

Rail Incident Investigation Report

Pedestrian Not at Crossing	Other (explain)	rrestie	Pedestrian at Crossing	
Public Crossing	Private Crossing	Trestle	Pedestrian at Crossing	
I. Type of Accident				
FRA Investigation: Yes N	lo	Inspector:		
Railroad Owning Track:		Railroad Op	perating on Track:	
Docket No: TR-		Report Dat	e:	

II. Time and Location of Accident

Date: Time:

Daylight

N/A

No

USDOT Crossing No.: UTC Crossing No.:

GPS Identifier: Lat: Railroad Milepost: Lon:

Number of Tracks: City: County:

Darkness

Road name, yard name, bridge:

Visibility Due to Weather:

III. Conditions Surrounding the Accident

Weather: Clear to cloudy Rain Snow Fog **Road Condition:** Dry Wet Snow Ice

Unknown

Train Type: Freight Locomotive only Cars only Passenger

Train Speed:

Remote Control: Yes N/A

Type of Haz-Mat:

Haz-Mat on Train: Yes

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

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

If yes, describe:

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

If yes, describe:

Previous collisions at or near site? Yes No

If yes, describe:

VII. Crossing History Does this section apply? Yes No

Prior accidents at this crossing? Yes No How many?

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

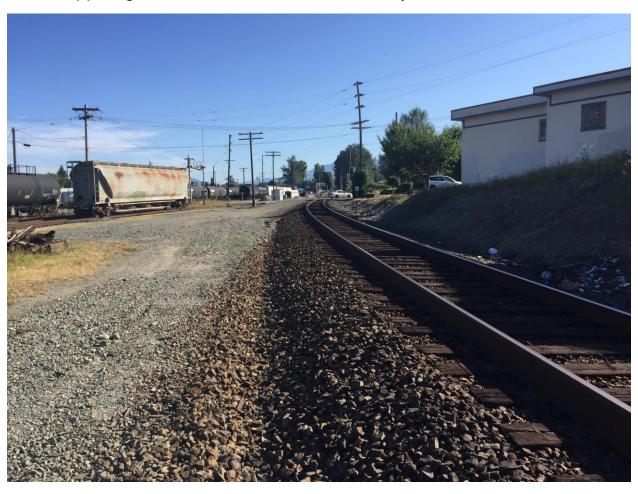
Death Certificate? Yes No Copy of most current inventory? Yes No

Other (describe):

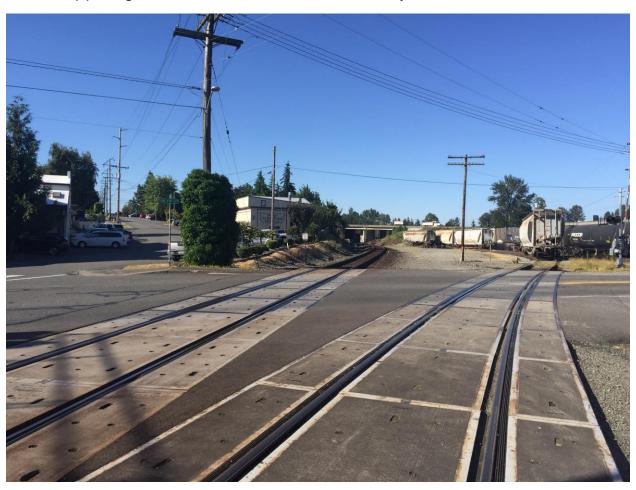
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IX. Comments		
Event Summary:		
Site Description:		
Inspector Recommendations:		

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Rail Safety Supervisor Comments/Sign Off:	
Director of Transportation Safety Comments/Sign Off:	

TR-190028 (1) Facing North Toward Accident Site. Photo Taken by Andrew McMahon on 07-28-2020.



TR-190028 (2) Facing South Toward Accident Site. Photo Taken by Andrew McMahon on 07-28-2020.



BNSF Fort Worth – Network Operations Center – INCIDENT REPORT

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	Trailer/Container Damages	Excludes contents. (Mktg-Equip Mtce Team – Evita Murdock)
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Cause Code: Description:

Brief Narrative of Incident:

0351CT the M EVECUS1 13T reported striking a trespasser at MP 68.5 on the Bellingham Subdivision at Mt Vernon. This did not occur at a road crossing. We currently do not have a route around. Lead Locomotive (BNSF 1469) is camera equipped.

0625CT – M EVECUS1 13T back on the move.

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:				

Notificatio	ns:				
Time:	Entity:		Person Notified:	Reminders:	
0350CT	Service	Interruption:	JG by DS 81	Include who notified	SID.
0352CT	Resourc	e Operations:	Sandra Collins		
	OPR DL	Cargorelated	Copy of this report	Copy of this report	
0356CT	DTM/Te	rminal Manager:	Brandon Long	Get ETA, check Cell n	umber.
0354CT	RFE:		Dan Hart	Get ETA, check Cell n	umber.
0358CT	Signal D	esk:	Franklin Belt	817-593-5998	
	MOW De	sk:		817-593-6823 Option	n 1
	Mechani	cal Desk:		817-593-9128	
0403CT	NOC GD	T:	Tyrone Fitzgerald		
	Div. Gen	eral Manager:	Jon Gabriel		
	Div. GD7	T:	Jason Moyer		
	Corridor	Supt:	Jan Ruby Jr		
	Div. Sup	Ops / Term Sup:			
0401CT	MDPR		Mike Douglass	817-352-1312	
	Passeng	er Service:	Email to Rich Wessler and	Email report to Rich	Wessler and
	· ·		Tamara Noel	Tamara Noel.	
	-	tendent Safety and ng Practices	Scott Huston	California Chicago 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, Michael E

1	The following group list is		Page for the following events:
1	for the following		Major derailments or train collisions
	departments:		which are expected to exceed 16 hours
			or \$1,000,000 in damages, 4-8 hour
	Safety, Law, Rules,		range after the 1st conference call.
	Workforce Management,		
	Rules and field Support,		Derailments or collisions with
	Corporate Relations,		evacuations, explosions, or involving
	Government Affairs, and		crude oil trains.
	Evidence Preservation		
			Major Hazardous Incidents
	Major event group page		
	list (Not MIP)		Employee Fatalities, life threatening
	Also page Region VP.		injuries, or amputations.
	(It is located with the SID		Add "Preliminary Report" to the
	Locomotive group lists)		subject line.
	Conference Calls:		If Conf Call is being established:
			Notify: NOC MECH/MOW Desk & ROC
	Hazardous Incidents:		Page for all Hazardous Incidents:
	Contact East/West On-call		Pat Brady, Piper, Justin, Reid, Clay D,
	Manager		Howard Horn, David C Clark, John D.
			Lovenburg, Allen Stegman
	ChemTrec (USA)		Call Emergency Number listed on the
	800-424-9300		Waybill whenever a HAZ MAT car is
	Carry Tag (Carry Is)		involved in a derailment or damaged;
	CanuTec (Canada) 888-226-8832 or		whether leaking or not.
	613-996-6666		Run TSS: WBCOPY & HAZ & EXCR
	NRC:		NUIT 133. WEGGET & HAZ & EACK
	800 – 424 – 8802		
	(Initial SID Analysis)		
074007	Examples for notifying:	Dront Donest# 1005174	Obtain their Report Number and name
0749CT	Passenger Train/Route	Brent - Report# 1235174	of person who took the report.
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	Employee/Contractor Fatality		
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To: Rose, John (ECY); Skagit County (dem@co.skagit.wa.us); 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

Subject: Train Vs Trespasser - Mount Vernon

Date: Monday, January 14, 2019 2:22:26 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: 0213

Reporting Party Name, Position and Contact Number: Jose Granados/BNSF

Name of Railroad(s) involved: BNSF

Date/Time of Event: 01/14/2014 @ 0150 PST.

Milepost and/or Address of Event: Subdivision Bellingham Post @ Mile post 68.5/ Mount Vernon

Washington

Type of Rail Car Involved: Freight Train

Number of Injuries/Fatalities: 1

Type and Amount of HAZMAT Spilled: N/A

Circumstances of the Incident: Train Struck at trespasser

Name and Phone of Local Contact: Dan Hart 206-719-1079

Railroad Incident Number:

State EOC Incident Number: 19-0155

Samantha Williams

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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Rail Reporting

Subject: FW: NRC#1235174- Train VS Trespasser - Mount Vernon

Date: Monday, January 14, 2019 6:13:18 AM

Samantha Williams
State Emergency Operations Officer
Washington Emergency Management Division
Building 20: MS: TA-20
Camp Murray, WA 98430-5122
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----Original Message-----

From: HQS-PF-fldr-NRC@uscg.mil < HQS-PF-fldr-NRC@uscg.mil>

Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 5:56 AM

To: DUTYOFFICER@EMD.WA.GOV; State Emergency Operations Officer (MIL) <Dutyofficer@mil.wa.gov>;

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Subject: NRC#1235174

NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER 1-800-424-8802 ***GOVERNMENT USE ONLY***GOVERNMENT USE ONLY***

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Incident Report # 1235174

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken by NRC at 08:52 on 14-JAN-19 Incident Type: RAILROAD NON-RELEASE

Incident Cause: TRESPASSER

Affected Area:

Incident occurred on 14-JAN-19 at 03:50 local incident time.

Affected Medium: NON-RELEASE (N/A)

REPORTING PARTY

Name: DEBORAH WATSON
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 68.5 County: SKAGIT City: MT VERNON State: WA

RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

CALLER REPORTED A FREIGHT TRAIN STRUCK A TRESPASSER RESULTING IN A FATALITY.

SENSITIVE INFORMATION

INCIDENT DETAILS

Grade Crossing: NO

Location Subdivision: BELLINGHAM

Railroad Milepost: 68.5 Type of Vehicle Involved: Crossing Device Type: Device Operational: YES DOTCrossing 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: MEVECUS113T

Train Type: FREIGHT Train Direction:

Train Speed: Track Speed: Locomotives: Cars: Derailed:

Suspected DOT Regulation Non Compliance: UNKNOWN

DERAILED CARS:

Pos. Carnumber 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

Major

Road: NO Artery:NO

Waterway:NO

Track: NO

Passengers Transferred: NO

Environmental Impact: UNKNOWN

Media Interest: UNKNOWN Community Impact due to Material:

DELCEDALA ACCUANCA

REMEDIAL ACTIONS

NONE

Release Secured: UNKNOWN

Release Rate:

Estimated Release Duration:

WEATHER

Weather: PARTLY CLOUDY, °F

ADDITIONAL AGENCIES NOTIFIED

Federal:

State/Local: STATE EMERGENCY

State/Local On Scene:

State Agency Number: 19-0155

NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (GRASP)

14-JAN-19 08:55 (770)4887100

CGIS D13 FIELD OFFICE (CGIS D13 COMMAND CENTER)

14-JAN-19 08:55 (206)2207141

CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION (INTEL BRANCH/BLAINE SECTOR)

14-JAN-19 08:55 (360)4107222

DHS DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY (CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL TECHNOLOGI 14-JAN-19 08:55 (703)7673477

NATIONAL COORDINATING CTR FOR COMMS (NCC COMM-ISAC)

14-JAN-19 08:55 (703)2355626

NTNL PROGRAMS AND PROTECTION DIR (OFC OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION RGN 14-JAN-19 08:55 (202)8215301

OFFICE OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION (WA STATE PROTECTIVE SECURITY ADVIS 14-JAN-19 08:55 (202)8053379

DOT CRISIS MANAGEMENT CENTER (MAIN OFFICE)

14-JAN-19 08:55 (202)3661863

FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMIN. (MAIN OFFICE (AUTO))

14-JAN-19 08:55 (202)4930636

FEMA REGION 10 (MAIN OFFICE)

14-JAN-19 08:55 (425)4874704

LUMMI INDIAN BUSINESS COUNCIL (NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT)

14-JAN-19 08:55 (360)3127119

NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE COORD CTR (MAIN OFFICE)

14-JAN-19 08:55 (202)2829201

NOAA RPTS FOR WA (MAIN OFFICE)

14-JAN-19 08:55 (206)5264911

OREGON TITAN FUSION CENTER (FUSION COMMAND CENTER)

14-JAN-19 08:55 (877)6204702

WA STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (MAIN OFFICE)

14-JAN-19 08:55 (800)2585990

TSA SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY (TWIC ENFORCEMENT)

14-JAN-19 08:55 (206)3875236

VOLPE CENTER (TRANSPORTATION HUMAN FACTORS)
14-JAN-19 08:55 (617)4942000
WASHINGTON STATE FUSION CENTER (FUSION COMMAND CENTER)
14-JAN-19 08:55 (877)8439522
WASHINGTON STATE NATIONAL GUARD (COMMAND CENTER)
14-JAN-19 08:55 (253)5128159
WA UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMM (PIPELINE SAFETY)
14-JAN-19 08:55 (360)6641182

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

*** END INCIDENT REPORT #1235174 ***
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Record	Redaction	Authority/Explanation
19-M00772	Autopsy or post mortem reports	RCW 68.50.105; RCW 11.02.005; RCW 42.56.070(1)



MOUNT VERNON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Detail Incident Report

Incident #: 19-M00772

Nature: TRAIN PED

Location: MVPD AREA- N

RIVER - COMM DIST

Address: CAMERON WAY / W FIR ST

MOUNT VERNON WA 98273

Offense Codes: TAFA

Received By: GRANGER J

How Received: TELEPHONE

Agency: MVPD

Responding Officers: ELWELL A

HOWARD B MARKER M DOWHANIUK J

DON M GREEN B

Responsible Officers: DOWHANIUK J

Disposition: Active 01/14/19

When Reported: 01:53:57 01/14/19

Occurred Between: 01:53:46 01/14/19 and 01:53:46 01/14/19

Assigned To:

Status:

Detail: HOM

Date Assigned: **/**/**

Status Date: **/**/**

Due Date: **/**/**

Case History

DOWHANIUK J HOM

01/14/19 **/**/** **ACT**

01/14/19 **/**/**

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Radiolog:

Unit: 111

Enroute: 01:57:15 01/14/19 Completed:02:11:25 01/14/19

Arrived: 02:02:40 01/14/19

Unit: 125

Enroute: 01:56:46 01/14/19

Arrived:

Completed: 02:05:16 01/14/19

Unit: 1B1

Enroute: 01:58:05 01/14/19

Arrived: 02:05:44 01/14/19

Completed:02:11:25 01/14/19

Unit: M129	Enroute: 01:57:34 01/14/19	Arrived:
	Completed:02:05:26 01/14/19	
Unit: X11	Enroute: 02:33:05 01/14/19	Arrived: 02:43:08 01/14/19
	Completed:04:57:15 01/14/19	
Unit: X20	Enroute:	Arrived: 02:02:07 01/14/19
	Completed:02:40:37 01/14/19	
Unit: X24	Enroute:	Arrived: 02:44:28 01/14/19
	Completed:04:57:15 01/14/19	
Unit: X37	Enroute: 02:49:51 01/14/19	Arrived:
	Completed: 04:37:58 01/14/19	
Unit: X38	Enroute: 01:54:51 01/14/19	Arrived: 01:59:21 01/14/19
	Completed:03:26:17 01/14/19	
Unit: X44	Enroute: 01:54:42 01/14/19	Arrived: 01:57:19 01/14/19
	Completed:04:57:15 01/14/19	

INVOLVEMENTS

Type	Record	<u>Date</u>	Relationship
lwmain	19-00662	01/14/19	ASSOCIATED CASE
prmain	624234	01/14/19	83909-1 MARKER
prmain	624236	01/14/19	83911-1 ELWELL
prmain	624278	01/14/19	83910-1 DON
prmain	624279	01/14/19	83910-2 DON
prmain	624280	01/14/19	83910-3 DON
prmain	624281	01/14/19	83910-4 DON
prmain	624282	01/14/19	83910-5 DON
inmisc	MVPHOTO	01/14/19	INVOLVED
nmmain	272089	01/14/19	VICTIM/DECEASED
nmmain	291694	01/15/19	WITNESS
nmmain	473087	01/14/19	INVOLVED
nmmain	537775	01/14/19	INVOLVED
nmmain	554512	01/14/19	INVOLVED
nmmain	586916	01/14/19	INVOLVED
nmmain	617069	01/14/19	INVOLVED
nmmain	617070	01/14/19	INVOLVED
nmmain	BNRR	01/14/19	Complainant
cdcall	C19004117	01/14/19	Initiating Call

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REPORTEES:

Name: BURLINGTON

Name Number: BNRR

NORTHERN RAILROAD

Race:

Sex:

DOB: **/**/**

Address: 1400 D ST,

BELLINGHAM,

WA 982

Home Phone: (800)832-5452 ext1

Work Phone: (800)285-0073

VICTIMS:

Name: TAYLOR, DANTE Na

Name Number: 272089

J.

Race: W

Sex: M

DOB: 11/03/99

Address: ;DECEASED, ,

Home Phone: (360)421-8757

Work Phone: ()-

WITNESSES:

Name: PERRY, CARINA Name Number: 291694

M.

Race: W

Sex: F

DOB: 07/22/98

Address: 117 S 24TH ST,

MOUNT VERNON,

WA 98274

Home Phone: (360)610-5974

Work Phone: ()-

PROPERTY INFORMATION:

Item Type: CD

Property624234

Number:

Item/Brand: VICTIM

Model: VIDEO DVD

Serial Number:

Color: /

Characteristics:

Quantity: 1

Meas:

Total Value: 0

Owner ID Number:

Item Type: MISC

Property624236

Number:

Item/Brand: CELL PHONE

Model: VIDEO

Color: /

Serial Number: Characteristics:

Quantity: 1

Meas:

Total Value: 0

Owner ID Number:

Item Type: SHOE

Property624278

Number:

Item/Brand: Serial Number:

Model: LEFT

Color: /

Characteristics:

Quantity: 1

Meas:

Total Value: 0

Owner ID272089

Number:

Item Type: PHONE EQUIP

Property624279

Number:

Item/Brand: APPLE

Model: IPHONE

Color: /

Serial Number: Characteristics:

Quantity: 1

Meas:

Total Value: 0

Owner ID272089

Number:

Item Type: PHONE EQUIP

Property624280

Number:

Item/Brand: Serial Number:

Model: CASE

Color: /

Characteristics:

Quantity: 1

Owner ID272089

Number:

Meas:

Total Value: 0

Item Type: SHOE

Property624281

Number:

Item/Brand:

Model: RIGHT

Serial Number:

Color: /

Characteristics:

Quantity: 1

Meas:

Total Value: 0

Owner ID272089

Number:

Item Type: MISC

Property624282

Number:

Item/Brand: BEVERAGE

Model: CONTAINER

Serial Number:

Color: /

Characteristics:

Quantity: 1

Meas:

Total Value: 0

Owner ID
Number:

NARRATIVE:

^H/C OFFICER ELWELL/TYPED Tue Jan 15 08:00:10 PST 2019 RECEIVED/CS

19-M00772

Narrative:

On 01/14/2019 at approximately 0153 hours I was dispatched to a train vs pedestrian call at the RR tracks on Cameron Way / W Fir Street in Mount Vernon, WA. Dispatch advised Burlington Northern Railroad was reporting a train hitting a pedestrian. Dispatch advised the train was stopped. I responded from the Mount Vernon Police Department and saw that College Way was blocked by the train. I advised dispatch to relay this information to responding fire/aid crews so they could take the appropriate route.

I arrived on scene on W Fir Street, east of the railroad tracks. I used my spot light to check the area to the south and then north, but did not see anything. I exited my patrol car to check on foot and saw people to the north of the tracks running towards me. I contacted the individuals who asked me what was going on. I told the men that we had a report of a train striking a pedestrian and asked if they were involved or had seen anything. The men told me that they were looking for their friend Dante who had left their house intoxicated. Another man ran up to us and frantically asked if "that video was real". I told the men to stay at my patrol car and wait for contact from other responding officers.

Dispatch advised that the subject may be on the west side of the tracks. I crawled underneath a train car to get to the other side and saw a male lying face down on the ground approximately 40 yards south of the roadway. Skagit County Sherriff's Deputies were also out of their cars on the west side of the tracks and we approached the subject. As I got closer I could see it was a white male who was in a pool of blood. I could also see his limbs broken with bone sticking out of his left arm. The man had obvious head trauma as well as it was very bloody and seemed to be where the pool of blood was coming from. I could see the man had small bubbles blowing in the blood coming from his nose/mouth area. I had nitrile gloves on and checked for a pulse both on the right side of his neck, as he was facing right, and on his right wrist, but felt none. I did not move the man, only touched his neck and wrist. I could not see any signs of breathing either. I could see a chunk of flesh was also missing from the man's back. I could see there was significant damage to the man's face which in combination with no signs of a pulse or breathing, led me to believe the man was obviously deceased. I could also see what appeared to be drag marks in the dirt and gravel going from the tracks from the south to the north, leading up to the deceased.

I could see the outline of a wallet in the man's back pocket which I retrieved for ID purposes. I opened the wallet and pulled out a driver's license which identified the male as Dante Jordan Taylor, DOB 11/03/1999. I put the license back in the wallet and had a deputy get a paper evidence bag. I placed the wallet in the bag and secured it in the trunk of my patrol vehicle.

I started to take photographs of the scene as a fire crew arrived on scene. The fire crew checked the male confirming he was deceased and left the scene. I took photographs of the deceased and started to survey the area. I could see there was a shoe to the north of the body, close to the tracks. I looked at the deceased and saw he was missing both shoes. I started to check to the south of

the body and could see another shoe approximately 20-30 yards south. As I walked over I found a phone case and then a black cell phone between the body and 2nd shoe. I also located a blender bottle to the west of the 2nd shoe and a Copenhagen can nearby. I took photographs of the objects where they laid. I asked Deputies to stay on scene to ensure it was not tampered with while I contacted Lead Officer Howard who was on the other side of the tracks.

I contacted Officer Howard who was getting statements from the males who I had told to wait by my patrol car. I updated Officer Howard with the information I had and then moved my patrol vehicle to the other side of the railroad tracks. Officer Howard brought over a yellow emergency blanket to cover the body with as it was in the view of the public and returned to his patrol car on the other side of the tracks. Sgt. Don arrived on scene and I gave him the information I had at the time. I called Officer Howard for Sgt. Don so he could also relay information. Detective Dowhaniuk also arrived on scene. I assisted detectives in pointing out the objects I found in the area that I believed to be related. BNSF Police Officer Sartain had also arrived on scene. Officer Sartain texted me an image of the trains information and details. Officer Howard called again to update Sgt. Don with more information. Officer Howard said one of the males who I had first contacted had a Snap Chat video that the deceased had posted to his story and sent to people. Officer Howard texted me the video to show detectives. I also forwarded the video to Officer Sartain at his request.

Sgt. Don and Det. Dowhaniuk had finished taking photographs and I was instructed to collect the items they had marked with evidence tents. I used a new pair of nitrile examination gloves to collect the shoes, phone, phone case, and blender bottle. I placed each item into separate paper evidence bags. As I picked up the cell phone I pressed the power button which activated the phone's screen. I could see the phone had several snapchat notifications as well as a missed call from "Mikey Sedano". I called Det. Dowhaniuk over to photograph the phone's screen. I used a yellow can of spray paint that Officer Sartain had loaned us to mark the location of each item as I collected them. I sprayed an X at each items spot and the corresponding evidence tent number. The evidence bags were secured in the trunk of Sgt. Don's car. I also assisted detectives in taking measurements.

Skagit County Coroner Hayley Thompson arrived on scene along with a deputy coroner. Dispatch advised they were receiving phone calls from the possible parents of the deceased. I checked my car laptop for the call comments and saw that a Michael and Brandy Mitchell had called in. I called dispatch to ask if the callers had said who their son was. Dispatch confirmed the callers had said they were the parents of the deceased. I relayed this information to Sgt. Don. As the coroners were taking photos and moving the body, the train started to move forward. After the train and moved away I could see a group of males standing up the hill directly east of us watching us. Once the coroner removed the body I contacted the males, who were the men I first contacted when I initially arrived on scene. I gave my condolences to the men for the loss of their friend. The men said that the deceased parents were requesting contact and lived in Oak Harbor. I confirmed with them that the parents were Michael and Brandy Mitchell. I relayed this information to Sgt. Don who called the parents. I texted the Snap Chat video from the deceased to the Coroner at her request. I also provided the Coroner the parents' call back information that dispatch had entered on the call screen.

I returned to the PD where I uploaded the photographs I had taken, the image of the train info from Officer Sartain, and the Snap Chat video into digital evidence. This concludes my involvement.

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CC: CASE/NARR/SUPPL NARRS 1-12/CAD CALL TO RODNEY HUDNALL,BNSF PER X24.021919.

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SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:

Name: HOWARD B

Date: 09:40:29 01/14/19

^OFFICER HOWARD/CS Mon Jan 14 09:40:44 PST 2019

RECEIVED January 14TH, 2019

19-M00772 SUPP 1

On 01-14-19 at 0153 hours, dispatch advised of a possible train vs. pedestrian accident in the area of Cameron Way and West Fir Street. The reporting party was Burlington Northern Railroad and they were reporting a train hitting a pedestrian and the train was stopped, unknown condition of the patient. They advised there was no vehicle involved.

Officer Elwell was the first to arrive and advised over the radio that the pedestrian was on the west side of the train. I came down Fir Street, as College Way was blocked, parking on the east side of the train. There were four people standing on the sidewalk by the train and I asked them if they saw anything. They said no, they just heard it and saw the train stop. I asked them to stand by while I went over to the west side of the tracks to check in with Officer Elwell.

Officer Elwell was with two Skagit County Deputies that had stopped to help. I could see the body of a male subject lying in the gravel to the north of West Fir Street, his head was facing north and his feet were to the south, it appeared there was a bone sticking out of his left arm, there was blood coming out of the right side of his face, he appeared deceased. It was then that the fire crew arrived and Officer Elwell later advised me that they determined the male was deceased.

I asked dispatch to have the on call detective call me, but they were not able to access the 2019 schedule. Officer Marker offered to look up the on call detective who was Detective Dowhaniuk and he called him. Later, Detective Sgt. Don, Detective Dowhaniuk and Detective Green arrived on scene to investigate. We noticed a flashlight to the north of us walking the tracks. I went up and met with a male who said he was the conductor. He said he was asked to walk the tracks to look for a body. I advised that we found it and he said that Burlington Northern would be sending a crew out to investigate and also replace him and the engineer. I asked for his name and he said he was new and needed to check with his supervisor before giving any information. He advised that they would be meeting at the station at College Way. I later told detectives this and Detective Green met and interviewed them.

I went back and met with Officer Marker on the east side of the train to speak with the four people who were standing there, who I later discovered were actually friends with the decedent. They gave their names as Tyler Plott, Michael Sedano, Eli Young and Judith Cano. They were at 705 North 1st street where Plott and Sedano lived. They said the decedent, who was later identified as Dante Taylor, had come over to their house very drunk. They said they took his keys so he couldn't drive, he went out for a smoke and later they saw a snapchat video that they showed us and texted to us were he told them look here comes a train, calling them bitches, and told them they had done him wrong, it did not show the train hitting him. They all wrote statements that were later turned into the case file. Detective Sgt. Don said they could go home and could be contacted later, as long as we had good contact information for them. I then

left to handle other calls and Officer Elwell stayed on scene with detectives.

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SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:

Name: MARKER M

Date: 09:48:21 01/14/19

^OFFICER MARKER/CS Mon Jan 14 09:48:29 PST 2019

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19-M00772 SUPP 2

On 01-14-19 at approximately 0153 hours, I heard over the radio that Officers Elwell and Howard were dispatched to a train vs. pedestrian accident in the area of Cameron Way and West Fir. I was in the area of 2600 East Divison when I heard the call. I responded and arrived a short time later after Officers Elwell and Howard had been on scene. I arrived on the east side of the railroad tracks where there were four subjects standing on the north side of West Fir. I contacted the subjects. I spoke with a Tyler Plott. Plott told me he lives at 705 N 1st Street. He told me that he as well as the other three had been at his residence when a Dante Taylor had come over about an hour prior to the train stopping. Plott had told me that Taylor was intoxicated. They took his keys from him so that he wouldn't drive. They said he went outside to smoke and that is the last they had heard of him. They then saw a posting on Snapchat by Taylor, it was approximately 13 second video where he states "here comes the next train, you bitches, it's all over, it's all over right now, here it comes, do you hear it? Fuck you all, you all fucking did me wrong" in the background you can hear the audible train noise for the crossing arms. Plott then sent me the video through email as well as text message. I later put it on a DVD and impounded it. Officer Howard had contacted the four and had given them statement forms to fill out. I had gone to my car, returned a short time later and the four were finished with their statements. I witnessed their signatures and then turned the statements over to Officer Howard. I then cleared a short time later.

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SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:

Name: GREEN B

Date: 11:55:32 01/14/19

^DET GREEN/DAS/Mon Jan 14 11:55:44 PST 2019

19-M00772 SUPPL #3

On 01/14/19 at approximately 0220 hrs I received a phone call at my residence from Detective Dowhaniuk requesting my assistance with a train vs pedestrian fatality collision. I was advised that the collision had occurred somewhere near West Fir at the railroad tracks and that my assistance was requested.

I responded to the office where I picked up a camera and while at the office I received a call from Detective Dowhaniuk who requested that I respond to the College Way Burlington Northern Santa Fe train station where the engineer and conductor were standing by with the engine.

Detective Sergeant Don was en route to the address where the collision had occurred with Detective Dowhaniuk.

I arrived on scene where I made initial contact with BNSF Conductor Shane Duffy and BNSF Engineer Brennan Baumann. Baumann and Duffy advised that they were okay and were standing by awaiting the arrival of a Burlington Northern supervisor before they could speak with law enforcement. They both were cooperative and advised that this was just their policy and I advised that would be fine. I stood by and awaited the arrival of a Burlington Northern supervisor who later arrived and then spoke with Duffy and Brennan. After their conversation was complete I was then able to interview them.

Baumann stated that they began their shift tonight at around 2159 hrs, when they were picked up in Everett at their station at 15th Street and were headed to the destination of Custer and Ferndale with this trainload. Baumann and Duffy began their shifts at the same time tonight and advised they were working in the front engine.

Baumann stated the incident occurred when they were traveling northbound at approximately 42 miles an hour and just passing the Amtrak depot. Baumann said that he was coming towards the curve near the West Fir Street intersection when he observed what appeared to be a male standing on the tracks with a cell phone in one hand pointed up at him as if he was taking a selfie or live streaming a video.

Baumann said that he also saw in the subject's other hand what appeared to be a bottle and the individual never turned around to face them. Baumann stated that he believed based on the behavior that this individual was trying to show off in a video and was playing chicken with the engine as he had seen this before in his career. Baumann stated that he had just observed this and saw the individual start to walk on the west rail as if he was going to step off and out of the way of the train. Baumann said he then last sight of the individual and the next thing he heard was a thud on the left side of the engine. At that time he hit the brakes coming to a stop near the College Way station.

Baumann stated that he thought the individual was going to get out of the way based on his behavior and thought that the individual was just trying to show off for a video. He was unsure exactly what the individual was wearing, saying that it was a lighter sweatshirt and possibly jeans but he was sure of the cell

phone and bottle in the individual's hands.

Duffy explained the same timeline and stated that he saw the cell phone in the individual's hand as well as possibly the bottle but was unsure as he did not have as clear of a view as Baumann did.

Duffy stated that once they hit the brakes and came to a stop he noted the incident time at 0150 hrs but believed it was possibly prior to that as he did not know the exact time of the collision. Both were appropriate in answering the questions and were considerate with me and appeared to be somewhat shook up by the incident. They then began to fill out Burlington Northern paperwork and I took exterior photographs of the engine noting the engine number, which is 1469, belonging to Burlington Northern Santa Fe.

On the outside of the engine, on the front of the engine, there were four large hallogen lights illuminating the railroad in front. I took photographs of the rest of the engine. I located the possible point of impact as being on the left side or north side as it currently sat, near the guard on the front end of the car.

There was a piece of what appeared to be flesh that appeared to be fresh. I photographed this with scale. Other photographs were taken of the engine and I could not locate any other marks or indentations from the incident on the engine.

I passed this information on to Sergeant Don who advised that they had the cell phone as well as the other information needed and were going to start marking the scene and get the engine moved. I gave my business card to the case supervisor as well as a copy of the case number. I then cleared from this area and talked with Detective Sergeant Don, passing along the information that I knew at the time.

Detective Sergeant Don and Detective Dowhaniuk advised that they were awaiting the arrival of the coroner and no further assistance was needed at that location.

I then returned to the office and uploaded the photographs into Digital OnQ, providing a copy to Detective Dowhaniuk. I then secured for the evening, taking no further action.

APPROVED DET GREEN.021919.DAS

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:

Name: DON M

Date: 15:34:20 01/14/19

^DET SGT DON/DAS/Mon Jan 14 15:34:33 PST 2019

19-M00772 SUPPL #4

On 01/14/2019 at approximately 0215 hrs I received a phone call at my reference in reference to this case. Detective Dowhaniuk stated there was a train vs pedestrian accident at Cameron Way crossing and patrol was requesting our assistance. I responded from my residence. While en route Officer Marker advised that we would need to approach from either Kincaid or Hoag Road as he believed the train had the intersections of Riverside, College Way, and Cameron Way blocked and the scene at Cameron Way was on the west side and Cameron Way was blocked.

Upon arriving on scene I pulled alongside a Skagit County Sheriff's Office patrol vehicle along with a Mount Vernon Police Department patrol vehicle blocking the roadway on Cameron way west of the train. I made contact with two Skagit County deputies and Officer Elwell just south of Cameron Way and west of the tracks. There was a long freight train stopped, blocking the intersection. Where Elwell was standing was a yellow blanket covering the decedent. While looking at the blanket I could see blood flowing out from underneath it.

Officer Elwell stated that Officer Howard was on the east side and that he had contacted three witnesses and had information.

I then spoke with Officer Howard via phone who stated that the three subjects he was speaking with on the east side were friends of the decedent. Howard stated he had obtained written statements from these individuals that the decedent had shown up at their residence intoxicated and they had taken his keys so he could not drive. Howard said they advised the decedent had left their residence and shortly thereafter posted a video to them on Snapchat where he made comments and then shows a video of him walking down the railroad tracks. Howard stated after viewing it, the video did not show the actual train but did show him on the tracks. Howard stated that after reviewing the video, they provided a copy to Officer Marker. Howard also stated that it was posted on the decedent's story board and I requested that Howard obtain all of that information for the case.

I asked Officer Howard if anyone had contacted the conductor and the engineer and he stated the conductor informed them that he was new and that he was waiting for his supervisors from Burlington Northern to advise on the protocols. The engineer, the conductor, and all train personnel were at the College Way station.

I then spoke with Detective Dowhaniuk and asked him to contact Detective Green and have him go to College Way station to speak with the train employees. After making those requests, Detective Dowhaniuk and I began walking the scene.

Detective Dowhaniuk and I first walked to the end of the train which was adjacent to Lions Park on Cameron Way. We began walking north along the tracks examining the scene as we went. Although there were numerous pieces of litter and debris alongside the railroad tracks due to pedestrian traffic, over time, we were able to determine what was fresh and what was not based on the lack of frost. It should be noted on this evening the ambient temperature was approximately 28 degrees and everything was covered with a small layer of ice.

The first item noted was a Vans shoe with white sole and striping. This was marked with evidence tent #1.

The item marked with evidence tent #2 was a black Apple cell phone just north of the first shoe.

Just north of the phone was a clear phone case marked with evidence tent #3.

Tent #4 marked the actual body.

Continuing just north of the body was a second Van's shoe which was marked with tent #5.

While we were working through taking photographs I received a phone call from Detective Green. Green stated he had inspected the engine and had found a point of impact which included body fluid that he would document. He had also talked to the engineer and conductor. They stated that the train was northbound and traveling at approximately 42 miles an hour. Rounding the corner at I-5 they saw an individual walking in the center of the tracks. They believed he was possibly videoing because he had a bottle in one hand and a light in his other hand which they believed to be a cell phone. They said the individual walked on the west side rail and began to walk as though he was going to exit the tracks but never did and was struck. They applied the brakes right at the intersection of Cameron Way.

As Detective Dowhaniuk and I continued to check the area, Green stated that we would also be looking for a bottle. During a cursory search, located just west of items #1 and #2 was a blender bottle plastic drinking container. This was marked with tent #6.

Detective Dowhaniuk then spoke with the coroner advising them of what had occurred. The coroner gave us permission to move the train prior to their arrival. Based on the fact there was no area in which to get a good baseline measurement it was determined that we would paint the locations of all of the items and they would be measured in the daylight. Officer Elwell then conducted this task.

Once all of these items were documented, Detective Dowhaniuk and I documented the decedent. After the covering blanket was removed, Detective Dowhaniuk took full photographs. The decedent was lying face down at an approximately 45 degree angle with the feet to the southwest and the head to the northeast. Looking at the contorted appendages, the body obviously had numerous internal injuries. The decedent was wearing white ankle high socks, blue American Eagle jeans with a black web belt, a light green undershirt, and a white hoodie. The legs were basically together however slightly contorted. The right arm was bent at the shoulder with the upper arm directly out from the body and the elbow slightly bent down. The left fingers were closed half-way towards a fist. The left arm was in the same direction, away from the body, however, instead of bending at the elbow in a downward fashion the left arm was bent at the elbow in an upward fashion with the hand downward.

Once the body was later turned over by the Coroner, there was a large amount of blood spatter on the face and there was matter coming out of the nose and ears.

There was an obvious bone protruding from the left elbow and it appeared as though the sweatshirt was the only thing holding the lower arm on. There was

also a laceration in the center of the back. The entire right side of the pants and the back area of the hoodie had a large amount of dirt and there were rub marks on the exposed lower back consistent with being drug.

As we documented the body, standing approximately five feet away, I could smell an obvious odor of intoxicants coming from the area.

While this was being documented, Officer Elwell began collecting all of the items. As he collected them he painted and numbered them with yellow spray paint for follow up.

Detective Dowhaniuk and I also did a quick measurement using the western train track rail as a baseline. This started right where the western rail meets the cement at the Cameron Way intersection.

Item #1: 211' south, 12' 2" west.

Item #2: 173' 6" south, 12' 4" west.

Item #3: 148' 5" south, 11' 2" west.

Item #4: 119' 6" south, 21' 6" west was the measurement for the left big toe.

114' 6" south, 18' 10" west for the top of the head.

21' for the top of the left index finger.

Item #5: 88' 8" south, 15' 9" west.

Item #6: 183' 7" south, 55' 9" west.

Once we were complete with measurements we stood by until Coroner Hayley Thompson and Deputy Coroner Britt Flickinger arrived on scene. I briefed them on the circumstances surrounding this incident. While the coroner was documenting the body, Officer Elwell advised that we were receiving multiple phone calls from the parents of who we believed to be the decent. The decedent had been identified by Elwell via Washington State driver's license as Dante Taylor. His parents, Michael and Brandy Mitchell, had called dispatch numerous times.

Once the body was removed by the coroner I placed a phone call to Mr. Mitchell's cell phone (360) 929-2125.

Prior to this I knew that the Mitchells were from Oak Harbor and that an in person notification was not going to be feasible. When Mr. Mitchell answered the phone I asked him if he was with his wife and he stated she was in another room. I asked him if he was available to talk and he said that he could. I then told him that Dante was dead. I apologized to Mr. Mitchell for being so blunt, explaining to him that it was my experience that the best way to notify of such tragedy is to just do it in a clear fashion. Mitchell stated that he had done notifications before and he understood where I was coming from. Mitchell asked if he could have any details and I told him that his son had been struck by a train and that a preliminary investigation indicated that his son was intoxicated. I then told Mitchell that his son had actually sent his friends a short video of himself walking on the tracks before being struck. Mitchel said something to the effect of "What the ..."

I told Mitchell that Dante was in the care of the Skagit County Coroner's office and he was in the best hands possible. I told Mitchell that the coroner would

be contacting him with information as to what happens next but in my experience I felt that the prudent move at this time would be for him and his wife to process what had occurred and then wait for the coroner to call them in the morning. Mitchell said that he thought that was a good idea.

Mitchell then requested that he be the point of contact, stating that he didn't think his wife would be able to handle it.

I provided Mitchell with my name and number, as well as Detective Dowhaniuk's. I told him that we were there for him and that if he had any questions, regardless of the time of day, he should feel free to contact us and we will help him. I again told him that I felt right now there was probably a whirlwind going on in his mind and that as he thought of questions that he should write them down to make sure that we get them all answered.

I again apologized to Mr. Mitchell for this tragedy prior to ending the phone call.

After this phone call was complete I spoke with Coroner Hayley Thompson who stated that she would call Mr. Mitchell first thing in the morning.

The officers, Detective Dowhaniuk, and I then cleared the scene. The train had already been removed by Burlington Northern Santa Fe. Detective Dowhaniuk and I then returned to the office where I impounded the evidentiary items on impound sheet #83910.

See other officer's follow ups for additional information.

APPROVED DET SGT DON.011619.DAS

Name: DOWHANIUK J **Date:** 16:21:45 01/14/19

^DET DOWHANIUK/DAS/Mon Jan 14 16:22:01 PST 2019

19-M00772 SUPPL #5

On 01/14/19 at approximately 0153 hrs, patrol was dispatched to a train/pedestrian collision at Cameron Way and W Fir Street.

At approximately 0210 hrs I received a call at my residence from Officer Marker regarding a train/pedestrian collision at Cameron Way and W Fir Street.

I contacted Detective Sergeant Don and Detective Green by cell phone regarding their assistance. I responded from my residence and contacted Detective Sergeant Don at the scene. Upon my arrival I began taking photographs of the scene from a distance. I then walked to Detective Sergeant Don who was talking with Officer Elwell. Detective Sergeant Don then walked along the west side of the train looking for evidence and examining the train and tracks. As evidence was located, each piece of evidence was marked with an evidence tent.

Detective Sergeant Don and I located six items of evidence. The first piece of evidence was marked as item #1 which was a shoe. The second piece of evidence was a cell phone. The third piece of evidence was a cell phone case. The fourth piece of evidence was the decedent and the fifth was the second shoe. As we walked back through the scene we located a plastic beverage container which was marked as item #6. The plastic beverage container contained a liquid and based on my training and experience was suspected to contain alcohol based on the odor of intoxicants.

I photographed items 1 through 6 and after the items were photographed we then took a baseline measurement of each piece of evidence.

Detective Sergeant Don documented the measurements and I assisted him in taking measurements. Once items had been photographed and measured, I called teh Skagit County Coroner. I spoke with Skagit County Deputy Coroner Britt Flickengel. Flickengel said the Coroner's office would erspond shortly. Coroner Hayley Thompson and Flickengel arrived on scene examined the body and took photographs. Once she was finished the decedent was placed in a body bag and transported to the Coroner's vehicle.

Detective Sergeant Don brought evidence items located on the scene back to the police department and I assisted with impounding items 1 through 5 under impound #83910. A copy of the property report was placed in the case file. I also downloaded the digital photographs into Digital OnQ. A copy of the digital photographs were placed in the case file.

APPROVED DET DOWHANIUK.012219.DAS

Name: DOWHANIUK J **Date:** 08:44:28 01/15/19

^DET DOWHANIUK/DAS/Tue Jan 15 08:44:58 PST 2019

19-M00772 SUPPL #6

On 01/14/19 Detective Vandergriend and I went back to the scene to conduct a Lidar measurements of the evidence that had been located and numbered.

I used an LTI 20/20 Tru Speed 5 (Lidar serial number TJ004288) to conduct the measurements. Detective Vandergriend located a 0 point at Cameron Way and the railroad tracks that was identified in concrete as Omega 3606943221136#11-21-14.

I then went to evidence marker #1 and took a measurement of 206 feet.

Evidence marker #2 was 178.4 feet.

Evidence marker #4, evidence marked as feet, was 126.9 and evidence marked as head was 120.1.

Evidence marker #5 was 95.5 feet.

Evidence marker #6 was 200.6 feet.

Once the evidence markers had been measured and digital photographs of the 0 point were taken, we then cleared. The photographs were impounded into Digital OnQ and a copy of the photographs were placed in the case file.

APPROVED DET DOWHANIUK.011619.DAS

Name: DON M

Date: 14:29:15 01/15/19

^DET SGT DON/DAS/Tue Jan 15 14:29:40 PST 2019

19-M00772 SUPPL #7

On 01/14/2019 at approximately 1027 hrs Carina Perry called dispatch requesting to speak with an officer,

At approximately 1110 hrs I placed a return call to Perry at (360) 610-5974. I asked Perry what I could help her with and she said that she had information on Dante Taylor, possibly using drugs. Perry told me that she had known Taylor since she was 12 (approximately 8 years) and that she knew that prior to this he had done acid on one occasion with an individual named Mikey Sedano. She said that in the years that she has known Taylor that he had not been suicidal and that she has even had a friend who was suicidal and had witnessed Taylor argue with that individual.

Perry described Taylor as someone who drank a lot but said that he does not get "stupid" when he is drinking and that was why she believed after viewing the Snapchat video that he was on acid at the time. She further described him as crazy "daredevilish" and someone who had sent her a video once of him sitting on the railing of the Deception Pass Bridge, however, she said that after she told him that what he was doing was dangerous he responded that he did not want to die and climbed down.

Perry said recently Taylor was a "scaffolder" at Boeing and she did not think he was drinking much because he had just received a promotion.

I asked Perry if Taylor was a whiskey drinker or a beer drinker and she said that he would drink beer but that he primarily like whiskey. She said that she has seen him chug a half bottle of Jack Daniels and even though she had seen him drink a full bottle of Jack Daniels he would be "tipsy" but he would not be "dumb". She said that she also knew that he had walked the tracks before because he and friends had sent Snapchat videos running on the top of parked railroad cars.

When I asked Perry for clarification on what she meant by he "drank a lot" she said that he used to be a hard alcoholic who drank every day but that she had just talked to him the day previous to this and she didn't think he was drinking much at all. She said that she had information that a friend of hers was texting him right up until 12:30 AM and that everything was fine and so she again did not believe he was suicidal. I thanked Perry for her time and requested that she contact us with any further information. Perry asked if we would ever be able to release whether or not he was on drugs and I told her that we were currently in the preliminary portion of the investigation and that we wouldn't have any information on that back for several months.

Perry said that she would call if she had more information.

Investigation continues.

APPROVED DET SGT DON.011619.DAS

Name: DON M

Date: 14:50:00 01/15/19

^DET SGT DON/DAS/Tue Jan 15 14:50:14 PST 2019

19-M00772 SUPPL #8

On 01/14/2019 at approximately 1015 AM Jonathan Martinez called the front counter wanting to speak about the Snapchat video.

I placed a return phone call to Jonathan Martinez at (360) 333-4451. Upon speaking to Jonathan he stated that he knew Dante Taylor but he wouldn't describe them as really close. He said he would talk to him on occasion when they ran into one another at parties. He said that he and Dante had graduated the same year and he wanted us to know about the Snapchat video.

I told Jonathan that we did have a copy of the video and thanked him for calling. I asked him if he knew how often Dante drank and at first he stated that he had no clue but then said that he drank randomly.

Jonathan said that when watching the video, he said that was how Dante would act when he got drunk and that he would be emotional. I asked him how many times he had seen Dante be emotional and he said every so often but then said, probably once a week. He said at times when he drank he would be upbeat and then at other times he would be upset.

Jonathan had no further specific information to provide. I thanked him for his time and requested he contact us if he had additional information that he thought we should know.

APPROVED DET SGT DON.011619.DAS

Name: DON M

Date: 15:44:07 01/15/19

^DET SGT DON/TYPED/Tue Jan 15 15:44:19 PST 2019

RECEIVED DAS 19-M00772 SUPPL #9

On 1/14/19 at about 1330 hours I spoke with Angelina Dunman via phone. Her number was (360) 982-1371.

Dunman said she was friends with Dante Taylor and spoke to him frequently. She said Taylor sent her the video privately and she wanted to make sure we had it. I confirmed through its description that it was the same SnapChat video he posted for others to see. Dunman said recently he's been talking about how he and his mother are not having a good relationship but she did not think he was suicidal. I asked Dunman if she thought his behavior might be caused by his intoxication and she said it could have been. Dunman said he has sent her a couple videos in the past when he was drinking but did not have an opinion if he was heavy drinker or drank a lot.

She had no further information pertinent to this investigation.

APPROVED DET SGT DON.011519.DAS

Name: JONES W

Date: 16:28:50 01/15/19

^DET JONES/TYPED/Tue Jan 15 16:29:00 PST 2019

RECEIVED DAS 19-M00772 SUPPL #10

Sgt. Don requested that I review the phone that was believed to be Dante Taylor's. I was able to extract data and utilizing Cellebrite I reviewed that information.

The device was an iPhone that was in the ON state. I had to charge the device prior to extracting data.

After reviewing the data I did not locate information related to suicide or threats to kill himself and I did not observe communications from others encouraging him to hurt himself.

The phone was placed back into evidence.

This ended my involvement in the investigation.

I informed Sgt. Don of the information that was observed.

APPROVED DET JONES.011519.DAS

Name: DOWHANIUK J **Date:** 13:46:36 01/18/19

^DET DOWHANIUK/DAS/Fri Jan 18 13:48:16 PST 2019

19-M00772 SUPPL #11

On 01/16/19 at approximately 1500 hrs I spoke to a male subject on the telephone who identified himself as VA. VA stated he did not want to give his real identity however those were his initials and he was calling from phone number (360) 349-2622.

VA advised he had information he wanted to share. VA stated Dante "drank a whole lot". VA stated he met Dante at a rave about two months ago in Anacortes. VA stated he did not drink however when he would come in contact with Dante it seemed like he always had been drinking. VA stated he had spoken to Dante several times and Dante would share with him how he was doing. VA stated that Dante came to his house one time with what appeared to be a broken nose. VA asked Dante if he would take him to the hospital and Dante stated no and started to walk towards the hospital. VA said that he got into his car looking for Dante and was able to catch up with him near the YMCA.

VA stated he lived on North Fir Street. VA stated that when Dante was walking he observed him walking side to side and it was obvious that he had been drinking. VA stated he pulled up alongside Dante and Dante refused to get into the car until VA told Dante it's me. VA stated he drove Dante to the hospital and Dante told him that he had gotten into a fight.

VA also wanted to let us know about the Snapchat post that had been posted prior to Dante's death. VA stated that he could hear a train in the background. I advised VA that I had reviewed the Snapchat video and I appreciated him calling in.

VA stated we could call him if we had any other questions for him.

APPROVED DET DOWHANIUK.012319.DAS

Name: DOWHANIUK J **Date:** 08:36:39 01/23/19

^DET DOWHANIUK/DAS/Wed Jan 23 08:36:51 PST 2019

19-M00772 SUPPL #12

On 01/22/19 at approximately 1445 hrs I spoke with Michael Mitchell regarding his step-son Dante. Michael advised he had received information from an employee from Edward Jones at the Sedro Woolley branch whose first name is Jeannie. Jeannie had advised her son, Jackson Davis, was upset at what had happened to Dante and Jackson had told Jeannie he had seen Dante at the party at 7:00 PM just prior to him leaving the party.

Michael also received information Dante may have been using LSD and he notified the Skagit County Coroner's Office.

There was no other information at this time.

APPROVED DET DOWHANIUK.012519.DAS

02/19/19 MOUNT VERNON POLICE DEPARTMENT 564 10:55 CALL DETAIL REPORT Page: 1

Call Number: C19004117

Nature: TRAIN PED

Reported: 01:53:57 01/14/19 Rovd By:

GRANGER J How Rovd: T Occ Btwn: 01:53:46 01/14/19 and 01:53:46 01/14/19

Type: 1 f

Priority: 1 Determinant: 21M3 Hold Time: **:**:** **/**/**

Name#:

BNRR

Address: CAMERON WAY / W FIR ST

City: MOUNT VERNON

Alarm:

License Plate: State:

COMPLAINANT/CONTACT

Complainant: BURLINGTON NORTHERN RAILROAD.

Race: Sex: DOB: **/**/** Address: 1400 D ST, BELLINGHAM Home Phone: (800)832-5452 ext

Contact: BNRR #SANDY

Address:

Phone: (800)832-5452

COMMENTS ------

01:54:14 01/14/2019 - BREED K REPORT OF TRAIN HITTING PED.

01:54:16 01/14/2019 - BREED K

TRAIN STOPPED.

01:54:30 01/14/2019 - BREED K

UNK CONDITION OF PATIENT.

01:55:20 01/14/2019 - BREED K NO VEH INVOL PER TRAIN CREW.

01:55:53 01/14/2019 - BREED K

BNRR ADV TRAIN IS STOPPED JSO OF LOCATION CLOSE TO 15.

01:55:56 01/14/2019 - LINDQUIST J

PER X44, COLLEGE WAY IS BLOCKED

01:57:14 01/14/2019 - BREED K

RP ADV TRAIN CREW TOLD THEM THEY WERE WALKING THE TRACKS CHECKING, AND WOULD CALL BACK IF THEY OBTAINED ANY ADDL INFO.

01:57:29 01/14/2019 - OSTROM L

MALE DOWN ON W SIDE OF TRACKS, LIKELY CONFIRMED UNATTENDED

01:58:38 01/14/2019 - BREED K

BNRR CB TO ADV TRAIN WAS TRAVEL NB.

02:01:42 01/14/2019 - GRANGER J

911 ADMIN ADV OF CALL

02:11:20 01/14/2019 - NELSON G

AGENT IS 1.5 HOURS OUT, RESPONDING DIRECTLY TO SCENE

02:28:25 01/14/2019 - OSTROM L

ENGINEER CALLING IN NOW, BRENNAN BOWMAN 425 232 6256

02:28:48 01/14/2019 - OSTROM L

ENGINEER JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE IT WAS PASSED ON THAT THERE WAS A FATALITY

02/19/19 10:55

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02:40:59 01/14/2019 - BREED K

WA EOC CALLED TO ADV THE BNSF CONTACTED THEM. DISPATCH CONFIRMED LOCATION OF INCIDENT. CB FOR EOC 800 258 5990 EMP/AMITA WILLIAMS.

02:42:38 01/14/2019 - GRANGER J

SKAGIT DEM NOTIFIED

03:22:40 01/14/2019 - LINDQUIST J

CORONER PAGE SENT

04:09:49 01/14/2019 - BROWER G

BRANDY MITCHELL REQ A CALL 425 268 2900 , HEARD HER SON WAS HIT B A TRAIN

04:11:01 01/14/2019 - BROWER G

MIKE MITCHELL ALSO REQ A CALL , 360 929 2125

04:11:27 01/14/2019 - BROWER G

MIKE IS WITH BRANDY, DOESNT NEED A SEPERATE CALL 04:20:56 01/14/2019 - BROWER G

MIKE GAVE NAME OF SON OF DANTE TAYLOR

04:43:40 01/14/2019 - OSTROM L

MIKE REQ CALL, IS GETTING FRUSTRATED

INVOLVEMENTS ------

NM BNRR 01/14/19 BURLINGTON NORTHERN RAILROAD Complainant FR 19-M0247 01/14/19 Initiating Call LW 19-M00772 01/14/19 TRAIN PED 19-M00772 CAMERON Initiating Call	Type	Record#	Date	Description	Relationship
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The following is a true and correct statement given to
Tyler Plott . 705 N 1st St. NAME ADDRESS
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CERTIFY UNDER THE PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.
SIGNED AT:(city) House July Mashington this 14 day of 2019
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WITNESSING OFFICER SIGNATURE
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The following is a true and correct statement given to
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NAME ADDRESS
(360) 523-0306 . 05/10/1996. 1/14/18 Z:14 am
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TIME ENDED LOCATION STATEMENT GIVEN
LOCATION STATEMENT GIVEN
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