>	f a vehicle accident, number of passengers: <input type="text" value="N/A"/>
Name: <input type="text" value="James V. Clinkscales"/>	
Driver: <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Age: <input type="text" value="27"/> Gender: Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> non-binary <input type="checkbox"/>
Pedestrian trying to get on/off train? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Suicide: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undetermined <input type="checkbox"/>
Alcohol: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Undetermined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information supplied by: <input type="text" value="N/A"/>
Drugs: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Undetermined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information supplied by: <input type="text" value="N/A"/>
Names of additional fatalities: <input type="text" value="N/A"/>	

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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: N/A

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

If yes, describe: N/A

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

If yes, describe: No Trespassing/DANGER KEEP OFF BRIDGE signs posted, mix of fencing and natural barriers.

Previous collisions at or near site? Yes No

If yes, describe: Suicide 6/1/06, Suicide 12/13/12, Suicide 5/6/13, Undetermined 7/14/20

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 attachments]

IX. Comments

Event Summary:

On October 14, 2018, at 08:30 Amtrak 501 fatally struck James V. Clinkscales on the BNSF West Tacoma Bridge.

The Amtrak train was traveling approximately 40 miles per hour, southbound when the train crew observed an individual walking between main track one, (west track) and the west barrier of the bridge at mile post 14.2. The individual had his back to the train. The student engineer sounded the train horn and began applying the brakes. When the individual did not turn around, the student engineer applied the emergency air brakes before fatally striking the individual at approximately 35 miles per hour.

Site Description:

Both the north and south side of the BNSF West Tacoma Bridge has a combination of fencing and natural barriers.

There are several "NO TRESPASSING FAST MOVING TRAINS PLEASE STAY AWAY FROM THE TRACKS AND STAY ALIVE!" signs in the area warning of fast moving trains, \$1000 Penalty, 90 Days in jail.

Inspector Recommendations:

With the posted signs and restricted access, it is clear to a reasonable person that this area is not to be accessed by the public. The signs provide notice that trespassing is illegal. No recommendations at this time

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Rail Safety Supervisor Comments/Sign Off:

Reviewed and approved 8/11/2020 - EE.

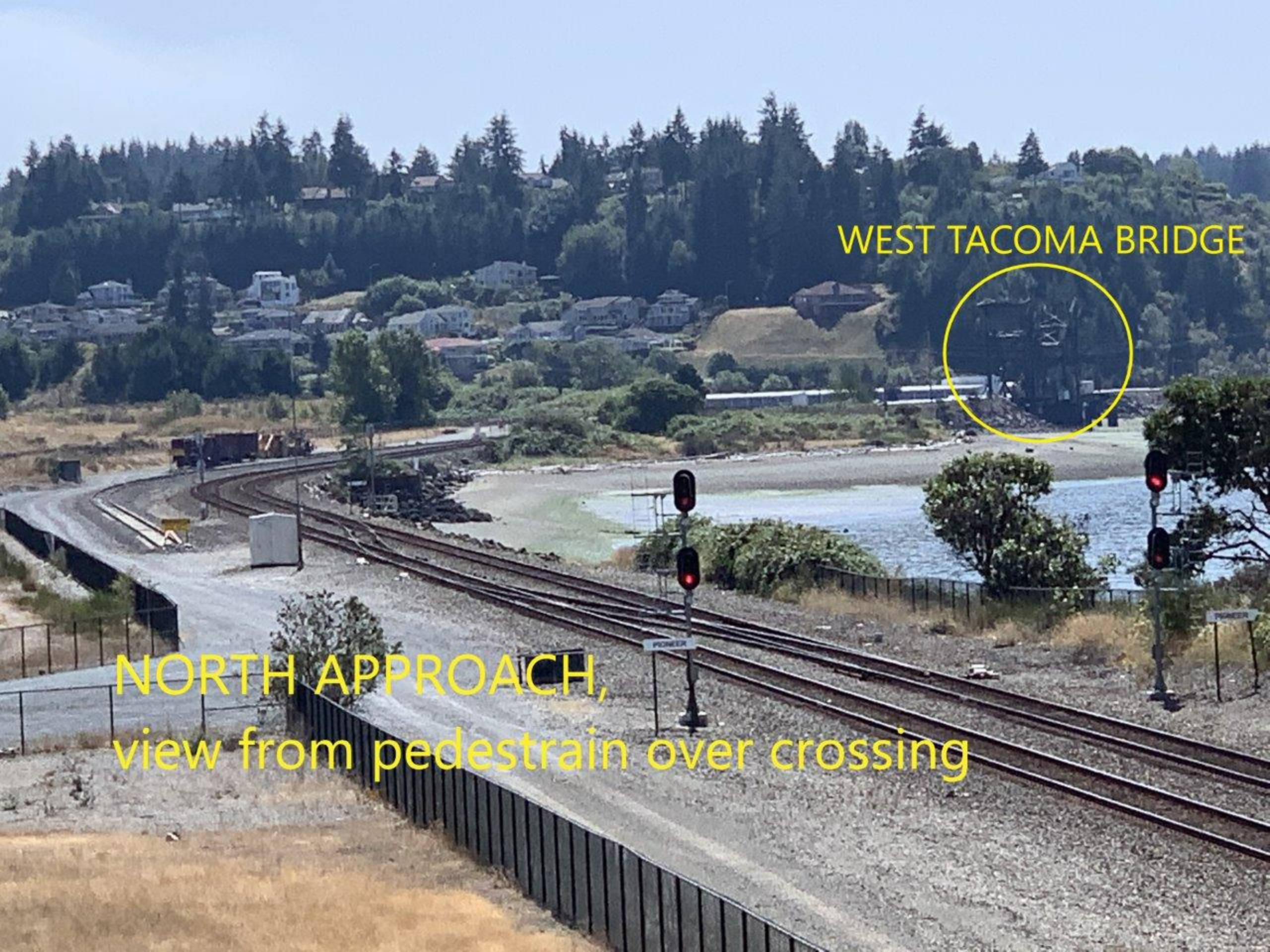
Director of Transportation Safety Comments/Sign Off:

Reviewed and approved to close 9/4/2020 - KH

WEST TACOMA BRIDGE



NORTH APPROACH,
view from pedestrain over crossing



NATURAL BARRIER



NORTH APPROACH





NORTH APPROACH

NO TRESPASS SIGNAGE,
SIDE VIEW





NORTH APPROACH



NORTH APPROACH 10XZ



WEST TACOMA

**NO
TRESPASSING**
B.N. INC.
DANGER
TRESPASSING ON
RAILWAY PROPERTY
IS ILLEGAL

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

SOUTH APPROACH



14.2

DANGER
NO
TRESPASSING
KEEP OFF
BRIDGE
RNSD Fwy CO

SOUTH APPROACH

From: [Service, Interruption Desk](#)
 To: [OPR DL \(SI Desk Use ONLY\) North Region Incident](#); [OPR DL \(SI Desk Use ONLY\) Cargorelated](#); [OPR DL NOC GDT](#); [Orton, Wyatt C](#); [Gabriel, Jon](#); [Moyer, Jason](#); [Ruby Jr, Jan E](#); [Huston, Scott T](#); [UTC DL WUTC Rail Reporting](#); [Melonas, Gus S](#); [Wallace, Courtney](#); [Noel, Tamara T](#); [Wessler, Richard W](#)
 Subject: 101418 A501114A-Trespasser Fatality, Tacoma, WA
 Date: Sunday, October 14, 2018 11:53:58 AM

One trespasser fatally injured on bridge.

BNSF Fort Worth – Network Operations Center – INCIDENT REPORT

				D-Code:	180122
Date:	101418	Time:	1030CT	MP:	14.4
				Divn:	Northwest
Time & Date Last Revised:					
Subdivision:	Seattle	State:	Washington	County:	Pierce
Line Segment:	52				
Nearest Station:	West Tacoma, WA				
Nearest Major Terminal (distance/direction):	15 miles South of Tacoma, WA				
Weather Conditions (Temp, wind, precipitation):	49*, wind NNE at 4mph, sunny				

Injuries or Fatalities?	1 trespasser fatality	Employee?	
Name:		Craft:	

Symbol:	A 5011 1 14A	If Yard Job, is it Remote Control Operation?	
Lead Locos:	AMTK 90250, AMTK 51	L-E-T-F:	13-0-264-534'
DP Locos:		Direction:	South
Conductor:	TM Montoya	Engineer:	TT Vankirk
Prior Rest		Prior Rest	
On Duty Time/Date:	0810CT/101418	Origin/Destination:	Seattle, WA / Portland, OR
Crew Interviewed by:	Amtrak Officials		
Event Recorder/Camera:	Amtrak Officials		

Locomotives video equipped?											
Lead Locos	Y/N		Y/N		Y/N		Y/N		Y/N		Y/N
AMTK 90250	Y	AMTK 51	N								

Crossing Name:	Not at a crossing	DOT:	
Equipped with:		Functioning?	
Vehicle Direction:		Vehicle Description:	
Law Enforcement Agency:	Pierce County Sheriff's Office	Citations?	

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

Derailed Locomotives / Cars:				
Init. Number:	Line:	Position (upright?):	Contents:	Disposition:
No				
Heavy equipment ordered:				
No				
Equip.		Equipment		Equipment

ETA:		Arrived:		Released:	
Main Blocked?	Yes	Estimated Reopen:		Actual Reopen:	1344CT

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 active investigation
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Brief Narrative of Incident:

1030 CT on the Seattle Subdivision at MP 14.4 on Main 1 the A-5011-14A reported fatally striking a trespasser. This did not occur at a road crossing.

Post Accident Testing (FRA):

Did this incident meet FRA Post Accident Testing criteria?	No	
Contact MEH Dept at: (817) 352-1648 during normal business hours. (817) 352-1613 after hours, weekends and holidays. If no answer, page email Chris Kowalkowski and Julie Murphy when the following applies: -Employee/Contractor Fatality. -Damage to railroad property exceeding \$1.5 million. -Human Factor Grade-Crossing Accident? If Yes, Name of Claims Agent. -A release of hazardous material that results in an evacuation or a reportable injury.		
Does the NOC GDT agree with the above analysis?	Yes	
Craft being Post Accident Tested:	NA	

Notifications:

Time:	Entity:	Person Notified:	Reminders:
1030CT	Service Interruption:	DDM from DS 75	Include who notified SID.
1034CT	Resource Operations:	Lisa Reames	
1123CT	OPR DL Cargorelated	All in group	Copy of this report
1038CT	DTM/Terminal Manager:	Wyatt Orton	Get ETA, check Cell number.
	RFE:		Get ETA, check Cell number.

1040CT	Signal Desk:	Shane Gillaspie	817-593-5998		
	MOW Desk:		817-593-6823 Option 1		
	Mechanical Desk:		817-593-9128		
1044CT	NOC GDT:	Grant Haag			
1040CT	Div. General Manager:	Jon Gabriel			
1040CT	Div. GDT:	Jason Moyer			
1040CT	Corridor Supt:	Jan Ruby Jr			
	Div. Sup Ops / Term Sup:				
1049CT	MDPR	Randy Busboom	817-352-1312		
1042CT	Passenger Service:	Brian Thomas	Email report to Rich Wessler and Tamara Noel.		
1040CT	Superintendent Safety and Operating Practices	Scott Huston	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>California Ch cago Red River Kansas Montana Heartland Northwest Powder River Southwest Twin Cities</td> <td>Coleman, Herbert T Wazny, William A Cleveland, Scott M Valencia, Randy J Mizelle, Nicholas O Musgrove, Chris E Huston, Scott T Hein, Joshua B Strot, Benjamin K. Lund, M chael E</td> </tr> </table>	California Ch cago Red River Kansas Montana Heartland Northwest Powder River Southwest Twin Cities	Coleman, Herbert T Wazny, William A Cleveland, Scott M Valencia, Randy J Mizelle, Nicholas O Musgrove, Chris E Huston, Scott T Hein, Joshua B Strot, Benjamin K. Lund, M chael E
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	<p>The following group list is for the following departments:</p> <p>Safety, Law, Rules, Workforce Management, Rules and field Support, Corporate Relations, Government Affairs, and Evidence Preservation</p> <p>Major event group page list (Not MIP) Also page Region VP.</p> <p>(It is located with the SID Locomotive group lists)</p>		<p>Page for the following events: Major derailments or train collisions which are expected to exceed 16 hours or \$1,000,000 in damages, 4-8 hour range after the 1st conference call.</p> <p>Derailments or collisions with evacuations, explosions, or involving crude oil trains.</p> <p>Major Hazardous Incidents</p> <p>Employee Fatalities, life threatening injuries, or amputations.</p> <p>Add "Preliminary Report" to the subject line.</p>		
	Conference Calls:		<p>If Conf Call is being established: Notify: NOC MECH/MOW Desk & ROC</p>		
	Hazardous Incidents: Contact East/West On-call Manager		<p>Page for all Hazardous Incidents: Pat Brady, Piper, Justin, Reid, Clay D, Howard Horn, David C Clark, John D. Lovenburg, Allen Stegman</p>		
	<p>ChemTrec (USA) 800-424-9300</p> <p>CanuTec (Canada) 888-226-8832 or 613-996-6666</p>		<p>Call Emergency Number listed on the Waybill whenever a HAZ MAT car is involved in a derailment or damaged; whether leaking or not.</p> <p>Run TSS: WBCOPY & HAZ &</p>		

			EXCR
1114CT	NRC: 800 - 424 - 8802 (Initial SID Analysis) Examples for notifying: Passenger Train/Route \$150,000 incident Employee/Contractor Fatality	Rpt #1227436	Obtain their Report Number and name of person who took the report.
1051CT	State:	WA Emergency Operations - Rpt #18-3886	
	California - CUPA		
	Foreign Railroad:		
	Page "Go Team"		If appropriate notify Mark Schulze.
1123CT	State Corporate Relations:	Melonas / Wallace	Copy of this report: 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 Joe Sloan: CO, OK, NM, UT, NV Gus Melonas/Courtney Wallace: BC, ID, OR, WA Andy Williams: KS, MO, NE, IL, KY, IA
	Energy Desk:		Notify the Energy Desk of crude oil train derailments: OPR DL Energy Desk managers 817-867-0021

From: [State Emergency Operations Officer \(MIL\)](#)
To: [ECY DL SWRO ERTS COORDINATOR](#); [Grinnell, Kristopher \(ECY\)](#); [Hunter, Kathy \(UTC\)](#); [Kenneth W. Holgard](#); [Mark Daniels \(FRA\)](#); [Stacey Thompson \(Fed Railroad Association Reg 8\)](#); [Stacey Weller](#); [Steven Travers](#); [UTC DL WUTC Rail Reporting](#)
Cc: [State Emergency Operations Officer \(MIL\)](#)
Subject: Train vs trespasser - Chambers Bay - Pierce County
Date: Sunday, October 14, 2018 9:08:51 AM

Please see the below information involving a railroad that has been reported the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Please reply to this email to confirm receipt of this message.

Thank you,

Time Called in to the State EOC :10/14/18, 0851

Reporting Party Name, Position and Contact Number: Dave, RR Operations, BNSF

Name of Railroad(s) involved: Amtrak

Date/Time of Event: 10/14/18, 0830

Milepost and/or Address of Event: Seattle Subdivision MP 14.4, (Bridge 14), Chambers Bay/Chambers Creek Rd

Type of Rail Car Involved: Passenger (Commuter) Train

Number of Injuries/Fatalities: Unknown (Possibly 1)

Type and Amount of HAZMAT Spilled: None

Circumstances of the Incident: Commuter train struck trespasser. Sever injuries, possible fatality.

Name and Phone of Local Contact: Wyatt Orton, 253-204-0515

Railroad Incident Number: None Issued

State EOC Incident Number: 18-3886

Scott Caldwell, MSEM

State Emergency Operations Officer

Washington Emergency Management Division

Building 20: MS: TA-20

Camp Murray, WA 98430-5122

dutyofficer@mil.wa.gov

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Subject: Train Vs trespasser - NRC#1227436
Date: Sunday, October 14, 2018 9:22:43 AM

Here is the NRC.

Scott Caldwell, MSEM
State Emergency Operations Officer
Washington Emergency Management Division
Building 20: MS: TA-20
Camp Murray, WA 98430-5122
dutyofficer@mil.wa.gov

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

From: HQS-PF-fldr-NRC@uscg.mil <HQS-PF-fldr-NRC@uscg.mil>
Sent: Sunday, October 14, 2018 9:21 AM
To: DUTYOFFICER@EMD.WA.GOV; State Emergency Operations Officer (MIL) <Dutyofficer@mil.wa.gov>; State Emergency Operations Officer (MIL) <Dutyofficer@mil.wa.gov>
Subject: NRC#1227436

NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER 1-800-424-8802

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Incident Report # 1227436

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken by NRC at 12:17 on 14-OCT-18
Incident Type: RAILROAD NON-RELEASE
Incident Cause: TRESPASSER
Affected Area:
Incident occurred on 14-OCT-18 at 08:30 local incident time.
Affected Medium: RAIL REPORT (N/A)

REPORTING PARTY

Name: DAVE MILETTA
Organization: BNSF RAILWAY
Address: 2200 LOU MENK DRIVE
FORT WORTH, TX 76131

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

SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Name: UNKNOWN

Type of Organization: UNKNOWN

INCIDENT LOCATION

MP: 14.4 County: PIERCE
SUBDIVISION: SEATTLE
City: TACOMA State: WA

RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

CALLER IS REPORTING THAT A TRAIN STRUCK A TRESPASSER RESULTING IN A FATALITY.

SENSITIVE INFORMATION

INCIDENT DETAILS

Grade Crossing: NO
Location Subdivision: SEATTLE
Railroad Milepost: 14.4
Type of Vehicle Involved:
Crossing Device Type:
Device Operational: YES
DOT Crossing Number:
Date and Time Service was/will be Restored:
Brake Failure: NO
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: AMTRAK
Train Number: A501114A
Train Type: PASSENGER Train Direction: S
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 Sent to Hospital: Empl/Crew: Passenger:
FATALITIES: YES Empl/Crew: Passenger: Occupant:
EVACUATIONS:NO Who Evacuated: Radius/Area:

Damages: NO

Hours Direction of
Closure Type Description of Closure Closed Closure

Air: NO

Road: NO Major Artery:NO

Waterway:NO

Track: NO

Passengers Transferred: NO

Environmental Impact: UNKNOWN

Media Interest: UNKNOWN Community Impact due to Material:

REMEDIAL ACTIONS

MADE NOTIFICATIONS.

Release Secured: UNKNOWN

Release Rate:

Estimated Release Duration:

WEATHER

Weather: UNKNOWN, °F

ADDITIONAL AGENCIES NOTIFIED

Federal:

State/Local: WA EOC

State/Local On Scene:

State Agency Number:

NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (GRASP)

14-OCT-18 12:20 (770)4887100

CGIS D13 FIELD OFFICE (CGIS D13 COMMAND CENTER)

14-OCT-18 12:20 (206)2207141

DHS DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY (CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL TECHNOLOGI

14-OCT-18 12:20 (703)7673477

NATIONAL COORDINATING CTR FOR COMMS (NCC COMM-ISAC)

14-OCT-18 12:20 (703)2355626

DOT CRISIS MANAGEMENT CENTER (MAIN OFFICE)

14-OCT-18 12:20 (202)3661863

FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMIN. (MAIN OFFICE (AUTO))

14-OCT-18 12:20 (202)4930636

FEMA REGION 10 (MAIN OFFICE)

14-OCT-18 12:20 (425)4874704

NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE COORD CTR (MAIN OFFICE)

14-OCT-18 12:20 (202)2829201

NOAA RPTS FOR WA (MAIN OFFICE)

14-OCT-18 12:20 (206)5264911

NTSB RAIL (MAIN OFFICE)

14-OCT-18 12:20 (202)3146293

OREGON TITAN FUSION CENTER (FUSION COMMAND CENTER)

14-OCT-18 12:20 (877)6204702

WA STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (MAIN OFFICE)

14-OCT-18 12:20 (800)2585990

TSA SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY (TWIC ENFORCEMENT)

14-OCT-18 12:20 (206)3875236

VOLPE CENTER (TRANSPORTATION HUMAN FACTORS)

14-OCT-18 12:20 (617)4942000

WASHINGTON STATE FUSION CENTER (FUSION COMMAND CENTER)

14-OCT-18 12:20 (877)8439522

WASHINGTON STATE NATIONAL GUARD (COMMAND CENTER)

14-OCT-18 12:20 (253)5128159

WA UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMM (PIPELINE SAFETY)

14-OCT-18 12:20 (360)6641182

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

*** END INCIDENT REPORT #1227436 ***

Report any problems by calling 1-800-424-8802

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil>

From: [State Emergency Operations Officer \(MIL\)](#)
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Subject: FW: NRC#1227445
Date: Sunday, October 14, 2018 10:37:29 AM

Here's another report of the train vs. trespasser incident reported earlier in NRC # 1227436, WA State Incident # 18-3886.

Please acknowledge receipt of this message.

Theodore D. Henkle
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 <HQS-PF-flidr-NRC@uscg.mil>
Sent: Sunday, October 14, 2018 10:32 AM
To: DUTYOFFICER@EMD.WA.GOV; State Emergency Operations Officer (MIL) <Dutyofficer@mil.wa.gov>; State Emergency Operations Officer (MIL) <Dutyofficer@mil.wa.gov>
Subject: NRC#1227445

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Incident Report # 1227445

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken by NRC at 13:24 on 14-OCT-18

Incident Type: RAILROAD NON-RELEASE

Incident Cause: TRESPASSER

Affected Area:

Incident occurred on 14-OCT-18 at 08:30 local incident time.

Affected Medium: NON-RELEASE (N/A) / TRESPASSER FATALITY

REPORTING PARTY

Name: CHRISTOPHER HOWELL
Organization: AMTRAK
OAKLAND, CA

PRIMARY Phone: (800)7621999

Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Name: UNKNOWN

Type of Organization: UNKNOWN

INCIDENT LOCATION

MP: 14.1 County: PIERCE
SD: SEATTLE
City: STEILACOOM State: WA

RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

CALLER STATED AN AMTRAK PASSENGER TRAIN STRUCK AND KILLED A TRESPASSER ON THE MAIN LINE.

SENSITIVE INFORMATION

INCIDENT DETAILS

Grade Crossing: NO
Location Subdivision: SEATTLE
Railroad Milepost: 14.1
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: YES
Passenger Train Delay Handling: CALLER STATED THE PASSENGERS WILL REMAIN WITH THE EQUIPMENT.

---RAILROAD INFORMATION---

Railroad Involved: AMTRAK
Train Number: 90250
Train Type: PASSENGER Train Direction: S
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 Sent to Hospital: Empl/Crew: Passenger:
FATALITIES: YES Empl/Crew: Passenger: Occupant:
EVACUATIONS: NO Who Evacuated: Radius/Area:

Damages: NO

Closure Type Description of Closure Hours Direction of Closed Closure

Air: NO

Road: NO Major Artery: NO

Waterway:NO

Track: YES MAIN TRACK ONE 2 N/S

Passengers Transferred: NO

Environmental Impact: UNKNOWN

Media Interest: UNKNOWN Community Impact due to Material:

REMEDIAL ACTIONS

INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY

Release Secured: UNKNOWN

Release Rate:

Estimated Release Duration:

WEATHER

ADDITIONAL AGENCIES NOTIFIED

Federal:

State/Local:

State/Local On Scene: LOCAL AUTHORITY

State Agency Number:

NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (GRASP)

14-OCT-18 13:31 (770)4887100

CGIS D13 FIELD OFFICE (CGIS D13 COMMAND CENTER)

14-OCT-18 13:31 (206)2207141

DHS DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY (CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL TECHNOLOGI

14-OCT-18 13:31 (703)7673477

NATIONAL COORDINATING CTR FOR COMMS (NCC COMM-ISAC)

14-OCT-18 13:31 (703)2355626

DOT CRISIS MANAGEMENT CENTER (MAIN OFFICE)

14-OCT-18 13:31 (202)3661863

FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMIN. (MAIN OFFICE (AUTO))

14-OCT-18 13:31 (202)4930636

FEMA REGION 10 (MAIN OFFICE)

14-OCT-18 13:31 (425)4874704

NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE COORD CTR (MAIN OFFICE)

14-OCT-18 13:31 (202)2829201

NOAA RPTS FOR WA (MAIN OFFICE)

14-OCT-18 13:31 (206)5264911

NTSB RAIL (MAIN OFFICE)

14-OCT-18 13:31 (202)3146293

OREGON TITAN FUSION CENTER (FUSION COMMAND CENTER)

14-OCT-18 13:31 (877)6204702

WA STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (MAIN OFFICE)

14-OCT-18 13:31 (800)2585990

TSA SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY (TWIC ENFORCEMENT)

14-OCT-18 13:31 (206)3875236

VOLPE CENTER (TRANSPORTATION HUMAN FACTORS)

14-OCT-18 13:31 (617)4942000

WASHINGTON STATE FUSION CENTER (FUSION COMMAND CENTER)

14-OCT-18 13:31 (877)8439522

WASHINGTON STATE NATIONAL GUARD (COMMAND CENTER)

14-OCT-18 13:31 (253)5128159
WA UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMM (PIPELINE SAFETY)
14-OCT-18 13:31 (360)6641182

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

*** END INCIDENT REPORT #1227445 ***
Report any problems by calling 1-800-424-8802
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil>



Department of Public Safety

Mayor Ron Lucas

June 10, 2020

Utilities and Transportation Commission
Rail Safety
Ms. Lori Halstead
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
Lacey WA 98503

Dear Ms. Halstead:

The Steilacoom Department of Public Safety has completed your records request pertaining to the incident on October 14, 2018 involving a train versus pedestrian accident in the Town of Steilacoom. Enclosed is a copy of the public record(s) you requested.

I believe the town has fully responded to your request with the written information, documents, etc. in our possession. Please let me know as soon as possible if you believe this not to be the case. I will consider your request completed and closed unless I hear further from you.

If you have any questions or need further assistance with this request, please contact Ms. Jenifer Specht at (253) 581-0110.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jenifer Specht
Steilacoom Department of Public Safety

JKS:jks
Enclosures



Lakewood Police Department HANDWRITTEN STATEMENT FORM

Incident #: 18287000460

Type of Crime: _____ Date: 10/14/18 Time: 08:30am

Name: Christian, Patrick M
Last, First, MI

Home Address: 11221 194th St SE

City: Snohomish State: WA Zip: 98296

DOB: 12/31/72 Phone: 206-250-2758

Employer and Phone #: Amtrak 206-382-4134

I have been informed of my constitutional rights. ~~Yes~~

Instructions: Starting at the beginning, write down everything that happened from beginning to end. Use the back of this sheet and as many additional sheets as necessary.

I was work as engineer of record on train 501, sitting in the fireman (left) seat while my student was operating the 902SD with PTC ~~is~~ engaged ~~and~~ at approx 40 mph as we neared the West Tacoma Bridge. We observed a man walking on the bridge, between Main 1 (west track) and the west barrier of the bridge, mostly between the edge of the ties and over these cross-ties on the bridge. The student immediately began to whistle and applied the brakes. About 200 feet before impact the train brakes were placed into emergency. We struck him with the front right corner. We then immediately notified the dispatcher for emergency services.

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of Washington that the statements contained on this handwritten form (front, back and any additional pages) are true and correct. I have made this statement voluntarily.

Signed at Sfei Hacoam _____ Pierce County, Washington.
(City)

Signature: [Signature] _____ Date Signed: 10/14/18

Witness: _____ Date Signed: _____

Officer Taking Statement: _____



Lakewood Police Department HANDWRITTEN STATEMENT FORM

Incident #:
1828700460

Type of Crime: _____ Date: 10/14/18 Time: 0830

Name: WEAR JESSE C.
Last, First, MI

Home Address: 1306 56TH ST. SW

City: EVERETT State: WA Zip: 98203

DOB: 1/4/1979 Phone: 425-345-4721

Employer and Phone #: 206-382-4134

I have been informed of my constitutional rights. _____

Instructions: Starting at the beginning, write down everything that happened from beginning to end. Use the back of this sheet and as many additional sheets as necessary.

I WAS THE STUDENT ENGINEER RUNNING TRAIN 501. I CAME AROUND
THE CORNER PRIOR TO BRIDGE 14 AND NOTICED A MAN WALKING IN THE
FOUL ON THE WEST SIDE OF MAIN TRACK ONE. I BEGAN WHISTLING AND
BELLING BUT THE SUSPECT WAS NOT ACKNOWLEDGING OUR PRESENCE. ABOUT
200 FEET NORTH OF THE SUSPECT I PLACED THE TRAIN IN EMERGENCY.
THE SUSPECT NEVER TURNED AROUND AND WE MADE CONTACT WITH
HIM AT APPROXIMATELY 35 MPH. I BELIEVE HE WAS STRUCK BY THE COUPLER
OF THE LOCOMOTIVE AND THROWN INTO THE BRIDGE. THIS OCCURRED AT
0830 A.M. AFTER STOPPING THE INDIVIDUAL WE ATTEMPTED TO RENDER
AID AND MADE NOTIFICATIONS TO EMERGENCY SERVICES.

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of Washington that the statements contained on this handwritten form (front, back and any additional pages) are true and correct. I have made this statement voluntarily.

Signed at STEILACOM _____ Pierce County, Washington.
(City)

Signature: [Signature] Date Signed: 10/14/18

Witness: _____ Date Signed: _____

Officer Taking Statement: _____

Steilacoom Public Safety Incident Report

Incident No. 1828700460.1
Jurisdiction Agency: Steilacoom Public Safety

PDA: Homeland Security: Subject: **Death Investigation**

Incident No.
1828700460.1

IBR Disposition: **Active**
Forensics:
Case Report Status: **Approved**

Case Management Disposition:
Reporting By/Date: **SM2167 - Bentz, Kasey 10/14/2018 16:31:46**
Reviewed By/Date: **SPD2560 - Rodriguez, Thomas 10/15/2018 08:20:23**

Related Cases:

Case Report Number Agency

Non-Electronic Attachments

Attachment Type Additional Distribution Count

Location Address: **Chambers Creek Rd/Chambers Bay Dr Steilacoom, WA 98388**
City, State, Zip:
Contact Location:
Recovery Location:
CB/Grid/RD: **017 - STEILACOOM**
Occurred From: **10/14/2018 08:40:00 Sunday**
Notes:

Location Name: **BNSF West Tacoma Bridge**
Cross Street:
City, State, Zip:
City, State, Zip:
District/Sector: **SM77 - Steilacoom**
Occurred To:

Offense Details: 0810 - Death Investigation

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

Call Source:	Assisted By: LD06137 - McGettigan, Michael LD07144 - Danley, Brian SPD2560 - Rodriguez, Thomas ME6537 - O'Brien, Richard						
Phone Report:	Notified:						
Insurance Letter:	Entered By: SM2167 - Bentz, Kasey						
Entered On: 10/14/2018 15:39:04	Approved By: SPD2560 - Rodriguez, Thomas						
Approved On: 10/15/2018 14:11:03	Exceptional Clearance:						
Adult/ Juvenile Clearance:	Exceptional Clearance Date:						
Additional Distribution:	Other Distribution:						
Validation Processing	Distribution Date: 10/15/2018	County Pros. Atty.	Juvenile	Other	CPS	Supervisor:	
	By: RODRIGUEZ, THOMAS	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: 10/15/2018 14:11:03 Printed By: SPD2560 - Rodriguez, Thomas

Jurisdiction Agency: Steilacoom Public Safety

Victim V1: Clinkscales, James V.

PDA:

Aliases:	DOB: 12/14/1990	Age: 27	Sex: Male	Race: White	Ethnicity: Unknown
Height:	Weight:	Hair Color:	Eye Color:	Phone:	
Address:	County:	Country:	Business Phone:	Other Phone:	
City, State Zip:	Country:	Occupation/Grade:	Employer/School:	Place of Birth:	
Other Address:	Resident: Unknown	Occupation/Grade:	Place of Birth:	Driver License Country: United States of America	
SSN:	Occupation/Grade:	Driver License State: South Carolina	Complexion:	Facial Hair:	
Driver License No: 4b	Driver License State: South Carolina	Complexion:	Facial Hair:	Facial Shape:	
Attire:	Victim Of: 0810 - Death Investigation	Circumstances:	Weapon Used:	Reporting Statement Obtained:	
SMT:	Victim Type: Deceased	Testify:	Reporting Statement Obtained:	Fire Dept Response:	
Injury:	Type of Injury:	Medical Release Obtained:	Fire Dept Response:	Taken By:	
Hospital Taken To:	Medical Release Obtained:	Hold Placed By:	Taken By:		
Attending Physician:	Medical Release Obtained:	Hold Placed By:			

Victim Offender Relationships

Offender: Relationship:

Law Enforcement Officer Killed or Assaulted Information	Type: Assignment: Activity:	Justifiable Homicide Circumstances:
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Victim Notes:

Witness W1: Wear, Jesse C.

PDA:

Aliases:	DOB: 1/4/1979	Age: 39	Sex: Male	Race: White	Ethnicity: Non-Hispanic
Height:	Weight:	Hair Color:	Eye Color:	Phone: 425-345-4721	
Address: 187 S. Holgate St.	County:	Country:	Business Phone:	Other Phone:	
City, State Zip: Seattle, WA 98134	Country:	Occupation/Grade: Student Engineer	Employer/School: Amtrak	Place Of Birth:	
Other Address:	Resident: Nonresident	Occupation/Grade: Student Engineer	Employer/School: Amtrak	Driver License Country:	
SSN:	Resident: Nonresident	Occupation/Grade: Student Engineer	Employer/School: Amtrak	Complexion:	
Driver License No:	Driver License State:	Complexion:	Facial Hair:	Facial Shape:	
Attire:	SMT:	Facial Hair:	Facial Shape:		
Testify:	Witness Notes:				

Witness W2: Christian, Patrick M.

PDA:

Aliases:	DOB: 12/31/1972	Age: 45	Sex: Male	Race: White	Ethnicity: Non-Hispanic
Height:	Weight:	Hair Color:	Eye Color:	Phone: 206-250-2758	
Address: 187 S. Holgate St.	County:	Country:	Business Phone:		
City, State Zip: Seattle, WA 98134	Country:				

Other Address:	Resident: Nonresident	Occupation/Grade: Engineer	Other Phone:	Employer/School: Amtrak
SSN:	Driver License No:	Driver License State:	Place Of Birth:	Driver License Country:
Attire:	SMT:	Testify:	Complexion:	Facial Hair:
Witness Notes:			Facial Shape:	

Other Entity O1: Montoya, Terrance M.

PDA:

Aliases:	DOB: 12/24/1985	Age: 32	Sex: Male	Race: White	Ethnicity: Non-Hispanic
Height:	Weight:	Hair Color:	Eye Color:	Phone: 801-979-4550	
Address: 187 S. Holgate St.	County:	Country:	Business Phone:	Other Phone:	
City, State Zip: Seattle, WA 98134	Occupation/Grade: Train Conductor	Employer/School: Amtrak	Place Of Birth:	Driver License Country:	
Other Address:	Driver License State:	Complexion:	Facial Hair:	Facial Shape:	
Resident: Nonresident	Reporting Statement Obtained:				
SSN:					
Driver License No:					
Attire:					
SMT:					
Entity Type: Other Individual					
Entity Notes:					

Property Item No. 1/1: 3002 - Personal - Wallet

Other Common Item:	Photographed: Yes
Description: teal wallet containing south carolina driver's license, orca card, safeway card, library cards, and several credit cards.	Fingerprinted:
Quantity: 1	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: Booked into Property	Insurance Company:
Disposition Location: Steilacoom PD	Policy No:
Vehicle Information:	Locked:
License:	Keys in Vehicle:
License State:	Delinquent Payment:
License Country:	Victim Consent:
Vehicle Year:	Drivable:
Make:	Estimated Damage:
Model:	Damage:
Vehicle Style:	Damaged Area:
Primary Vehicle Color:	Tow Company:
Secondary Vehicle Color:	Tow Consent:
VIN:	

Steilacoom Public Safety Incident Report

Jurisdiction Agency: Steilacoom Public Safety

Incident No. 1828700460.1

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Special Features:	Hold Requested By:
Drug Information:	Drug Measure:
Drug Type:	Drug Measure Type:
Drug Quantity:	
Jewelry Information:	Total # of Stones:
Metal Color:	Inscription:
Metal Type:	Generally Worn By:
Stone Color:	
Firearm Information:	Length:
Caliber:	Finish:
Gauge:	Grips:
Action:	Stock:
Importer:	
Property Notes:	

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

Property Item No. 2/2: 9021 - Clothing - Bandana

Other Common Item:	Photographed: Yes
Description: olive green bandana	Fingerprinted:
Quantity: 1	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: Booked into Property	Insurance Company:
Disposition Location: Steilacoom PD	Policy No:
Vehicle Information:	Locked:
License:	Keys in Vehicle:
License State:	Delinquent Payment:
License Country:	Victim Consent:
Vehicle Year:	Drivable:
Make:	Estimated Damage:
Model:	Damage:
Vehicle Style:	Damaged Area:
Primary Vehicle Color:	Tow Company:
Secondary Vehicle Color:	Tow Consent:
VIN:	Hold Requested By:
Special Features:	
Drug Information:	Drug Measure:
Drug Type:	Drug Measure Type:
Drug Quantity:	
Jewelry Information:	Total # of Stones:
Metal Color:	Inscription:
Metal Type:	Generally Worn By:
Stone Color:	
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

Property Item No. 3/3: 1499 - Clothing - Other

Other Common Item:	Scarf	Photographed:	Yes
Description:	black and white scarf	Fingerprinted:	
Quantity:	1	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:	Booked into Property	Insurance Company:	
Disposition Location:	Steilacoom PD	Policy No.:	
Vehicle Information:		Locked:	
License:		Keys in Vehicle:	
License State:		Delinquent Payment:	
License Country:		Victim Consent:	
Vehicle Year:		Drivable:	
Make:		Estimated Damage:	
Model:		Damage:	
Vehicle Style:		Damaged Area:	
Primary Vehicle Color:		Tow Company:	
Secondary Vehicle Color:		Tow Consent:	
VIN:		Hold Requested By:	
Special Features:			
Drug Information:		Drug Measure:	
Drug Type:		Drug Measure Type:	
Drug Quantity:			
Jewelry Information:		Total # of Stones:	
Metal Color:		Inscription:	
Metal Type:		Generally Worn By:	
Stone Color:			
Firearm Information:		Length:	
Caliber:		Finish:	
Gauge:		Grips:	
Action:		Stock:	
Importer:			
Property Notes:			

Enter	Date	Time	WACIC	LESA	Initial	Release Info.	Date	Time	Release No.	Release Authority
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Clear						Owner Notified			Operators Name
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Property Item No. 4/4: 1323 - Evidence - Photo / Audio / Video / Data - CD / DVD / Blu-Ray Disc - Officer Generated

Other Common Item:		Photographed:	
Description:		Fingerprinted:	
Quantity:	1	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:	Booked into Property	Insurance Company:	
Disposition Location:	Steilacoom PD	Policy No:	
Vehicle Information:		Locked:	
License:		Keys in Vehicle:	
License State:		Delinquent Payment:	
License Country:		Victim Consent:	
Vehicle Year:		Drivable:	
Make:		Estimated Damage:	
Model:		Damage:	
Vehicle Style:		Damaged Area:	
Primary Vehicle Color:		Tow Company:	
Secondary Vehicle Color:		Tow Consent:	
VIN:		Hold Requested By:	
Special Features:		Drug Measure:	
Drug Information:		Drug Measure Type:	
Drug Type:		Total # of Stones:	
Drug Quantity:		Inscription:	
Jewelry Information:		Generally Worn By:	
Metal Color:		Length:	
Metal Type:		Finish:	
Stone Color:		Grips:	
Firearm Information:		Stock:	
Caliber:		Importer:	
Gauge:		Property Notes:	
Action:			

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:	

Narrative: Steilacoom Department of Public Safety
 General Report Narrative
 Incident #: 1828700460

On 10/14/2018 at approximately 0840 hours, I responded to a report of a injury collision involving a train versus pedestrian on the train bridge crossing near Chambers Creek Road in Steilacoom, Washington.

I arrived in the area and a pedestrian directed my attention to a train stopped on the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) West Tacoma Bridge. I was then met by Lakewood Officer B. Danley and the two of us made our way out to the bridge on foot. Officer Danley confirmed via radio train traffic was stopped in both directions.

At the scene of the incident the train's (Amtrak 501) Conductor, Terrance M. Montoya (DOB: 12/24/1985), met Officer Danley and me. Montoya stated the individual appeared deceased and was located near the center of the bridge on the west side of the west tracks. Officer Danley and I approached the victim, later identified via identification found on his person, as James V. Clinkscales (DOB: 12/14/1990). Clinkscales appeared deceased. He was not moving or breathing, was pale in color, eyes were slightly open, and there was blood on his face and hands. I check the victim for a radial pulse of his right wrist, but none was present.

West Pierce Fire and Rescue (WPFR) arrived shortly after and confirmed the individual was deceased. The medical examiner was notified.

Chief Rodriguez arrived on scene to assist, however I also contacted my supervisor, Sergeant T. Yabe as well, per department policy.

I spoke with Amtrak 501's engineers, Engineer Patrick M. Christian (DOB: 12/31/1972) and Student Engineer Jesse C. Wear (DOB: 01/04/1979), and both provided hand written statements as well.

Wear explained he was operating the train heading southbound and as the train rounded the corner just north of the bridge, he noticed a trespasser on the bridge. He immediately began braking and sounding the train's whistle. Wear stated the trespasser appeared "oblivious" to the train and did not even turn around. After approximately 200 feet, Wear stated he engaged the emergency braking system, but the train eventually struck the victim, who was thrown into the side of the bridge. Wear explained as soon as the train stopped, he and other train staff attempted to render aid and notified emergency services. Wear stated that prior to applying the brakes, the train was traveling approximately 40 MPH and at the time of impact, the train's speed was approximately 35 MPH.

Christian stated he was observing Wear from the "fireman seat", while Wear was operating the train as a Student Engineer traveling southbound. He explained that at the time they identified the subject on the tracks the train was traveling at approximately 40 MPH. He further explained the individual on the track appeared to be walking on the west side of the west track between the tracks and the bridge barrier. Christian stated Wear applied the brakes and used the train's whistle to try to warn the individual. Approximately 20 feet later, Christian explained Wear put the train into "emergency" and the train's right front corner struck the individual. He stated they immediately contacted the dispatcher to notify emergency services.

Both Christian and Montoya stated another train was heading northbound on the east tracks near Sunnyside Beach as they approached the bridge from the north. They further stated that almost immediately after Amtrak 501 struck Clinkscales, the northbound train passed them on the east tracks of the West Tacoma Bridge.

Lakewood Traffic Officer M. McGettigan arrived to document the scene via photographs (see supplemental report and photos). Pierce County Medical Examiner R. O'Brien arrived on scene to conduct his investigation and take possession of the remains. I also spoke with BNSF Officer M. Stapleton on scene and Amtrak Investigator S. Travers via phone. I booked several of Clinkscales's personal items (bandana, scarf, wallet and wallet contents) into evidence after clearing the scene.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Officer K. Bentz
 SM11

Reviewed By:

Reviewed Date:

**Lakewood Police Department
Supplemental Report**

Incident No. 1828700460.2
Jurisdiction Agency: Stellacoom Public Safety

Incident No.
1828700460.2

PDA: _____ Homeland Security: _____ Subject: **Death Investigation**

IBR Disposition: **Active** Case Management Disposition: _____
Forensics: _____ Reporting By/Date: **LD06137 - McGettigan, Michael 10/14/2018 16:35:32**
Case Report Status: **Approved** Reviewed By/Date: **LD04016 - Fraser, John 10/16/2018 13:59:57**

Related Cases:

Case Report Number _____ Agency _____

Non-Electronic Attachments

Attachment Type _____ Additional Distribution _____ Count _____

Location Address: **Chambers Creek Rd/Chambers Bay Dr** Location Name: **BNSF West Tacoma Bridge**
City, State, Zip: **Stellacoom, WA 98388** Cross Street: _____
Contact Location: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
Recovery Location: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
CB/Grid/RD: **017 - STEILACOOM** District/Sector: **SM77 - Steilacoom**
Occurred From: **10/14/2018 08:40:00 Sunday** Occurred To: _____
Notes: _____

Offense Details: 0810 - Death Investigation

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

Property Item No. 5/1: 20514 - Evidence - Digital Image(s)

Other Common Item: _____	Photographed: _____
Description: _____	Fingerprinted: _____

Call Source: _____	Assisted By: _____					
Phone Report: _____	Notified: _____					
Insurance Letter: _____	Entered By: LD06137 - McGettigan, Michael					
Entered On: 10/14/2018 12:32:31	Approved By: E24730 - Erechar, Laureen					
Approved On: 10/20/2018 10:58:02	Exceptional Clearance: _____					
Adult/ Juvenile Clearance: _____	Exceptional Clearance Date: _____					
Additional Distribution: _____	Other Distribution: _____					
Validation Processing	Distribution Date: 10/20/2018	County Pros. Atty.	Juvenile	Other	CPS	Supervisor:
	By: ERECHAR, LAUREEN	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: 10/20/2018 10:58:02
Printed By: E24730 - Erechar, Laureen

Quantity: 1	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 MAV / ICV Server	Insurance Company:
Disposition Location:	Policy No:
Vehicle Information:	Locked:
License:	Keys in Vehicle:
License State:	Delinquent Payment:
License Country:	Victim Consent:
Vehicle Year:	Drivable:
Make:	Estimated Damage:
Model:	Damage:
Vehicle Style:	Damaged Area:
Primary Vehicle Color:	Tow Company:
Secondary Vehicle Color:	Tow Consent:
VIN:	Hold Requested By:
Special Features:	Drug Measure:
Drug Information:	Drug Measure Type:
Drug Type:	Total # of Stones:
Drug Quantity:	Inscription:
Jewelry Information:	Generally Worn By:
Metal Color:	Length:
Metal Type:	Finish:
Stone Color:	Grips:
Firearm Information:	Stock:
Caliber:	
Gauge:	
Action:	
Importer:	
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:

Narrative: On 10/14/18, at 0915 hours, I was contacted by SS 911 dispatch regarding a train versus pedestrian incident that occurred in the City of Steilacoom. Chief Rodriguez requested the assistance of Traffic Officers at the scene.

At 0951 hours, I arrived on scene and contacted Officer Bentz from Steilacoom PD. Officer Bentz explained that a white male later identified as Clinkscales, James by his South Carolina ID card, had been walking SB on the tracks around milepost 14.2 which belong to BNSF. The male moved from the east side tracks to the west side due to a freight train traveling NB. James did not notice the Amtrak train traveling SB on the west tracks and the engineer blew the horn and began an emergency stop when James was not moving out of the way.

The SB Amtrak train struck James and it appears that James struck a small metal structure in the middle of the trestle. James was thrown under the train and the train was able to stop. The engineers advised they attempted first aid, but were unsuccessful due to the severity of injuries. I then began to photograph the scene walking NB on the tracks using my department issued digital camera until I got to the front of the train. I marked the locations of the wheels and the front engine with green marking paint. I then photographed the train and scene up to the location of where James was found. Fire was on scene and standing by awaiting ME15 who was still enroute.

I took photos of James and attempted to get to the location where a scarf was found still attached to a piece of metal roofing from the small structure in the middle of the trestle. I was able to observe a large gash across the front of the forehead area on James and some dark brown smudges. ME 15 found that James had a possible broken left arm. Due to the train location and the very tight space between the structure and the train, I was not able to get to it until after the train was allowed to move. ME15 arrived and took photos as well. I assisted with the placement of the plastic bags to hold James and then Fire removed him from the location to the ME's vehicle.

Once all personnel were clear, the Amtrak train was allowed to leave. Officer Bentz was able to get all the information about the train as well as statements from the engineers prior to it leaving. Once the tracks were clear, I moved up and photographed the area that James was found and marked the location of where his body was. I then photographed the scene walking SB in the same direction that James was walking along the tracks. Prior to the bridge, there was a no trespassing sign posted along with a milepost marker stating it 14.2. I confirmed with BNSF workers on scene, that the 14.2 was the milepost marker for that location.

Myself and ME 15 continued to photograph the scene once the tracks were all clear. I gave a black and white scarf and a green bandana from the scene that possibly belonged to James to Officer Bentz so that she could keep the items as evidence. Once the photos were completed, I reviewed the hand written statements from both engineers and provided any information I had to the BNSF investigator that arrived. I later made a copy of the photos and left them at Steilacoom PD. I also placed the originals onto the Lakewood secure MAV server.

Nothing Further
M. McGettigan LK138/L06137

Reviewed By:	Reviewed Date:	
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**Steilacoom Public Safety
Supplemental Report**

Incident No. 1828700460.3
Jurisdiction Agency: Steilacoom Public Safety

PDA: Homeland Security: Subject: **Death Investigation | Return of property**

IBR Disposition: **Active** Case Management Disposition:
Forensics: Reporting By/Date: **SPD2691 - Whelan, Lawrence 10/16/2018 12:10:32**

Case Report Status: **Approved** Reviewed By/Date: **SPD2691 - Whelan, Lawrence 10/16/2018 12:35:53**

Incident No.
1828700460.3

Related Cases:

Case Report Number Agency

Non-Electronic Attachments

Attachment Type Additional Distribution Count

Location Address: **Chambers Creek Rd/Chambers Bay Dr** Location Name: **BNSF West Tacoma Bridge**
City, State, Zip: **Steilacoom, WA 98388** Cross Street:
Contact Location: City, State, Zip:
Recovery Location: City, State, Zip:
CB/Grid/RD: **017 - STEILACOOM** District/Sector: **SM77 - Steilacoom**
Occurred From: **10/14/2018 08:40:00 Sunday** Occurred To:
Notes:

Offense Details: 0810 - Death Investigation

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

Investigative Information

Means:	Motive:
Vehicle Activity:	Direction Vehicle Traveling:

Call Source:	Assisted By:					
Phone Report:	Notified:					
Insurance Letter:	Entered By: SPD2691 - Whelan, Lawrence					
Entered On: 10/16/2018 12:04:39	Approved By: E24730 - Erechar, Laureen					
Approved On: 10/20/2018 10:58:33	Exceptional Clearance:					
Adult/ Juvenile Clearance:	Exceptional Clearance Date:					
Additional Distribution:	Other Distribution:					
Validation Processing	Distribution Date: 10/20/2018	County Pros. Atty.	Juvenile	Other	CPS	Supervisor:
	By: ERECHAR, LAUREEN	City Pros. Atty.	Military	DSHS	PreTrial	

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Printed By: E24730 - Erechar, Laureen

Steilacoom Public Safety Supplemental Report

Jurisdiction Agency: Steilacoom Public Safety

Incident No. 1828700460.3

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Synopsis:

Narrative: Steilacoom Department of Public Safety
Incident Narrative
Steilacoom Case #: 1828700460

On Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at approximately 0900 hours I received three personal items from Chief Rodriguez which belonged to the deceased subject James Clinksdale. I then packaged and certified mailed the bandanna, scarf, and wallet to his Father James Clinksdale who lives in Warm Shoals South Carolina. USPS tracking number 7017 3380 0000 2425 9302.

I CERTIFY UNDER THE PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Sergeant L.R. Whelan 3/691

This document was signed in the Town of Steilacoom, County of Pierce, on October 16, 2018.

Reviewed By:

Reviewed Date:

**Steilacoom Public Safety
Supplemental Report**

Incident No. 1828700460.4
Jurisdiction Agency: Steilacoom Public Safety

Incident No.
1828700460.4

PDA: _____ Homeland Security: _____ Subject: **Death Investigation**

IBR Disposition: **Active** Case Management Disposition: _____
Forensics: _____ Reporting By/Date: **SM2167 - Bentz, Kasey 10/20/2018 08:07:03**
Case Report Status: **Approved** Reviewed By/Date: **SPD2560 - Rodriguez, Thomas 10/22/2018 09:54:24**

Related Cases:

Case Report Number _____ Agency _____

Non-Electronic Attachments

Attachment Type _____ Additional Distribution _____ Count _____

Location Address: **Chambers Creek Rd/Chambers Bay Dr** Location Name: **BNSF West Tacoma Bridge**
City, State, Zip: **Steilacoom, WA 98388** Cross Street: _____
Contact Location: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
Recovery Location: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
CB/Grid/RD: **017 - STEILACOOM** District/Sector: **SM77 - Steilacoom**
Occurred From: **10/14/2018 08:40:00 Sunday** Occurred To: _____
Notes: _____

Offense Details: 0810 - Death Investigation

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

Property Item No. 6/1: 1323 - Evidence - Photo / Audio / Video / Data - CD / DVD / Blu-Ray Disc - Officer Generated

Other Common Item:		Photographed:	
Description: Incident Scene Photos		Fingerprinted:	

Call Source:		Assisted By:	
Phone Report:		Notified:	
Insurance Letter:		Entered By:	SM2167 - Bentz, Kasey
Entered On:	10/20/2018 08:04:58	Approved By:	SPD620 - Specht, Jenifer
Approved On:	10/23/2018 07:10:08	Exceptional Clearance:	
Adult/ Juvenile Clearance:		Exceptional Clearance Date:	
Additional Distribution:		Other Distribution:	
Validation Processing	Distribution Date: 10/23/2018	County Pros. Atty.	Juvenile
	By: SPECHT, JENIFER	City Pros. Atty.	Military
		Other	DSSH
		CPS	PreTrial
		Supervisor:	

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Steilacoom Public Safety Supplemental Report

Incident No. 1828700460.4

Jurisdiction Agency: Steilacoom Public Safety

Quantity: 1
 Finding Location:
 Status: **E - Evidence (Including Other Seized Property And Tools)**
 Recovered Date:
 Recovered Value:
 Field Tested:
 Field Test Results:
 Property Disposition: **Booked into Property**
 Disposition Location: **Steilacoom PD**

Contents Sampled:
 Owner:
 Value:
 Make/Brand:
 Model:
 Serial No:
 OAN:
 Insurance Company:
 Policy No:

Vehicle Information:

License:
 License State:
 License Country:
 Vehicle Year:
 Make:
 Model:
 Vehicle Style:
 Primary Vehicle Color:
 Secondary Vehicle Color:
 VIN:
 Special Features:

Locked:
 Keys in Vehicle:
 Delinquent Payment:
 Victim Consent:
 Drivable:
 Estimated Damage:
 Damage:
 Damaged Area:
 Tow Company:
 Tow Consent:
 Hold Requested By:

Drug Information:

Drug Type:
 Drug Quantity:

Drug Measure:
 Drug Measure Type:

Jewelry Information:

Metal Color:
 Metal Type:
 Stone Color:

Total # of Stones:
 Inscription:
 Generally Worn By:

Firearm Information:

Caliber:
 Gauge:
 Action:
 Importer:

Length:
 Finish:
 Grips:
 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: _____

Narrative: **Steilacoom Department of Public Safety
 Supplemental Report Narrative
 Incident# 1828700460**

On October 20, 2018, I received a compact disc in my department mailbox containing photos taken by Lakewood Officer McGettigan of the incident scene.

I booked the disk into evidence.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Officer K. Bentz
SM11/167

Reviewed By:

Reviewed Date:

**Steilacoom Public Safety
Supplemental Report**

Incident No. 1828700460.5
Jurisdiction Agency: Steilacoom Public Safety

PDA: Homeland Security: Subject: **Death Investigation**

Incident No.
1828700460.5

IBR Disposition: **Active** Case Management Disposition: **ACTV - Active**
Forensics: Reporting By/Date: **SPD2700 - Yabe, Tom 3/15/2019 19:44:50**
Case Report Status: **Approved** Reviewed By/Date: **SPD2700 - Yabe, Tom 3/15/2019 19:52:07**

Related Cases:

Case Report Number Agency

Non-Electronic Attachments

Attachment Type Additional Distribution Count

Location Address: **Chambers Creek Rd/Chambers Bay Dr** Location Name: **BNSF West Tacoma Bridge**
City, State, Zip: **Steilacoom, WA 98388** Cross Street:
Contact Location: City, State, Zip:
Recovery Location: City, State, Zip:
CB/Grid/RD: **017 - STEILACOOM** District/Sector: **SM77 - Steilacoom**
Occurred From: **10/14/2018 08:40:00 Sunday** Occurred To:
Notes:

Offense Details: 0810 - Death Investigation

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

Investigative Information

Means:	Motive:
Vehicle Activity:	Direction Vehicle Traveling:

Call Source:	Assisted By:					
Phone Report:	Notified:					
Insurance Letter:	Entered By: SPD2700 - Yabe, Tom					
Entered On: 3/15/2019 19:44:06	Approved By: SPD620 - Specht, Jenifer					
Approved On: 3/19/2019 06:54:37	Exceptional Clearance:					
Adult/ Juvenile Clearance:	Exceptional Clearance Date:					
Additional Distribution:	Other Distribution:					
Validation Processing	Distribution Date: 3/19/2019	County Pros. Atty.	Juvenile	Other	CPS	Supervisor:
	By: SPECHT, JENIFER	City Pros. Atty.	Military	DSHS	PreTrial	
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Steilacoom Public Safety Supplemental Report

Jurisdiction Agency: Steilacoom Public Safety

Incident No. 1828700460.5

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Synopsis:

Narrative: Steilacoom Department of Public Safety
Report Narrative
Steilacoom Case # 1828700460

On March 15, 2019, at 1500 hours, I received (via hand delivery by Lakewood Police Officer M. McGettigan) a copy of the postmortem examination report for James Clinkscales. I added the report to the case file.

I CERTIFY UNDER THE PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Sergeant T. Yabe
#41700

Reviewed By:

Reviewed Date:

**Steilacoom Public Safety
Supplemental Report**

Incident No. 1828700460.6
Jurisdiction Agency: Steilacoom Public Safety

PDA: Homeland Security: Subject: **Death Investigation**

Incident No.
1828700460.6

IBR Disposition: **Resolved**

Case Management Disposition: **ININ - Inactive - Not Assigned - No Investigation Necessary**

Forensics:

Reporting By/Date: **SPD140 - Bailey, Christopher 3/18/2019 15:07:34**

Case Report Status: **Approved**

Reviewed By/Date: **SPD2691 - Whelan, Lawrence 3/19/2019 15:32:54**

Related Cases:

Case Report Number Agency

Non-Electronic Attachments

Attachment Type Additional Distribution Count

Location Address: **Chambers Creek Rd/Chambers Bay Dr** Location Name: **BNSF West Tacoma Bridge**
 City, State, Zip: **Steilacoom, WA 98388** Cross Street:
 Contact Location: City, State, Zip:
 Recovery Location: City, State, Zip:
 CB/Grid/RD: **017 - STEILACOOM** District/Sector: **SM77 - Steilacoom**
 Occurred From: **10/14/2018 08:40:00 Sunday** Occurred To:
 Notes:

Offense Details: 0810 - Death Investigation

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

Investigative Information

Means:	Motive:
Vehicle Activity:	Direction Vehicle Traveling:

Call Source:	Assisted By:					
Phone Report:	Notified:					
Insurance Letter:	Entered By: SPD140 - Bailey, Christopher					
Entered On: 3/18/2019 15:06:55	Approved By: SPD620 - Specht, Jenifer					
Approved On: 3/19/2019 15:38:43	Exceptional Clearance:					
Adult/ Juvenile Clearance:	Exceptional Clearance Date:					
Additional Distribution:	Other Distribution:					
Validation Processing	Distribution Date: 3/19/2019	County Pros. Atty.	Juvenile	Other	CPS	Supervisor:
	By: SPECHT, JENIFER	City Pros. Atty.	Military	DSHS	PreTrial	

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Steilacoom Public Safety Supplemental Report

Jurisdiction Agency: Steilacoom Public Safety

Incident No. 1828700460.6

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Synopsis:

Narrative:

Steilacoom Police Department
Supplemental Report Narrative
Case # 1828700460

On 03/18/2019 I received a copy of the post mortem examination report for CLINKSCALES from the Pierce County Medical Examiner's Office via mail. Dr. Clark determined the manner of death to be ACCIDENTAL, and rules the cause of death as an MULTIPLE TRAUMATIC INJURIES.

This case is closed. Nothing further at this time.

Nothing further at this time.

Detective C. Bailey Steilacoom Police Department #6/140

Reviewed By:

Reviewed Date: