



Rail Incident Investigation Report

Docket No: TR- Report Date:

Railroad Owning Track: Railroad Operating on Track:

FRA Investigation: Yes No Inspector:

I. Type of Accident

Public Crossing Private Crossing Trestle Pedestrian at Crossing

Pedestrian Not at Crossing Other (explain)

II. Time and Location of Accident

Date: Time:

USDOT Crossing No.: UTC Crossing No.:

Railroad Milepost: GPS Identifier: Lat: Lon:

Number of Tracks: City: County:

Road name, yard name, bridge:

III. Conditions Surrounding the Accident

Weather: Clear to cloudy Fog Rain Snow

Road Condition: Dry Wet Snow Ice

Visibility Due to Weather: Daylight Darkness Unknown

Train Type: Freight Passenger Locomotive only Cars only Train Speed:

Haz-Mat on Train: Yes No N/A Remote Control: Yes No N/A

Type of Haz-Mat:

IV. Pedestrian, Driver, or Passenger Fatalities

Does this section apply? Yes No

Number of Fatalities: of a vehicle accident, number of passengers:

Name:

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

Pedestrian trying to get on/off train? Yes No Suicide: Yes No Undetermined

Alcohol: Yes No Undetermined Information supplied by:

Drugs: Yes No Undetermined Information supplied by:

Names of additional fatalities:

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V. Pedestrian, Driver, or Passenger Injuries

Does this section apply? Yes No

Number of people injured:

If a vehicle accident, number of passengers:

Name:

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

Pedestrian trying to get on/off train? Yes No

Drugs: Yes No Undetermined Alcohol: Yes No Undetermined

Names of additional injured persons:

VI. Pedestrian Access (not at a Crossing)

Does this section apply? Yes No

Obvious signs of consistent pedestrian trespass? Yes No

If yes, describe: Worn foot paths and graffiti to the tracks and under the bridge.

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

If yes, describe: Bike/foot path on both sides of the track.

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

If yes, describe: DANGER NO TRESPASSING signs are posted.

Previous collisions at or near site? Yes No

If yes, describe: Pedestrian struck at M.P. 17.7, Kent-Bridge on 4/20/2000

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):

IX. Comments

Event Summary:

On December 3, 2019, at approximately 16:41 in Kent, Washington, Sammie Newsome jumped into the path of an oncoming northbound Sound Transit commuter train and was fatally injured. This incident occurred at MP 17.7x on the BNSF Railway Co. trestle over the Green River.

Site Description:

This incident occurred at MP 17.7X on BNSF Railway Co. tracks in Kent, Washington. There are two main lines on the trestle bridge that cross over the Green River. There is a worn foot path under the north end of bridge. The tracks are elevated and a foot/bike path ends on both sides of the tracks. There is a "No Trespassing" sign present to warn pedestrians to stay off of the private railroad property. See attached photos.

Inspector Recommendations:

Recommend trespass prevention review.

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Rail Safety Supervisor Comments/Sign Off:

Reviewed and approved 9/10/2020 - EE
Trespass prevention on-site evaluation scheduled.

Director of Transportation Safety Comments/Sign Off:

Reviewed and approved to close with follow-up for trespass assessment 9/11/2020 - KH

North side of bridge, looking south.

Pedestrian probably impacted at this location



17.7
DANGER
NO
TRESPASSING
KEEP OFF
BRIDGE
BUT TRUCKS OK





North end of bridge facing south

"DANGER NO TRESPASSING - KEEP OFF BRIDGE"

Pedestrian probably impacted at this location

West side of tracks facing west.



West side of tracks facing north

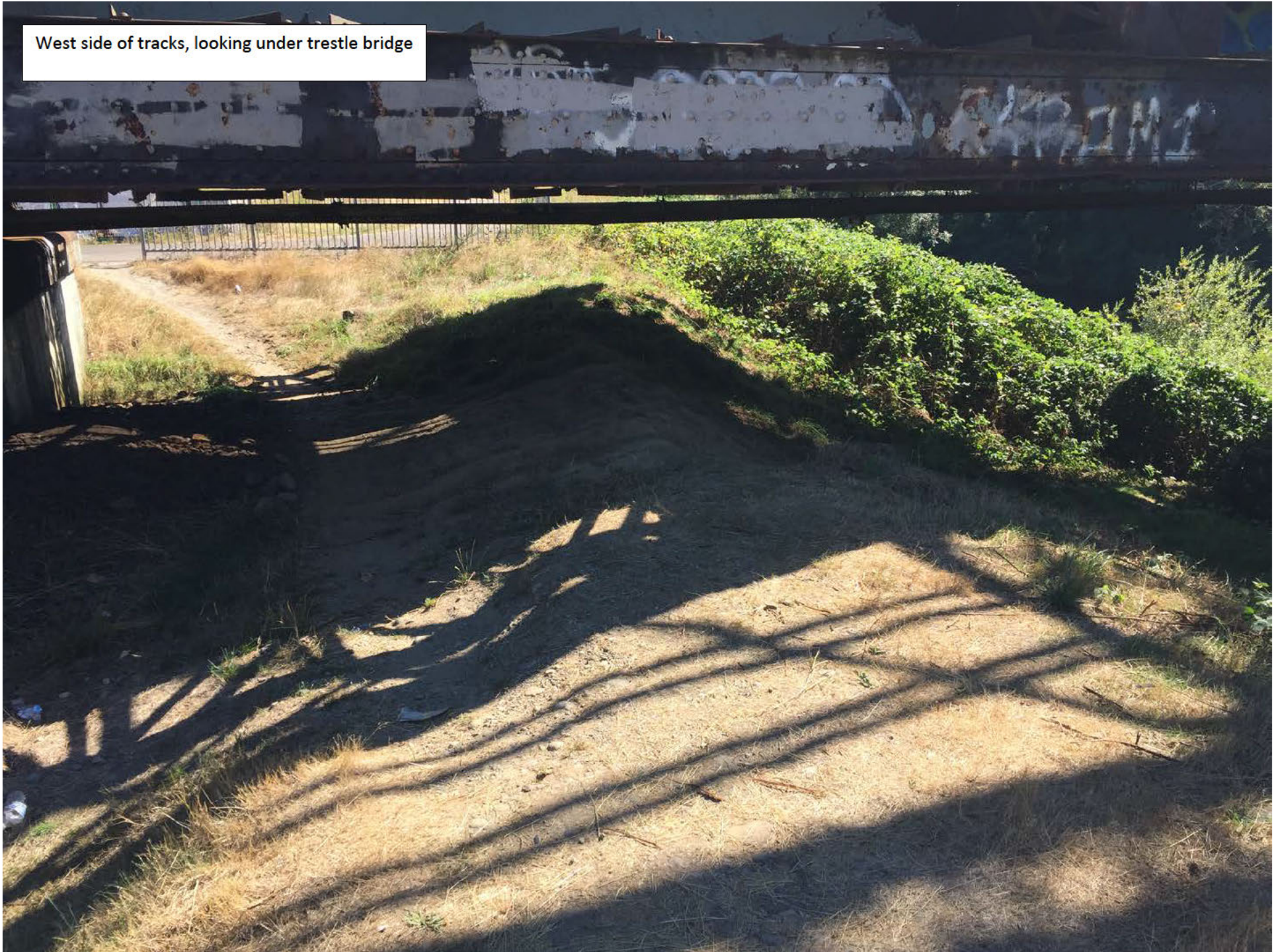


West side of tracks, facing east.

Foot paths



West side of tracks, looking under trestle bridge



East side of bridge, looking west



East side of bridge, looking north-west.



East side of bridge, looking north.



East side of bridge, looking east.



From: Service, Interruption Desk
To: OPR DL (SI Desk Use ONLY) North Region Incident; Amer, Russell T; Melendez, Jacob P; Morehouse, Craig; Moyer, Jason; Clark, Daniel P; Denny, Jason P; Huston, Scott T; Melonas, Gus S; Wallace, Courtney; WUTC Rail Reporting (UTC); Halstead, Lori (UTC); Service Interruption Desk
Subject: 120319 A1520103-Trespasser - Seattle Sub
Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2019 8:03:43 PM

BNSF Fort Worth – Network Operations Center – [INCIDENT REPORT]

Date:	12/03/19	Time:	1841CT	MP:	17.500X	D-Code:	19M520
Time & Date Last Revised:						Divn:	Northwest
Subdivision:	Seattle	State:	WA	County:	King		
Line Segment:	51						
Nearest Station:	Auburn, WA						
Nearest Major Terminal (distance/direction):	Auburn, WA						
Weather Conditions (Temp, wind, precipitation):	50°, Cloudy, Wind S @ 3 mph						

Injuries or Fatalities?	Yes - 01 Trespasser Fatally Injured	Employee?	
Name:		Craft:	

Symbol:	A 1520 1 03A	If Yard Job, is it Remote Control Operation?	
Lead Locos:	SDRX 321 - SDRX 910	L-E-T-F:	06-0-378-528
DP Locos:		Direction:	North
Conductor:	LM WILKS	Engineer:	JR KVAM
Prior Rest		Prior Rest	
Other:			
On Duty Time/Date:	0835CT / 12-03-19	Origin/Destination:	LWOSEK
Crew Interviewed by:	Superintendent of Suburban Services Jason Denny		
Event Recorder/Camera:	Sounder Transit/Amtrak		

Locomotives video equipped?											
Lead Locos	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N
SDRX 321	Y	SDRX 910	Y								

Crossing Name:	Not at a crossing	DOT:	
Equipped with:		Functioning?	
Vehicle Direction:		Vehicle Description:	
Law Enforcement Agency:	Kent PD	Citations?	

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

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

Heavy equipment ordered:				
Equip. ETA:		Equipment Arrived:		Equipment Released:
Main Blocked?	MT 1) Yes MT 2) Yes	Estimated Reopen:		Actual Reopen: MT 1) 2129CT MT 2) 1944CT

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

\$		Contractor Expense	Rerailing & clearing expenses only. Do not include environmental cleanup, air monitoring, etc.
\$		Estimated Lading Recovery Costs	Source is usually Damage Prevention/LARS. This figure includes trucking charges and site remediation charges.
\$		Prelim. Lading Loss Estimates	Railcar/Trailer/Container Contents ONLY

		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:		Description:	
Brief Narrative of Incident:			
1841CT - DS reports the train struck a trespasser on MT 1. This did not occur at a crossing. No status on trespasser. Crew and passengers are un-injured.			
1939CT - ROCC reports the Kent PD confirms that the trespasser is a confirmed fatality.			
2142CT - Update from Manager of Commuter Operations Russell Amer - Trespasser reported to have jumped in front of train at approximately MP 17.70X. Trespasser experienced fatal injuries.			
Post Accident Testing (FRA):			
Did this incident meet FRA Post Accident Testing criteria?			
Contact MEH Dept at: (817) 352-1648 during normal business hours. (817) 352-1613 after hours, weekends and holidays. If no answer, page email Kimberly Farris and Julie Murphy when the following applies: -Employee/Contractor Fatality. -Damage to railroad property exceeding \$1.5 million. -Collision with injury or \$150,000 damage -Passenger train accident with reportable injury -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?			
Craft being Post Accident Tested:			

Notifications:																							
Time:	Entity:	Person Notified:	Reminders:																				
1845CT	Service Interruption:	RAL by DS 75	Include who notified SID.																				
1845CT	Resource Operations:	Martina Allen																					
	OPR DL Cargorelated		Copy of this report																				
Copy of RPT Copy of RPT	DTM/Terminal Manager:	Russ Amer Jacob Melendez	Get ETA, check Cell number.																				
	RFE:		Get ETA, check Cell number.																				
	Signal Desk:	Via Remedy	817-593-5998																				
	MOW Desk:	Via Remedy	817-593-6823 Option 1																				
	Mechanical Desk:	Via Remedy	817-593-9128																				
	NOC GDT:	Mike Lee																					
	Div. General Manager:	Craig Morehouse																					
Copy of RPT	Div. GDT:	Jason Moyer																					
Copy of RPT	Corridor Supt:	Dan Clark																					
1902CT	Div. Sup Ops / Term Sup:	Jason Denny																					
	MDPR	Via Remedy	817-352-1312																				
	Passenger Service:	Via Remedy	Email report to Rich Wessler and Tamara Noel.																				
	Superintendent Safety and Operating Practices	Scott Huston	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>California</td> <td>Coleman, Herbert T</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chicago</td> <td>Wazny, William A</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Red River</td> <td>Cleveland, Scott M</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kansas</td> <td>Valencia, Randy J</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Montana</td> <td>Boggs, Landon S.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Heartland</td> <td>Musgrove, Chris E</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Northwest</td> <td>Huston, Scott T</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Powder River</td> <td>Hein, Joshua B</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Southwest</td> <td>Strot, Benjamin K.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Twin Cities</td> <td>Lund, Michael E</td> </tr> </table>	California	Coleman, Herbert T	Chicago	Wazny, William A	Red River	Cleveland, Scott M	Kansas	Valencia, Randy J	Montana	Boggs, Landon S.	Heartland	Musgrove, Chris E	Northwest	Huston, Scott T	Powder River	Hein, Joshua B	Southwest	Strot, Benjamin K.	Twin Cities	Lund, Michael E
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	The following group list is for the following departments: Safety, Law, Rules, Workforce Management, Rules and field Support, Corporate Relations, Government Affairs, and Evidence Preservation Major event group page list (Not MIP)		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. Derailments or collisions with evacuations, explosions, or involving crude oil trains. Major Hazardous Incidents																				

	Also page Region VP. (It is located with the SID Locomotive group lists)		Employee Fatalities, life threatening injuries, or amputations. Add "Preliminary Report" to the subject line.
	Conference Calls:		If Conf Call is being established: Notify: NOC MECH/MOW Desk & ROC
	Hazardous Incidents: Contact East/West On-call Manager		Page for all Hazardous Incidents: Pat Brady, Piper, Justin, Reid, Clay D, Howard Horn, David C Clark, John D. Lovenburg, Allen Stegman
	ChemTrec (USA) 800-424-9300 CanuTec (Canada) 888-226-8832 or 613-996-6666		Call Emergency Number listed on the Waybill whenever a HAZ MAT car is involved in a derailment or damaged; whether leaking or not. Run TSS: WBCOPY & HAZ & EXCR
1919CT	NRC: 800 - 424 - 8802 (Initial SID Analysis) Examples for notifying: Passenger Train/Route \$150,000 incident Employee/Contractor Fatality	Mr. O'Brien - Report #1265427	Obtain their Report Number and name of person who took the report.
1914CT	State:	Washington State Emergency Operations - Samantha - Report #19-4271 Email Report: utcrailreporting@utc.wa.gov Email Report: lori.halstead@utc.wa.gov	
	California - CUPA		
	Foreign Railroad:		
	Page "Go Team"		If appropriate notify Mark Schulze.
Copy of RPT	State Corporate Relations:	Gus Melonas and Courtney Wallace	Copy of this report: Maia LaSalle: MT, WY Jeanelle Davis: AL, AR, LA, MS, TN, TX Lena Kent: AZ, CA, TX, LA, MS, AR, AL, TN 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: [EOC \(ecc.kc@kingcounty.gov\)](mailto:ecc.kc@kingcounty.gov); kentoem@kentwa.gov; [Hunter, Kathy \(UTC\)](#); [Kenneth W. Holgard](#); [Mark Daniels \(FRA\)](#); [Michael Pirato](#); [Stacey Thompson \(Fed Railroad Association Reg 8\)](#); [Stacey Weller](#); [Steven Travers](#); [WUTC Rail Reporting \(UTC\)](#)
Subject: Train Vs. Trespasser- Auburn
Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2019 5:21:48 PM

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,

Name of the Railroad(s) involved: BNSF

Reporting Party Name, Position and Contact Number: Rob Larson 817-352-2832

Time and Date Called in to the State EOC: 1713

Time and Date of the Event: 1641

Mile post and/or Address of Event: Seattle Sub Division mile post 17.5 / 226th and Ives Ave Kent WA , King County

Circumstances of the Incident: Train struck trespasser

Number of Injuries and/or Fatalities: Unknown

Type of Rail Cars Involved (tank, hopper, box, flat, etc.): passenger train

Type and Amount of HAZMAT spilled: N/A

Any Additional Details That Will Assist in Identifying the Necessary Response:

Name and Phone Local POC: Rob Larson 817-352-2832

Railroad Incident Number: N/A

State EOC Incident Number: 19-4271

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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Subject: FW: NRC#1265427-Train Vs. Trespasser
Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2019 5:36:37 PM

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-flidr-NRC@uscg.mil <HQS-PF-flidr-NRC@uscg.mil>
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2019 5:34 PM
To: DUTYOFFICER@EMD.WA.GOV; State Emergency Operations Officer (MIL) <Dutyofficer@mil.wa.gov>; State Emergency Operations Officer (MIL) <Dutyofficer@mil.wa.gov>; Clark, Anthony B (MIL) <Anthony.Clark@mil.wa.gov>
Subject: NRC#1265427

NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER 1-800-424-8802

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Incident Report # 1265427

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken by NRC at 20:24 on 03-DEC-19
Incident Type: RAILROAD NON-RELEASE
Incident Cause: TRESPASSER
Affected Area:
Incident was discovered on 03-DEC-19 at 16:41 local incident time.
Affected Medium: RAIL REPORT (N/A) / TRESPASSER

REPORTING PARTY

Name: ROBERT LARSON
Organization: BNSF RAILWAY
Address: 2650 LOU MENK DRIVE
FORT WORTH, TX 76131
Email Address:

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

SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Name: UNKNOWN
Organization:
Address:

Type of Organization: UNKNOWN

INCIDENT LOCATION

MP 17.5X County: KING
SEATTLE SUB
City: AUBURN State: WA
MAIN LINE (MAIN TRACK 1)

RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

CALLER STATED THAT A PASSENGER TRAIN STRUCK A TRESPASSER ON THE MAIN LINE (MAIN TRACK 1). CALLER ALSO STATED THAT IT IS UNKNOWN IF THE TRESPASSER SUSTAINED ANY INJURIES.

SENSITIVE INFORMATION

INCIDENT DETAILS

Grade Crossing: NO
Location Subdivision: SEATTLE
Railroad Milepost: 17.5X
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:
UNKNOWN Passenger Train Route: YES
Passenger Train Delay Expected: YES
Passenger Train Delay Handling: PASSENGERS REMAINED ON BOARD.
---RAILROAD INFORMATION---
Railroad Involved: BNSF
Train Number: A1520103A
Train Type: PASSENGER Train Direction: N
Train Speed: Track Speed:
Locomotives: 2 Cars: 6 Derailed:
Suspected DOT Regulation Non Compliance: NO
DERAILED CARS:
Pos. Car number Type Cargo

IMPACT

Fire Involved: NO Fire Extinguished: UNKNOWN

INJURIES: NO Sent to Hospital: Empl/Crew: Passenger:
FATALITIES: NO 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 1 .9 N/S

Passengers Transferred: NO
Environmental Impact: UNKNOWN
Media Interest: UNKNOWN Community Impact due to Material:

REMEDIAL ACTIONS

INCIDENT IS UNDER INVESTIGATION.
Release Secured: UNKNOWN
Release Rate:
Estimated Release Duration:

WEATHER

Weather: OVERCAST, 50°F Wind speed: 3 MPH Wind direction: S

ADDITIONAL AGENCIES NOTIFIED

Federal:
State/Local: STATE OF WASHINGTON
State/Local On Scene:
State Agency Number: 19-4271

NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (GRASP)
03-DEC-19 20:33 (770)4887100
CGIS D13 FIELD OFFICE (CGIS D13 COMMAND CENTER)
03-DEC-19 20:33 (206)2207141
DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (SECRETARY'S OPERATION CENTER (SOC))
03-DEC-19 20:33
CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION (INTEL BRANCH/BLAINE SECTOR)
03-DEC-19 20:33 (360)4107222
DHS DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY (CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL TECHNOLOGI
03-DEC-19 20:33 (703)7673477
NATIONAL COORDINATING CTR FOR COMMS (NCC COMM-ISAC)
03-DEC-19 20:33 (703)2355626
DHS CYBER & INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY (OFC OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION R
03-DEC-19 20:33 (202)8215301
OFFICE OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION (WA STATE PROTECTIVE SECURITY ADVIS
03-DEC-19 20:33 (202)8053379
DOT CRISIS MANAGEMENT CENTER (MAIN OFFICE)
03-DEC-19 20:33 (202)3661863
FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMIN. (MAIN OFFICE (AUTO))
03-DEC-19 20:33 (202)4930636
FEMA REGION 10 (MAIN OFFICE)
03-DEC-19 20:33 (425)4874704
NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE COORD CTR (MAIN OFFICE)
03-DEC-19 20:33 (202)2829201
NOAA RPTS FOR WA (MAIN OFFICE)
03-DEC-19 20:33 (206)5264911
NTSB RAIL (MAIN OFFICE)
03-DEC-19 20:33 (202)3146293
OREGON TITAN FUSION CENTER (FUSION COMMAND CENTER)

03-DEC-19 20:33 (877)6204702
PORT OF SEATTLE (COMMAND CENTER)
03-DEC-19 20:33 (206)7873117
SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT (CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)
03-DEC-19 20:33 (206)6848770
CITY OF SEATTLE, PUBLIC UTILITIES (SPILL RESPONSE TEAM)
03-DEC-19 20:33 (206)6847988
WA STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (MAIN OFFICE)
03-DEC-19 20:33 (800)2585990
TSA OFFICE OF SECURITY OPERATIONS (SURFACE OPS/PSAT - OREGON OFFICE)
03-DEC-19 20:33 (614)7328440
TSA SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY (TWIC ENFORCEMENT)
03-DEC-19 20:33 (206)3875236
USCG DISTRICT 13 (DISTRICT THIRTEEN (DRAT - DRMM))
03-DEC-19 20:33 (206)2207221
VOLPE CENTER (TRANSPORTATION HUMAN FACTORS)
03-DEC-19 20:33 (617)4942000
WASHINGTON STATE FUSION CENTER (FUSION COMMAND CENTER)
03-DEC-19 20:33 (877)8439522
KING COUNTY EMERGENCY MGMT (MAIN OFFICE)
03-DEC-19 20:33 (206)2054071
WASHINGTON STATE NATIONAL GUARD (COMMAND CENTER)
03-DEC-19 20:33 (253)5128159
WA UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMM (RAILROAD SAFETY)
03-DEC-19 20:33 (360)6641160

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CALLER STATED THAT THE TRACK HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR APPROXIMATELY 50 MINUTES.

*** END INCIDENT REPORT #1265427 ***

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

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

19-17655

Supplement No
ORIG

KENT POLICE DEPARTMENT CASE REPORT



220 4th Avenue South
Kent, WA 98032-5895
Phone: (253) 856-5800
Fax: (253) 856-6800

Reported Date
12/03/2019
Crime/Incident
SUICIDE (N)
Member#/Dept D#
ALATORRE , VM

Phone

Fax

Administrative Information

Agency KENT POLICE DEPARTMENT CASE REPORT				Case No 19-17655		Supplement No ORIG		Reported Date 12/03/2019		Reported Time 16:46			
CAD Call No KP190091887			Status CLOSED / LEADS EXHAUSTED			Crime/Incident SUICIDE							
Location S 266 ST/IVES AV									City KENT				
Rep Dist 324		NTZ KP	Beat 5	From Date 12/03/2019		From Time 16:46	To Date 12/03/2019		To Time 16:46				
Member#/Dept ID# 1975825/ALATORRE , VM						Assignment TRAFFIC		Entered By 1975825		Assignment TRAFFIC	RMS Transfer Successful		
Prop Trans Stat Successful			Approving Officer 176431			Approval Date 12/05/2019		Approval Time 09:18:42					
# Offenses 1	Offense SUICIDE (N)					Description SUICIDE			Complaint Type	AC	Use	Bias	Loc
#Pr	MOE	Act	Weapon/Force		BRS	No	Cargo Theft?	Dom Viol?					

Person Summary

Invl DEC	Invl No 1	Type I	Name NEWSOME , SAMMIE LEE							MNI 990196
Race B	Sex M	DOB 07/19/1967								
Invl REP	Invl No 1	Type B	Name BNSF PD							MNI 990197
Race	Sex	DOB								
Invl WIT	Invl No 1	Type I	Name WILKS , LUKE M							MNI 842133
Race	Sex M	DOB 07/08/1968								

Property Summary

Involvement DIG
Description Article: Other (none of the above, includes Money) PHOTO photos of body and surrounding area

Report Officer
1975825/ALATORRE , VM

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08/18/2020 16:01

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KENT POLICE DEPARTMENT CASE REPORT**DECEASED 1: NEWSOME, SAMMIE LEE**

Involvement DECEASED	Invl No 1	Type Individual/Person						MNI 990196
Name NEWSOME, SAMMIE LEE								
Race BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN	Sex Male	DOB 07/19/1967	Age 52	Juvenile? No	Height 5'08"	Weight 180#	Hair Color BLACK	
PRN 1697617								
Type Last Known Address								
Address 2513 IMPERIAL HWY #3							City INGLEWOOD	
State WASHINGTON	Z P Code 90303	Date 12/03/2019						
Type OPERATOR LICENSE	ID No 4b	OLS WASHINGTON						

REPORTING PARTY 1: BNSF PD

Involvement REPORTING PARTY	Invl No 1	Type Business (VMB)						MNI 990197	PRN 1697618
Name BNSF PD									
Phone Type CELL	Phone No (800)832-5452	Date 12/03/2019							

WITNESS 1: WILKS, LUKE M

Involvement WITNESS	Invl No 1	Type Individual/Person						MNI 842133	Sex Male
Name WILKS, LUKE M									
DOB 07/08/1968	Age 51	Juvenile? No	PRN 1697619						
Type Home	Address 13417 173 ST E								
City PUYALLUP	State WASHINGTON	Z P Code 98374	Date 12/03/2019						
Type OPERATOR LICENSE	ID No 4b	OLS WASHINGTON							
Phone Type CELL	Phone No (253)208-9821	Date 12/03/2019							

Property

Prop # 1	Involvement DIGITAL EVIDENCE (Entered in Evidence.com)	Invl Date 12/03/2019	In Custody? No	Security No
Description photos of body and surrounding area			Typ A	
Cat Other (none of the above, includes Money)		Article Photographs	IBRS Type Other	Entered Date 12/03/2019
Entered Time 17:59	RMS Transfer Successful	Control 97312	1205191411	

Narrative

On 12/03/19 at approximately 1647 hours in the City of Kent, King County, State of Washington I was dispatched to a train v pedestrian.

At the time of this incident, I was wearing an AXON Body 2 camera, bearing serial number X81426614. Footage from my camera will be uploaded to the department digital evidence management system per Kent Police Department Policy. Exact verbiage for witness, suspect/arrestee, or victim statements; please see video footage.

Dispatch advised (REP) BNSF PD called reporting a train v pedestrian involving a NB Sounder train (western track), no riders were injured and unknown condition for pedestrian.

On arrival I contacted (WIT) Luke Wilks, who was in the locomotive when this occurred, nearby (DEC) Sammie Lee Newsome, who was discovered in the bushes. Sammie had obvious injuries and was deceased on arrival. Luke stated Sammie jumped from behind a vertical beam on the tressle south of S 266 St. Luke reported Sammie was completely hidden and did not see him.

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When fire arrived, no lifesaving measures were attempted due to the nature of Sammie's injuries. Medics were not called to the scene.

Luke reported the train had forward operational forward lights, that were on, and was 7 cars in total; 1 locomotive and 6 additional cars. Ofc Ferguson interviewed the conductor and took photographs and did measurements of the point of impact on the locomotive. See his report for details.

Photographs were taken of Sammie and the surrounding area, included in the surrounding area was a "No Trespassing" sign (AXON CAPTURE). Sammie's California ID was located approximately 75ft north of his body. He was positively identified with this.

After photographs and my investigation was concluded, BNSF opened up the railroad. KCME Stephen LeBellarte arrived, processed the scene and took possession of the body. See their case 19-2497 for additional details.

Case closed, adult male suicide.

Case Status Update: N/A

By affixing my electronic signature below in the form of my type written name, I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that this report is true and correct.

Vincent Alatorre, 1975825

Dated this 3rd day of December, 2019, in the City of Kent, Washington.

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Reported Date
12/03/2019
Crime/Incident

Member#/Dept D#
FERGUSON , AR

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Administrative Information

Agency KENT POLICE DEPARTMENT CASE REPORT	Case No 19-17655	Supplement No 0001	Reported Date 12/03/2019	Reported Time 20:28
Member#/Dept ID# 394139/FERGUSON , AR	Assignment PATROL LATE SWING 1	Entered By 394139		
Assignment PATROL LATE SWING 1	RMS Transfer Supplement Transfer Complete	Prop Trans Stat Successful		
Approving Officer 45645	Approval Date 12/04/2019	Approval Time 22:07:22		

WITNESS 1: SANFORD, JOSHUA L

Involvement WITNESS	Invl No 1	Type Individual/Person		
Name SANFORD, JOSHUA L	MNI 990214	Race WHITE	Sex Male	
DOB 02/12/1979	Age 40	Ethnicity Not Hispanic or Latino	Juvenile? No	Height 5'10"
Weight 260#	Eye Color BLUE			
Res Status NON KENT RESIDENT	RMS Transfer Successful	PRN 1697620		
Type Home	Address 6321 192 LN SW			
City ROCHESTER	State WASHINGTON	Z P Code 98579	Date 12/03/2019	
Phone Type CELL	Phone No (253) 948-6962	Date 12/03/2019		

Narrative

On 12/03/2019 I was working as a City of Kent patrol Officer and driving my fully marked patrol vehicle while wearing my department issued "police" uniform. My assigned patrol vehicle is a fully marked Ford Explorer unit #3928. Please see my BWC video for a more detailed record of my involvement.

On this day I responded to the area of the train tracks and 259th to assist with this call. I made contact with the train engineer, Joshua Sanford, who stated they were traveling northbound when they observed a male walk from behind the train bridge support in front of the moving train. The male was struck by the front left corner of the train.

I looked at the front of the train and I could see the point of impact. I took photos of the damage to the train as well as the marks on the side of the train. I took photos of these marks and I took a measurement from the ground up to the marks at the request of KPD Traffic Unit Officer Brennan. These photos were entered in to Evidence.com under this case.

This ends my involvement in this incident.

At the time of this incident I was wearing a department issued AXON Body 2 camera. Footage from my camera will be uploaded to the department digital evidence management system per Kent Police Department Policy.

(IF APPLICABLE) Case Status Update: On (DATE) _____, I contacted the VICTIM/RP and informed them of the current status of this case.

By affixing my electronic signature below in the form of my type written name, I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that this report is true and correct.

__A. Ferguson__

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Dated this 3 day of December, 2019 , in the City of Kent, Washington.

UTC Rail Safety Program

Pedestrian Accident Report

Accident #:	13105	RR Owing Track:	BNSF Railway Company
Accident Type:	Pedestrian	RR Operating on Track:	BNSF Railway Company
Accident Class:	Fatal accident	RR Accident Number:	
Accident Date:	4/20/2000	Docket Number:	
Time of Day:	15:30	Train Type:	Passenger Train
City/Nearest City:	Kent	Number of Cars:	0
In City Limits:	Yes	Number of Power Units:	0
Weather:	Clear to Cloudy	Train Carried Haz Mat:	No
Visibility:	Daylight	Remote Control:	No
Road Condition:	Dry	Apparent Cause:	Other
Injuries:	0	Alcohol/Drugs Involved:	No
Fatalities:	2		

Accident Detail

RR 17.7

Milepost:

Or Other: KENT-BRIDGE

Train Approach Direction:

Legal Train Speed: 0

Police Collision Report Filed with UTC: No

Actual Train Speed: 0

Part of Train Struck:

Location of Eq. Struck: